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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Good morning. As Vice Chair of the Commission, I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 12:04 p.m.

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For the purpose of the public watching and the public record, I will now turn the Michigan Department 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 and unless absence is due to military duty disclose your physical location stating the county, city, township, or village where you are attending the meeting remotely. I'll start with Doug Clark.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name.

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Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: M.C. Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I'll return to Anthony Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Ten Commissioners are present and there is a quorum.

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

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I will make a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

>> So moved.

>> Any debate or debate on the motion?

Hearing none, we adopt the agenda. All in favor, raise your hand and say "Aye."

All objecting, say "Nay."

Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the Public Comment portion.

We will now proceed with the Public Comment Pertaining to Agenda Topics. Individuals who have signed up and would like to provide commentary to the Commission will now be able to do so.

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

We have one person in line and you may approach the microphone and begin your comments to the Commission.

>> MS. SARA HOWARD: Good afternoon.

My name is Sara Howard and I'm pleased to meet all of you here on the Commission.

I thank you for the important work that you're doing here today.

I'm proud to be here as the Attorney for the Michigan AFL-CIO, representing it on its Fair Maps project.

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You may know that the 2020 census update on the Fair Maps project is now already available and live on the website for the Fair Maps project.

I'm an Attorney who has done a lot of elections and a lot of work and so I know a little bit about the task that is laid before all of you.

61% of the Michigander's voted to amend a State Constitution to make what sounds like a simple reform that we should have Districts that reflect the public will of the voters. Voters choosing their politicians and not the other way around.

I asked for two minutes today to talk with you with about your road to success in your mission of District to reflect the will of the Michiganders.

I'm aware of the considerations you have to look at and how difficult that can be.

You have great Staff available who can help you do that, of course.

The can that everyone wants to kick down the road a bit and leave for later is looking at the partisan data.

I completely understand that but that could lead all of you astray in the mission that voters have sent you here to do.

It could lead to an unintentional gerrymander that betrays the public will if the partisan data is asking you to -- we are asking you to be nonpartisan in drawing a fair map.

You can't do that if you don't have all of the data in front of you on that issue when drawing the maps.

The odds of drawing a map randomly is not possible.

It's a bit like trying to lose weight with the attitude that you are going to have a goal of eating healthy throughout the day and counting all of your calories at the end of the day.

It's not enough.

It's too late if you do it at the end of the day.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Your two minutes have concluded.

Thank you for addressing the Commission.

>> MS. SARA HOWARD: I appreciate the time.

Thank you again.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That concludes our live in person Public Comment for today.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote commentary, we will now do so.

If you are on the computer, you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak.

On the phone press star six and unmute.

I will call on you by name or the last four digits of your phone number.

If your audio still does not work you can email at redistrict@Michigan.gov.

you will have two minutes please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

Sir, did you happen to sign up for in person comments? No? Okay.

All right.

All right.

First in line to provide remote in person commentary is Mr. James Gallant.

>> MR. JAMES GALLANT: Good morning, Madame Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Good morning please address the Commission.

>> MR. JAMES GALLANT: Good morning.

My name is James Gallant and I'm with the Marquette County Suicide Commission and these are my opinions.

I still have to bring the issue of the rules and the rules of procedure that where the processing is for the State of Michigan would not let the final -- just past speaker speak about things like she thinks that things like the Constitutional amend provided a direct democracy and the will of the people will push your vote.

That can't happen.

It's probably going to, but it's not supposed to happen.

The problem I see here is that at the beginning in your orientation of this Commission which is Secretary of State, the rules and procedure require the Secretary of State provide -- you then disoriented you on the actual -- didn't provide with you a copy of the book or orientation of the actual passages of the book and went onto in nonprofit and you all hear no objections in the consensus building.

It offends our Constitution, what you're doing.

And I believe that your colleague, Commissioner Szetela as the Vice Chair, I believe is unbecoming Member of the car association if she is.

She was talking about being a lawyer and I guess I will have to check on that and the problem is we have lawyers standing around watching you folks violate the rules and violating the Constitution and coming back later -- the litigation counsel is going to allow you to not follow the rules and your map will get challenged and overturned in court. Sit here and let you violate the rules the whole time.

Thank you.

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

We will move on to Mr. Howard Barron.

>> MR. HOWARD BARRON: Am I on?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, you are.

>> MR. HOWARD BARON: Okay.

Let me start my video.

Good afternoon Commissioners.

My name is Howard Baron and I was one of the leaders of "Voters Not Politicians" efforts and I've been watching all your meetings since last year.

Thank you to all 13 of you for taking on this effort to get a redistricting process going.

What you are doing now is the very definition of building the airplane while you're flying it.

We all know you're under extreme time pressure to draw maps.

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On Friday, I saw that treasury take into consideration as you struggled through the reviewing of the few COIs that you were able to move to the final status.

You must stay true to the Constitution of the middle page seven, two, and 22 of your mapping process that your Staff developed last week.

You must review all of the COIs in a Region and move the approved ones from post status to final status before you start drawing lines.

These final COIs must be used to create the Districts.

On Friday I jumped the gun and started drawing lines on County, City, and Township boundaries.

This is the criteria number six and the COI is criteria number three.

Per the Constitution you must follow in ranked vetted order.

Proposed COIs such as the COI can easily be thrown out.

The official files of school District boundaries are readily obtainable from Michigan State office.

To do the COI vetting efficiently on Friday, an excellent idea of floating to offload the viewing and vetting to Commissioners.

You have done a wonderful job so far.

Just continue to follow the Constitution in your approved mapping process.

We're all counting on you.

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

Now that the opportunity has concluded without objection, we will hear from individuals seeking to provide a second two minute Public Comment.

Hearing no objection we will proceed with individuals seeking to provide a second two minute Public Comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide a live Public Comment to the Commission we will now do so.

The first in line to provide the live Public Comment is Mr. James Gallant.

You are invited to address the Commission.

>> MR. JAMES GALLANT: Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I can.

>> All right this is James Gallant and these are my opinions.

There you go again.

There's another speaker that just spoke to you and that's voter politician so please ask those people to verify to you about their status and certificate of assumed name that was terminated January .

That's not a legitimate organization anymore and that's been terminated and you should get clarification on this.

The COIs -- this is the will of the people and you have to do it.

That's true.

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That's my opinion of course and that guy believes these people are telling their people yes, you have to do this.

You get 30, 40 people and you get a chain letter going -- boom, look at that.

We just did it.

That's not how it's supposed to work.

The Board of State Canvass did the exact same thing.

They're doing the exact same thing you did.

Oh boy and we're looking through the bylaws and trying to get that one too.

I think this is a malicious effort to change the rules and remove the system as they say, the people's foundation and this is what you're trying to do.

Pretending this is Robert's Rules.

This is kind of like Robert's Rules.

I think the working knowledge that you folks have is only within the last ten, 15 years and this has changed 30, 40 years ago with this process of this discussion and this borders on vulnerable adult abuse because we have several vulnerable adult outside this Commission by virtue of their advanced age.

Commissioner Lett doesn't know how to use a computer and his secretary doesn't even know how? My prediction is Commissioner Lett will come up with a map except he doesn't know how to use a computer.

This is why the process is flawed and should be reviewed by your litigation counsel for -
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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Mr. Gallant. That concludes our Public Comment for this afternoon.

However, I would like to mention that all emails and Public Comment -- provided to the Commission before each meeting and the Commissioners also review the Public Comment portal at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

We invite you to keep shaping your comments, however you choose, and without objection I would like to move to Unfinished Business please proceed Ms. Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: Good morning Commissioners and good morning to the public watching.

Thank you for your beginning efforts on Friday and I think we learned a lot in the process.

I think we learned that the mapping process requires flexibility and we've got to be able to do the best we can with the information that we have and try to move forward.

We learned a little bit about collaborative mapping and how that process will work according to the Michigan Constitution which describes it.

So based on that, your Staff got together yesterday afternoon for about four hours and worked on edits that we might propose to the process that was adopted last week.

So those edits were sent out to you.

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Some were maybe the addition of a word on a page but I would like to go through these page by page and just let you know what we were thinking and how we think this might help advance the process in maybe a more efficient or effective way for you.

So starting with page four.

You can see on the red line that we added house State Senate for both today and tomorrow.

Because, again, our progress is unsure.

We're going to all work together.

You're going to all work together.

But you don't have defined timelines.

You don't know it's going to take an hour to do this or 45 minutes to do that.

Also any Districts that aren't completed on the day they're scheduled will simply become unfinished business in the next meeting so that you would be aware of that.

The changes on page five just further define that on February 2nd the report is due or 30 days after adoption.

So if for any reason the Commission finished earlier, that date would change to earlier.

And, again.

The March 3rd date is 60 days after publication the maps become law.

If the work is completed earlier, for example, that date would be earlier.

Moving on to page six under the draft proposed map session process.

On page six, the only edit was Commissioners may, but are not required to draft maps individually.

We wanted to make sure people are aware there is no requirement to draft individual maps.

You are required to draft them collaboratively; however, if there's something you would like to lay on the table or offer to the Commission, you are welcome to do so.

On page seven it was noted that sometimes it's more than one Region that the Commissioners will be working in under 2A we moved the Communities of Interest discussion out of that process.

It didn't seem productive to be talking about Communities of Interest until there were at least some draft lines on the map.

Certainly there will be many opportunity to see address that and I'll talk a little bit more about that later.

Under 2B, collaborative mapping, it is suggested that we add language that says selected Commissioner may not pass.

That is not to put any undue pressure on anybody.

It is to encourage participation and nobody has to present a map they've drawn.

They can simply say I like this Commissioner's map and I would propose that we start here.

So we do want participation from everybody.

Doug?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want questions now or after?

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: It's up to you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't necessarily agree with that.

I think at some point in time people may not want to talk and they may want to pass as an option.

As long as it's not consistent but that's my opinion on it.

So, I mean, like we had one Commissioner pass last Friday.

And I felt that was acceptable at that point.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: I think especially on the first day it was.

Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I wonder, too, um, we can rather than have it be strictly alphabetical, if we can have Commissioners addressing the regions they come from. I feel like kind of what happened on Friday is Commissioner Clark was handling the downriver trade area which I don't think he's -- especially around Ann Arbor he's familiar with as Commissioner Witjes and I are much more familiar because that's where we live.

I'm wondering if it might be more productive of who draws from where and have those Commissioners lead the discussions in those areas because they're the ones that would know and have familiarity with those communities.

Rather than alphabetical.

Cynthia, I know you were next to do the Southeast Region and I'm not sure if you're familiar with that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I thought about that as well this weekend.

And I had an idea of what I thought I would propose going forward.

But then I thought I would ask you and Dustin, you know, your thought outside it because you do now that area better.

So I think whichever way we do it, whoever is saying what about this, the people who are familiar with that can, of course, chime in and help.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That's true.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Another thought would be to ask for volunteers.

Some of us may have worked on a particular area and have particular ideas as well as looking to people who -- looking to Commissioners who are in particular areas.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: One more thing.

Along those lines, thinking about this.

We also may, even if we didn't come from that area, we may have gotten interested in those communities and interest, that public input.

Like I delved in a concern area and found that interesting and found competing ones or collaborative ones.

So if somebody has more knowledge about a certain area due to reading Public Comment, that might be a good place for them.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Sarah Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hi, Commissioners.

Appreciate the discussion.

Just wanted to clarify that the alphabetical order requires that that particular Commissioner start off the draft line, but certainly the Commission as a body or Members of the Commission who are more familiar with that area are welcome and encouraged to also provide input directly to that person and to the Commission as they're drawing the line.

Rather than just having that one person draw the line as they see fit, it's encouraging for the collective Commission to participate in that process.

The idea of alphabetical order as director Hammersmith said was that every Commissioner should be participating in this process.

In a way, all of you are familiar with all areas of this state at this point because you've heard from Members of the public throughout the state about how they want their Districts to look or about their Communities of Interest.

So all of -- all 13 of you are experts but certainly some are more familiar with areas that they live in than others.

But in the Commission as a spectator, in a way, I've noted that there are very strong voices on the Commission and one of the ideas with the alphabetical order was to encourage all Commissioners to participate.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right.

Back to you, Executive Director Hammersmith, no.

I'm sorry.

Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How are you proposing to do the alphabetical order? If you do that, will you start over every time?

>> No it would be in line with Roll Call.

For example we left off last time with Commissioner Orton and we would pick up there and proceed in rotating alphabetical order from there.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just going to put my quick two cents in.

I'm not okay with being quote unquote forced to draw a line if I'm not comfortable with that area or have enough knowledge of that area where I think I can do due diligence and a good job.

I'm not comfortable being told I have to and I just want my opinion heard.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Commissioner Lange.

Back to you.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: Okay.

Good questions.

Good discussion.

And, again, in Section B .1. C, we moved that question from communities of interest so it's just not there.

Moving to page eight, the recordkeeping program C appeared at the end.

Alternative drafts, the new Section C now -- alternative drafts may be considered for integration into the collaborative map as a starting point for mapping or alternative.

When you start to draw lines in a Region you have two options.

You can start with a blank slate and the Commissioner who starts the discussion would suggest where to draw the lines as we did last Friday.

You could also note that a Commissioner has already drawn a map and they might want to share that map as a starting point.

So those are options.

This Commission can decide which process works best for you.

But regardless, there needs to be a collaborative process in the open meeting to draw the lines.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question or comment as well.

Let's assume -- we'll take, for example, the map that we were drawing Friday.

And let's assume this weekend 13 of us submitted maps to EES for review.

And in theory that's the right thing but as we review them, we got 13 of them and the discussion could get 15 or 20 minutes for each of them and that's really going to eat into the time.

I'm concerned about the time.

Not the discussion.

The discussion is always worthwhile.

It's the amount of time that we get into this and so I, I don't know how to handle that, you know, at this point.

At all.

So, but I wanted to bring it up.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, in following along with that, Commissioner Clark's comments, if one of us -- and I know several of the Commissioners are very involved in drawing maps -- if they bring one in, we're going to have to discuss it at some length because that's the process.

We just can't have a Commissioner plop a map on the screen and say okay, that looks good.

So we need to consider how we're going to handle that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: They're going to have to spend time justifying why they did it this certain way and we may have counterarguments for that which is going to be very time consuming as we go forward.

So --

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm wondering if we can create a process, perhaps, um, where people can -- because we obviously have to submit our maps publicly. But we also can't be sending them to each other because that at that will not be a public meeting and violate a Public Meetings act.

Is there a process where we can discuss the maps in the beginning and make them public and have the Commissioners take them home and have the discussion the next day or a different session and I'm curious by a show of hands, how many Commissioners have done maps on their own that they want for consideration right now.

So we have -- did you do a map Cynthia? One that you want the fellow Commissioners to look at? Maybe? [Laughter]

You'll never tell? [Laughter]

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I did some but none of them are --

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so roughly half of us have done a map and I suspect that's going to be true for going forward.

I think not everybody is as interested in sitting down and working with the software as others so I don't think we're going on to end up with 13 maps to look at -- maybe we will, who knows.

But that's something to consider as far as being more manageable.

Go ahead, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly as you and Commissioner Lett indicated, the process for addressing any individual Commissioner submissions or drafts would be set by the body.

I would, however, again, highlight, that the collaborative mapping process and the generation of maps and plans by the full Commission, again, balanced out by the selection pools and all of the other eligibility criteria that each of the Commissioners fulfill to be able to serve in this role.

So the question is, how to have them considered and presented, not only to your colleagues but to the public.

Again, what we're doing is generating public records in that manner.

So on you to have them presented to the Commission and to the public and also the process by which they would be considered for incorporation and that discussion and I believe Commissioner Clark is right.

I believe that is a significant time investment.

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So I think the Commission as a body needs to decide how it wants or if it wants that at all.

Again, whatever process you decide as far as these draft map submissions would not in any way abrogate your ability under subsection 14 of the Constitution or under subsection nine to say that the collective map and the collaborative map is a submission.

But you do in fact have your own independent submission.

So, again, I wanted to highlight that distinction that we're not talking about your constitutional ability to do that.

We're talking about maps that are being drawn for the sole purpose of interjecting them into the collaborative discussion.

So, again, that would be a decision of the Commission on how to move forward with that process and to what extent.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right.

Back to you Executive Director Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: Okay.

Thank you.

I am on page nine of the document.

And in the center of that page in red is the protocol for naming files and that is so tracking can take place.

Mr. Brayson from EDS and I had an extensive discussion on how to name these.

Please be sure to put the underline between your Sections.

Again, I think those are self-explanatory.

For example, if you create a file you would put in a Region name and we're suggesting two letter codes so you don't have to write out upper peninsula.

UP is fine and underline.

And the plan time.

SS for State Senate, for example.

And Commissioner initials and then the date.

If you wish to clone an existing map you tag your initials and the ending date on that one but be careful because you can create a constructive quorum if you have a long enough attachment there so watch that.

Say that's a good map and I would edit to change what we've heard in our other Public Comment and you can take that map's name and put enough identifiers on it to know whether it's a State Senate or State House or Congressional District map and a date and those would be the ways you could name the files.

Mr. Clark has another question through the Chair.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm working on a Congressional map for the entire state. The SW or UP doesn't work so I used all instead.

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: DC rather than all.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: You have CD, Congressional District.

You can skip that because it's all the areas.

Only the State House and State Senate would be in a Region.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Skip that.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have a related question.

I was working on one and happened to be Senate.

I started in one of our Regions and it went quite a bit into another Region.

Do you want me to list that first Region? I don't know how it's being used.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: It's being used to search.

I don't know -- Mr. Brace might have a thought on that.

>> KIM BRACE: What we had looked towards is having it so that you could search even in just windows, searching for characters in a file.

And so by having the main components in here, that's how you could end up ultimately searching if we need to.

We're putting them into a subdirectory on our side and ultimately, we'll see how we want to have them available just for you as well as the public.

And how best to show that.

So we're in the process of kind of working that piece out.

But for right now, knowing what we've gotten, you know, having these main component pieces is what Sue and I had looked towards on that side.

I would also note that as of this morning, I had gotten four plans.

One of them is not totally -- I wasn't able to bring that in, so I'm working with that Member right now.

And but ultimately, you know, we have a couple of plan outside that side.

But I know that a number of you have already told me that you're working on something and, you know, will be coming forward with them.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Executive Director?

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: So that is the reason for the 24-hour window ahead of time because if we're going to discuss those plans today at our meeting, those should be up on our website.

So just so we're aware of that process.

I'm going to move right on to page ten.

We added the word the.

That was a big edit.

I don't think we'll find any objection there.

On page 18 the Communities of Interest discussion portion of the redistricting process flow chart was updated.

So that's that updated page for you.

And then in regards to the Communities of Interest and Public Comment process, we saw how slowly that process moved and we know there needs to be better, efficiency created there.

There are a couple of things being done by MICRC Staff.

First of all you have the spread sheet for emailed and mailed Public Comment.

That's through July and that needs to be updated for August.

Sarah Martinez, our Executive Assistant is working on the Public Comment that has happened in our meetings.

Any live or remote Public Comment, she's working on a spread sheet for that so the date will be identified.

If they mentioned any geographic Cal area or boundaries or any type of Districts, that those are -- will go on that spread sheet.

And hopefully that will be available later today.

If not today, tomorrow.

Additionally, Moon Duchin from MGGD is working on those emergent COIs and if I may, I would like to have Sarah Reinhardt jump in here because she's had those direct conversations with Moon about what she is preparing that will be another resource on the Public Comment tool.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just as a reminder the emergency is something that Moon talked about the last time she joined us.

Those are groupings of all of the COIs that have been scanned for themes and overlap and the ways that they're presented.

That information, they're currently working on and will be finalized by Wednesday and Moon will join us this Thursday again to present to you on their findings and we're really hopeful that the presentation of these emergent COIs is really going to help you in your analysis or examination of COIs going forward.

It should really help expedite the process.

Fingers crossed.

Thank you.

Back to you, Sue.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: Thank you, Sarah.

So, again, based on the way the process worked on Friday, we did a little bit of editing to the COI document.

But I think one of the questions may be is, does every Commissioner want to assess all the Public Comment for the area inside which you're working or might you have individuals on their own that might volunteer to do a Region? So, for example, maybe Cynthia, Janice, and Richard say, hey, we'll take the next Region individually -- not as a committee.

But on their own.

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We would each look through that Public Comment, look in depth, and come back to you and say, you know, you're still going to do some of that work but they would take the deep dive and say look, I noticed that plans XYZ and ABC are really the same planning. So, you know, we see themes here.

We see that these regions want to go together.

We see that this Public Comment received was very clear that their Community of Interest is this ID on the plan.

You know, the plan ID on the map.

So, again, that might be an option.

Again, there are different people on the Commission with different skills.

So not everybody is going to draw maps but anybody, I think, could review the Public Comment and we're going to give you at least three tools to help you assess that.

So we are going to recommend that we wait until either Thursday of this week or possibly next week to begin doing those deep dives into the Public Comment until the process is solidified for us.

Public Comment continue to come in.

If you don't have something exactly right, I think the commenters will show up during the next round of Public Hearings and that line needs to be a block or a mile different than was drafted and that's the purpose of additional Public Comment is help look at the draft maps you have published for their consideration and they can lube at those and say that is my community of Interest and it is totally contained in this District and thank you for doing that or whatever the conversation may be.

MC, through the Chair?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead, MC.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What I heard you say was Public Comment but we're looking at the COI process.

I'm trying to wrap my head around the communities of Interest and the diversity of the State of Michigan that we want to reflect in the priority number three.

The Public Comment -- I keep -- is the general comment, I'll suggest, the general comment we received.

The Communities of Interest is a specific Public Comment.

Am I stated that accurately? Okay.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think this really goes back to what Rebecca says before.

If we don't distribute the work and do some of it offline, we're never going to get through it.

As long as it's an individual doing the work and not a group of people, then I think it's acceptable as not an open meeting.

That person can come back and report.

So we've got ten regions.

Maybe we assign one person for each Region and have them do the deep dive and prepare ourselves that way and they can come back and report and we can give them a heads up, a yes or a no.

Thumbs up or thumbs down.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: I would say we had a little bit of conversation that we may ask for volunteers for one Democrat and one Republican and one independent because they may look at things through a different lens.

If those were done individually and not in a committee of any time but individually as homework, you would have to do more than one Region but even taking two or three is more achievable than every Commissioner being responsible for every Region, if that's helpful to you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Brace? Then Mr. Segal.

>> KIM BRACE: We have been working also over the weekend to provide some more information on the Communities of Interest on several different regions and areas. One we've created spread sheet that we provided to the Staff of some of the information that we have.

We're still working on the tweaks in terms of the spread sheet but it does give the capability in terms of sorting and looking at each of the communities of the interest. Right now we haven't received a new download from Moon and when we do, we can add to it on that side.

It does have a lot of information and it's sort able by you in terms of how you can look at it.

It's got populations and Region inside there.

You can have those as sort criteria and so you can start taking a look at this.

I will say that there's a number of these Communities of Interest that are pretty large.

And so, much larger than multiple Districts on that side.

So having the population in there will help you in terms of understanding the dimensions in terms of what you're getting.

I also received this morning an email from Fred with examples in terms of what he's been working on and I expect at some point in time today an updated computer program file so that I could end up starting to show and show you probably tomorrow, because I need to digest it, of what he has to put together in terms of tracking the Communities of Interest and having that as a field and selection criteria for you to be able to understand them too.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies.

That's Sarah with the Department of State.

Just to add to that MGGG is expected to provide a format that EDS can receive all of the updated COIs submitted more recently to the portal.

That will be availed concurrently this week.

Thank you.

>> I was going to comment on Doug's suggestion or idea that each Commissioner do an independent Region. Keep in mind these regions are not equal in population. One Region may have almost half the Districts and another Region as we're seeing only has two or three Districts.

Keep that in mind when you're talking about sharing or individuals doing parts of the state.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right.
Executive Director?

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: Just one other quick item.
I was supposed to send that out before the meeting and I was too busy.
I just sent out what Kim was talking about.
It's a little bit of an edited version but it gets you the plan IDs and the comments and et cetera.
So and the thing that's really helpful that EDS has done is they've added the Region numbers.

So when you're working in a Region, you can sort by that Region and find those easily and this is very similar to what Kim was using last week.

But hadn't quite gotten it all assembled.

It's a pretty extensive spread sheet.

So it's available for your use.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?
>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I think it's really exciting that we'll be able to make more sense of the Communities of Interest and use them.
I appreciate all the work that's going into that and I know it's a lot.
I really like the idea and I think for public perception, it would be important to have one Democrat and one Republican and one Independent but breaking it up like that will make it so much more efficient and I think we should move forward with that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn.
>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think it speaks to this idea of engaging and not force a Commissioner to move out of their comfort zone, if you will, I'm not sure how to make this -- I feel like maybe a motion is required but maybe we can do it easier.
I know we want to adopt the whole thing.
Maybe as a resolution. I'm looking for help in trying to -- yeah, edit, make maybe more than one edit? Yeah.

Is there a suggestion or -- I guess maybe we need language?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Executive Director Hammersmith.
>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: I have the legal eagle here.
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes.

So consistent with if the Commission is desiring that the regions for Communities of Interest be looked at by, again, individual Commissioners, one from each selection pool, they would not be working collaboratively in that effort.

They would be working independently and be able to bring their thoughts, summaries, and perceptions to the full body who will also be looking at the Communities of Interest and the Public Comment.

I think that language would be very easy to draft and include, again, that one Commissioner from each selection pool will be assigned -- because you'll do it by resolutions separately.

That resolution would be considered separately from the mapping procedure.

Let me not get ahead of myself here.

Assign to each Region to independently assess COI couldn't of interest and Public Comment submissions? Madame Executive Director?

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: And Public Comment submissions to report back to the full Commission in open session.

Does that capture it?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I believe so.

And that's one portion of the language.

But the other part was like maybe striking the idea that, right, that earlier one where a Commissioner may not pass.

I don't think that's language.

I think that's simply striking it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Or soften it.

Say Commissioners are encouraged not to pass.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Something like that.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madame Chair?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So both of those proposals would need to be -- I would recommend doing those as separate motions.

That way the will of the body is reflected accurately in the document.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

In light of our General Counsel's comment, can I get a motion to amend the draft lain that Executive Director Hammersmith has proposed the change the language -- let me get it open here so I read it correctly.

Page seven? Change it from the selected Commissioner may not pass to the selected Commissioner is encouraged not to pass -- could I get a motion to that effect?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So moved.

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Motion made by Commissioner Rothhorn and seconded by Commissioner Lett.

Any opposed? All in favor raise your hand and say Aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say Nay.

The motion to approve the proposed plan is adopted and we will edit that collaborative mapping B.1.1 to reflect encourage not to pass.

General Counsel could you repeat what the second one was?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly Madame Chair.

We're looking for placement in the document.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: While we looks for placement accident would you like me to repeat?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Why don't you look -- I think draft review for proposed COIs -- so under subpart two.

Or it could go in prior to the scheduled mapping session.

Under -- yeah, under -- on page six, Madame Chair, Staff would recommend under Section 1a and we will build out subpart two.

So 1a2.

We'll insert it there.

And the language that I indicated earlier is that Commissioner -- the Commission shall designate one Commissioner from each selection pool to an assigned Region to independently assess Community of Interest and Public Comment submissions for that Region and report back to the full MICRC in open session.

I'm happy to tread again if you Commission would like.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Please do so.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: The language that is for insertion into Section 1a2 would read -- the Commission shall designate one Commissioner from each selection pool to an assigned Region to independently assess Communities of Interest and Public Comment submissions for that Region and report back to the full MICRC in open session.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right.

Go ahead Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: How are we reporting back? I mean, we don't have time for three people to come here and read all of their stuff.

Is this going to be a written something submitted or?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: That would be entirely up to the Commission if we would like to specify how that would be -- again, no one has made the motion yet. So you may also consider -- I know Ms. Reinhardt has mentioned numerous times about the themes that are naturally emerging from the portal tool.

But certainly it could be a verbal report.

It could be a written report.

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Either would be given to the public.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

What I would envision would be after the three individuals take a look at those, that they come back and do an oral report.

Theory are the themes we're seeing and things we may want to pay attention to and as we're going through the mapping process if something comes up with, we can have the three people have the ability to say that's good but over here we have this comment or that comment so that the three people have the knowledge, hopefully, that would be imparted but to do a half hour presentation, no.

It's just kind of a report back is how that would work, I think.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Cynthia had her hand up first.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn.

I'm sorry.

Orton.

Geez.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think like Steve said it would be natural as we're working on those regions for those three to take the lead in guiding where the Communities of Interest are.

I think it's also worth stating publicly it doesn't preclude any other Commissioner from doing a deep dive in any Region that they want.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So the other piece that fees important when the individuals are reporting back is we're going to have conflicting COIs and what I would hope is the report happens and there may be some sort of like -- not a solution but some proposal like how do we reconcile this.

Thinking through where the conflicts are and if there is some way to -- yeah, get around it -- feels like one of the major pieces of the report.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I still question having three people involved for each one of the regions and I think it may be overkill because basically all we're doing is assessing what people have told us and summarizing it.

Because we have other thing that's we need spend our time on as well as this.

So I would look at one person -- we have the confidence in all of us to be fair.

I would look at one person doing the work per Region.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange? You dropped your hand.

Do you have something to say?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I can.

I hear the conversation of a report -- when they give their report their to me means a quorum of the ones doing it.

It plays off from what Doug said and they coming up with ideas if there's conflicting Communities of Interest.

Again, that's a collaborative something is what it sounds like to me when discussing it so I would probably have an issue with that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I have a suggestion.

Do we want to just table the possible addition of how we're going to process COIs for a couple of days while Moon continues her work but otherwise approving the plan and we can amend it when we have more clarity just so we can move forward.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm open to that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: In that case I would entertain a motion -- actually, we have a resolution, don't we? Let me get my resolution here.

Motion to adoption resolution 202-1816 as amended by our previous motion.

If anyone is interested in making that motion.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Motion moved by Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Second.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Second made by Commissioner Witjes.

All in favor of adopting the motion 221816 and adopted as amended.

Please raise your hand and say "Aye."

>> Aye [in unison]

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All opposed please raise your hand and say "Nay."

>> Nay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: By a vote of nine to one the motion carries.

I think we should give this a few more days' thought and touch back with that again on Thursday because I think we're supposed to be discussing it on Thursday again.

For the record I would like to note that our Chair Brittini Kellom and unavailable today and we only have one acting Chair available, so in the event that I have to leave the room for a moment or take care of personal business or needs, I will designate Commissioner Eid.

I want to state that before I forget.

Moving on.

Today we're going to continue Mapping State Senate Districts including Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale Counties as well as Jackson and Washington and Livingston count as, Southeast.

South Central Eaton -- in the greater Lansing area and the regions with which the Commission is, would be a starting point.

The regions are not Districts.

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The criteria and rank order are one equal population and Compliance with the Vote Rights act and other federal laws.

Two, geographically contiguous.

not favor or disfavor an incumbent elected official or candidate.

Reflect consideration of city, Township County boundaries.

Be reasonable compact.

It was Commissioner Orton's turn when we stopped last Friday.

Without objection I would like to ask Commissioner Orton to assist the Commission.

Hearing no objections Commissioner Orton please proceed.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So -- oh, sorry.

I noticed a Public Comment on the portal.

That reflected what I was thinking and it talked about how the regions that we've all agreed they're a place to get started.

But they really were holding my mind into thinking; okay, I need to work in that Region. So when I tried to dismiss that, what I realized is that reading through COI information that's been given to us on the Public Comment portal and emails and things, I believe that I saw a lot of Hillsdale Crown, Branch County together along the Ohio Board and that goes way outside of the Region we were first discussing and I was thinking that would be a way to go.

Instead of going up through the state, going across the bottom.

Input?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark -- for the record Commission Rothhorn is giving the thumbs up.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's what we heard in the hearings -- these are the Counties that have similar thing in common.

I think we heard over in Kalamazoo and in Jackson as well.

I wouldn't have any objection to linking them but I would also include Monroe County.

That's one of the border Counties, too.

Although I read a Public Comment that people from Monroe commute to other places to work.

But they do live in Monroe.

So I grew with you, Cynthia.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So are we going to?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I believe you're going to help us with mapping today and if so, will you bring it up?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madame Chair?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: It would be at the Board's discretion whether they would like to start with the map they start on Friday or at some future point I know it was raised at meetings, some alternate draft.

The Commission needs to consider as you're working through the process, what makes the most sense to the body and that the work would -- and the documents will fall in line with that.

So I know Commissioner Orton, what I hear you saying is you would like to shift what was done on Friday and try another option.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Commissioner Lett had used part of this area already and I don't know if the Commission feels good about changing some of that and I don't know about second draft and I don't know how we want to go about it.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Orton, again, I think that is at the discretion of the Commission and perhaps EDS -- your EDS team has a thought on that as well.

>> My understanding is that each day is going to be a save copy. So what I have on my screen that y'all will be working with is not the original -- it's a copy of it.

So if I'm not correct in that -- I'm sure -- but that's the way we definitely need to do it. Maybe even to the point that if there's discussion about what to do next, we just make another copy and do whatever you need to do.

If it gets later in the evening then there's a lot of changes and whatever, somebody hollers save it, we'll save it and start afresh.

Whatever y'all want to do.

>> KIM BRACE: In terms of the software, the software saves every single move that's being done as a separate piece.

So we can end up tracking through and, you know, pull up at any point in time. But certainly from the standpoint of keeping track of where we are, we've made the suggestion to record the shape file at the end of the day so that we've got, you know, at this point in time in what the Commission's work was, this is where we ended on Friday. This is where we ended on Monday.

That sort of thing.

So that's what we were looking towards gearing up for.

And then either starting at that point the next day or with a blank slate or whatever.

But whatever you would want to do but we have the capability of pulling back up any of those.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madame Chair?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I believe that was consistent with what the Commission indicated they would be posting on the website, the work that was accomplished during that day's session. I would also like to -- since I have the floor, for the benefit of the Commission and the public -- again, the continuation today is mapping based on population and one person, one vote theories given the information that's currently available to the Commission.

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The RPV analysis for racially polarized voting is expect first-degree Dr. Handley in the future and the Commission will be able to react to that data and incorporate that into the mapping as well, as the Communities of Interest information coming forward at the meeting later this week.

For the benefit of the public, what the Commission is doing continuing from Friday is mapping based on population for equal population of Districts and one person one vote. Thank you, Madame Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> I would like to ask Commissioner Lett and everyone, is it okay if I undo some of what -- some of the area that you used Friday?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madame Chair, I would also offer that Commissioner Orton has the responsibility to start off the day's session.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

All right.

Here we go.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This would be draft District three.

I think Hillsdale County, branch County, St. Joseph County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here's the population that you have now.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Let's see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There's number three.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sorry.

Okay.

Move over to Cass.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want to add this one? Calhoun?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No.

I said Cass County on the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Cass.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And then I was thinking the bottom -- so I was thinking Township next at that level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I could have gone through it quicker by clicking on the wheel but I can't.

What Townships are we talking about?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: In Calhoun County -- Clarendon, and the next four to the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add to selection.

Get it over there.

That's roughly 8400 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: All right and then skip a couple of Townships to the left and -- that one and then let's see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hamilton and Keeler?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and Decatur and Porter as well.

Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Districts now.

223,000 and basically 41,000 to go.

41,000 plus.

Okay so just for maybe conversation, if other people have looked at any Communities of Interest in in area, I have.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Seen several Public Comment that's Van Buren and Cass Counties together.

But I don't know where else to get similar population.

I think we could go in Calhoun County -- I think we could go those three Townships that are to the right.

Would be Eckford, Fredonia and Newton.

Not Marshal.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That gives 600 more and still need 35,000.

We have up around Marshal.

You see how this is getting fragmented now.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

In my mind, marshal would be with Battle Creek and I wouldn't want to add Marshal.

I would want to unselect that fragmented part.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right now when we go to create this, these two little pieces will be separate District number three's.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

Can we make those unassigned?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

And we're going to do that by going to blocks.

And what we're going to do at that point is hit thinks unassigned and.

>> We're good.

He's an independent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

I'm not sure where we're at with this right now.

I'm sorry.

I'm not sure what is happening right now with this.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Happens to me all the time.

>> Happens to me all the time.

You have to give it its time and let it to its thing.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Coffee break.

>> That happens to me all the time too.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That's when the coffee gets spilled.

>> KIM BRACE: When you end up going between geographic levels, particularly when you go down to the block level, it needs to apply what you've assigned down to the block level so that everything is colored at that level. That's the process that may take a little bit of time.

So that's what we may have been seeing at that point.

I don't know if anybody has gone down to the block level in making their assignments?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It does make it very slow.

>> It looks like -- we've lost some ground here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Bring it back up.

>> I can tell you clicked.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I know where we're going with this.

I'm sorry about that.

We went all the way -- did we not go through all that?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and Hillsdale as well and east.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oh.

And Eastward?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me again.

Let me get.

>> Selected across here; is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

And then two Townships to the left and then five Townships.

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

Let me just get this there we go.

Sorry.

Now we're going to skip over here and we're going to get prairie all the way to the left. Hamilton.

Was that all right? Was Keeler included?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Keeler, yes.

>>MR. KENT STIGALL: We're going here? Select and we're going across how far?

All the way across? Is it all of that area? I'm going to zoom in so we don't have a long delay.

It's not taken so much.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You can change it to unassigned.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

It's not going.

>> 33,000?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Am I missing any pieces? We can check anytime.

You have the analysis and you can check and do a quick check to make sure we're not making work for us in the future.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's just a quick check plan for errors.

So there's no stray blocks that are labeled.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

And then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then I'm going to go up quick and save plan.

I don't want to have to go back through and do what I just did.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

Any help, anybody? Anthony or Doug, I welcome any.

>> Can we zoom out a little bit to see the whole area?

>> The Counties?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can I say one thing? I think maybe I know -- we could add Barrion County in there but we've heard some of about Lake Shore communities which is why I didn't but maybe -- I don't know.

>> How much are we off by population?

>> KIM BRACE: Right now you're 32,000 light in District three.

Of course you've also taken out a bunch from District two so you're going to have to draw that elsewhere and that's sitting at 57 light now from what you've taken out to put into three.

>> I think the issue that we're going to run into this is in area is going to come down to and it's in the same Region -- but it's the huge top use relation in Washtenaw County and so it might be better if we figure out what we're going to do with.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We have it as its drown now ending in Augusta Township. You zoom into that one area where it's going north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Augusta, yep.
7,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: However if you go up one more County and add Insalata County it gives you much more population with a much more diverse voter base. Something we heard through our Public Comment tour is how Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, even though they're close to one another they don't have the same views as far as their Communities of Interest go.

If you do add that County it presents the opportunity for instead of going all the way westbound or the Orange District that you had, we can go a little bit more eastbound to include the City of Adrienne which we also heard identified more with Hillsdale.

>> KIM BRACE: So right now with that MR. KENT STIGALL has added in here you now have District one back to 13 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I haven't added it.
I just highlighted it.

So if you highlight that County.

You see the fragments.

>> That's a Township.

>> You add that Township and then you see the city or town -- another Township, whatever part this is here has twenty thousand more people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you have a District like then it will protrude.

>> That's what I'm saying.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I like that because then we can include the County that Adrienne is in.

Sorry I don't know the name Lenawee counted Hillsdale and Lenawee County and Washtenaw County with the City of Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Who am I taking direction from? Commissioner Orton or Commissioner --

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If my map is right which it may not be -- if you were to have the change and include Ypsilanti County and the City of Ypsilanti in there you would be able to bring a Senate District of Lenawee County and Hillsdale County and most of Washtenaw County west of the City of Ann Arbor.

You see how Ann Arbor is in that circle there? You have the three Counties on the west of it with Lenawee and Hillsdale County and I think that helps out.

That helps with the Public Comment where the urban folk don't necessarily want to be with the city folk.

>> The problem with that is Lodi and Scio Township -- we talked about this Friday. Lodi and Scio aren't really rural.

They are doctors with \$700,000 homes -- you get into Dexter and Lodi -- it really is sort of more -- it may look rural but it's not rural.

There are still rural elements there but they definitely consider themselves to affiliate with Ann Arbor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think there's enough population to have them with Ann Arbor in this case.

Ann Arbor has what? 123,000 people? Lodi 6500.

Saline has 2200.

What was the other that is mentioned, Scio only under by --

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Um, right that -- I agree.

Because you chastised me on last week of putting them in there and I had to move them so now you're trying to put them back and I don't like that.

>> I thought he was trying to move them to Hillsdale.

Did I misunderstand?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Also there was a comment that came in this weekend that said that you and Commissioner Witjes were absolutely right and they should not be there.

And -- so it shows I read those comments.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Who do we have next here? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So if we are not going to -- so -- considering Communities of Interest Public Comment, do Lenawee and Hillsdale belong together or separate? Did we know?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I honestly don't think we really got much Public Comment from those areas so I don't recall anybody in particular coming from Hillsdale.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

If we leave it the way this map show it's right now where I took Hillsdale out of two, then we still need to add some population.

So what if we go -- can you zoom out just a little bit? Yeah.

I'm stuck.

If I take more away from the draft District two, I could get in there.

But otherwise we're going into large population areas of Kalamazoo and Port Angle. Battle Creek.

I feel like Marshal needs to stay with Battle Creek and I think I could be wrong.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: My personal opinion is trying to create rural Districts because the population isn't there.

That's reality.

The population isn't there and that was my point last week.

I have a rural interest -- when we get to the house plan of course we can keep the people together quite easily because the population justifies it.

They think it will be difficult to create a rural only District unless you're going to start serpentine around Jackson and Kalamazoo and Battle Creek and created a fork like District because we just don't have the possible use relation.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What I see here -- you take some from two.

You're already 57,000 people that you need to add to it and then you're going to increase that amount and it's still not going to be enough for three.

So maybe the approach -- and I'm just thinking off the top of my head -- maybe the approach is back up and start with the larger community, Ann Arbor, and get that defined and then deal with what the residual is.

I don't know.

I would welcome suggestions on that.

See, the problem I got into when we did the test maps on the phone is I did the rural areas and I had Saginaw city and Flint left and I hacked up Flint into four different

areas and it was pathetic so if we work toward the larger population area in that Region, I think we may bit us.

I don't know whatever it is you need more room for the rural with what you're trying to accomplish.

>> Is Ann Arbor one of the areas we were supposed to wait due to BRA? No? Okay. Well, as with most of my mapping sessions when I do it on my own, I don't get very far because I run into a problem.

So should we go up and try Ann Arbor instead?

>> [Inaudible]

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Great idea.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I think we move onto Commissioner Rothhorn, right? It's all you MC.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: All right.

I got some notes here, too.

So MR. KENT STIGALL when I did Ann Arbor, I did looking at Public Comment, I did do dexter and Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti together and I got close to it.

I did a total demographic analysis and I read a Public Comment that said don't pack the voters and I've already addressed that in terms of the number of -- what do you call it? The number of political -- the political spectrum.

We're not looking at that now.

So at the risk of doing it -- yeah, I'm just going to ask you to start in Dexter.

I don't know if it's Scio -- I grew up in Ann Arbor but I've heard it pronounced SIO -- Scio.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this District four or an add on to District 2123-r? Worth, thank you.

This is a new District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I had District four flagged Worth Medaling or calling this the urban District.

Dexter County in its entirety.

Ann Arbor and its Township.

Not just the city but the Township around it.

Yes, I do think Lodi -- so we're not including Saline.

I know you are in there too and all of Ypsilanti and Superior.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And you're now at 272,000 and something.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So I did something wrong.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: My guess is some of these little piece inside here, maybe.

We can check this plan here.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Take out Lodi Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There are four pieces missing -- where are they? Here's your pieces.

That's part of, I guess, out here.

So we'll pull that out, I'm assuming.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And there's another little piece right there: And we're going to unassign and get back over here.

Unassigned that little piece and this is probably where the different numbers came from that you had picked up.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay.

And my memory was off, too.

So Dexter, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti area and it's a Tetris piece.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With tentacles.

I'm going to unassign all of that.

>> Yeah.

Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not doing it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And do we have any insights? I'm thinking legally, in terms of municipal boundaries and city clerks and trying to, you know, help understand that we're going to -- clerks will need to administer this at the end -- is it clear when the municipal boundary has that, this extra piece, is it easier to administer? Do we have any insights or maybe I'm asking for Public Comment.

Like, help me understand.

What's the impact as we take these pieces of your city out.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Rothorn.

Certainly the clerks and other election administrators have been familiar with this type of a situation and I believe it can be addressed either way.

I would encourage the Commission to not get too bogged down in those details at this stage.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay.

I appreciate that.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: We're just in the first criteria but it could be addressed either way.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: And the bureau of elections is the entity tasked with that.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Again, the Commission -- right.

Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

Yes.

If the Commission would focus on drawing the Districts and certainly the Bureau of elections, turning the maps into ballots will address those election administration issues.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

Let's leave it that way and select the whole City and if we go further south, we will deselect or unassign Lodi.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I want to bring to your attention, not that, that we have another stray piece of four sitting out here.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's part of Dexter and it's sitting out here by itself.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We may be violating number two though contiguous.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not contiguous and see how we have two numbers here and we have a couple of options and we can assign one census block here, this one here and maybe this one but it would make it one continuous piece where you can unassign the census blocks here.

And that way of looking at it.

And doing so I want to bring to your attention that this census block has no people in it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This census block has no people in it and the populated census blocks of that segment of the Township are these three census blocks here.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Please add block 4030 and 4026.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Please Zoom out again and if you head south and deselect Lodi.

Deselect Lodi and Lodi Township which is just to the west there.

Yeah, so let's fill in Pittsfield Township there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: No assign that area, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, that looks right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are getting ready to make a little piece and we will go get that.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That brings me to the 266.

No, not yet.

What did I do? Maybe it's because of the unassigned areas that I did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This little piece and what I want to do is put this on blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Perfect that's what I wanted.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign that.

Assign that and unassign that block right there.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We lost 6,000 for that.

Wow.

Yeah, this is what I had looked at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Check this thing again because it's multiple pieces.

It says there is no discontinuities.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And looking at the analysis this is where.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1.87% below ideal population 4962 total people.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm going to leave it because it's a populated area and we have other rural areas that might need the population so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What do y'all want to look at in this table? What do you want shown? Do you want something like this? We have more map you can see and we do it like this and we see more demographic information or does it matter, I mean it does matter what do you want?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Focused on the population number one criteria and trying to understand yes so that smaller box.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And see more map.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, see more map, thank you.

And I'm finished.

That was number four.

>> KIM BRACE: What do you do with the doughnut hole?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yeah, the doughnut hole being Saline or.

>> KIM BRACE: Saline plus those three Townships York and Saline and Lodi.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is for the next Commissioner to figure out.

>> KIM BRACE: You have not left them much there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can see those numbers right there are I mean the math quickly in your head is nowhere near a Senate District.

It's encompassed.

They will have to be the District surrounding them will have to be changed, modified something to include that population in some fashion.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Those cannot go with two?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Two is green yeah, I think they will have to.

I'm next and that is what I was going to suggest.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I was trying to get back what you guys stole from me.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So can you back out of it so I can kind of see the map a little bit more? Yeah, this is going to be fun.

I'm a party.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move that to two and I'm taking description from Rebecca now.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes so, those three areas assign to two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right let me catch up here.

Select going to two and 26,000 people.

Make sure we didn't mess anything up.

Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay how much am I over on two.

>> That is under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can y'all see this table? We need to make it a bigger font. I can't do it and I'm not going to try to do it on the fly but it's something we can look at.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Behind me.

>> KIM BRACE: You're low 31,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trying to get in District two, all of District to kind of tee'd up here and District Four is also a little low.

I mean it fits your deviation so when you're looking at where can you go, of course you can go to areas which are unassigned and you could take from one District and add to this District and that approach.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So what I want to do is above Dexter I want to switch to precincts for weber.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm looking at it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Webster.

And see how much we have in those two blocks right above Dexter.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would be these two right here?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: A little to the other side to the right so above District Four, not just the other District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And not Townships.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So a little more to the right, I want to go above District Four, not above the green.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Over here.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So how much is in there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zoom in closer so I can start giving you the block information.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So I'd like to take what we need to from there to build up Ann Arbor so we are a little closer to zero in Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One block that is my apology.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Areas surrounding Dexter.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4400 and we have to do something if you add those in. So that is a total of 4484 people and that is in two parts.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can we pull off the top part and do the one on the bottom and leave the one on the top so take that one off there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

This will be removed from selection.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So just that Section.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's still pretty much the same numbers.

It's 4488.

That's the City right here in the blue box.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So stop and I want you to take off the longer Section and I want you to oh, we got actually that is connected to four so it should be fine, pop one over, you see the one next to it where it's 24? Pick that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can move so I can see that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That should give us about 4800.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add to selection, dummy.

All right.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yep so, those two together.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Put those in four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Four is you are there.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: My work is done okay so now let's scroll back to two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, and we are going to light up Townships I suppose.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yep so, I can see where we have got population.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Rebecca, may I? One thing I was struggling with there was a public comment from May that said Dexter Jackson is better Dexter Jackson and Chelsea and Dexter to be part of number two could help you with your population and we can even out what you just did at the top and we can actually add Saline.

It's just an option.

By no means is my District like perfect.

But I just wanted to offer that that was another public comment.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can I make a comment?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: MC may be able to help me with this but I always felt Saline was more associated with Ann Arbor even more than Ypsilanti is.

So I don't understand why we wouldn't include it in the Senate District.

But I mean we can't.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We can add it we have to adjust things so take off the two sections we just added.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The reason I say that, Mc, the reason I say that is I know people that live in Ann Arbor but they end up in Saline school District.

And really Ann Arbor people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which is the approach.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Switch Saline over to District Four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Saline to District Four.

You say Saline.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just the City of Saline and I think we might get some funky precincts in there I think Ann Arbor where they have some weird little.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Bunches of little pieces in there.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And it's roughly 8900 people and you want to move it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Move it to four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And there is pieces in there and I'm sure there are some people in there.

It's the next four.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So then if we take Dexter off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is Dexter going to two?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will just do that now and it make a separate entity, two part District too but you will start seeing the numbers anyway, the number two now still needs quite a few people.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that contiguous though?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It will be because we are going to pull the areas above it into District two as well but we got to change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I see.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Everything above it so Webster we put into District two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would be the entire Township?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, just pull the whole thing so we make it contiguous.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6500.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We are like 30.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have plenty so two still has a chunk, four fits.

All right where do you want me to slide this? Probably something like that?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right there is good.

So.

>> KIM BRACE: You need 29,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Hamburg, Putnum and Unadilla.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that is 30 some thousand.

>> KIM BRACE: You could do it with Hamburg and Putnum at least to see where you are.

>> That is going to put 32,482 in there and there are 32,445 short.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So we will be a little over on that.

>> KIM BRACE: That is what I'm saying two, you may need Hamburg and Putnum.

>> 29149.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So let's do those two.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Reigning from Livingston County, do not do that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Do not what?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Livingston County does not want to go south by Ann Arbor related. Stay out of Washtenaw County.

Don't do it. Livingston County does not align with anything that goes below the Whitmore Lake line. So Pinckney, so the two that you just added in Livingston County in District two, undo them.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can you slide it, yes, right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are you looking to the east of Ann Arbor or just north of two? Like that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That is actually what I was looking at let's do the three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which ones?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: East side of the end of the District, yep, those three Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Make the 30,400, put that in two.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, I'm not sure about superior.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Two is where it is.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I mean, all right, I'm not crazy about putting superior in with Jackson so and I think we might need that population later but I will leave that for another Commissioner to deal with.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is the spirit.

>> KIM BRACE: Leave the problems to somebody else.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm handing off the problems to someone else.

I think we will want to end up pulling those two out and put them Canton, Northville, I have a feeling we are going to want to yank those back.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This kind of thing here and you are wrapping around four, not all the way.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Take those off and see what we can get on the other side.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are you sure.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not sure Sumpter they would not go to Jackson so I don't like that.

Leave Northfield, Northfield is good but scroll back the other way and see what we have on the other side.

So I still need.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to bring this all the way down and try to maximize.

>> KIM BRACE: 20,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Are we where is the County line on the west side?

>> KIM BRACE: You were basically at the County line.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: West side how far? That is Battle Creek.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: County line and Marengo and I don't know if you want to go north, where was it, I saw 19,000 something there is 19,000 or 20,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That is again getting into Livingston County which is its own special beast.

I would rather pull from the counties to the north if that means dipping in.

>> Hamlin and Eaton Rapids, that is not bad.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select and the population will show up right here.

It's just a quick way of seeing what you got.

I have not moved and have not assigned anything, that is 13,000.

And then, yeah all of that including whatever that Easton rapids is 23,000.

We could take that out.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We can take out Stockbridge too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take that out now you are at 17,000 whatever of 20,000.

You said remove Stockbridge?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, leave in Eaton Rapids.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I will remove that, add that.

And you're at 19,092 which puts you less 1400 under.

Shall we assign that?

>> Anyone have any other thought?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: MC may have some on these but Eaton Rapids would go to Charlotte.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm thinking we are getting into the Lansing area.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We are.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just so you know there is each of them have their own police department.

But they are all Eaton County sheriff departments.

And I guess I don't know if they -- how much Hamlin and Brookfield and Onondaga go in there and Onondaga and Leslie my guess probably go more northeast and west rather than south.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm wondering if we scroll back a little bit so we can see more of the east again so Dustin, what do you think about like going up to Putnum and Unadilla.

>> What about leaving Lee and Marengo to the west.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would go to the west and Marengo, Stockbridge and Bunker Hill, those eight up would go with Livingston County. And I will show that when it's my turn later. And above as well and all of Livingston County.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can you scroll back again? Just Zoom out. Like just all the way out. I want to look at what we have in the District next door. There we go. A little bit in more.

Okay, so our problem is we are trying to fit things around Jackson where we have this District three and is huge. I think what makes more sense is to take from District 3, is it District 3?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District three is 32000 under.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Still I think we will have to readjust that because we ran out of room when Commissioner Orton was doing it otherwise, we are getting into communities more affiliated with Battle Creek than more rural Jackson areas so I would take from that southern border, summer set.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One thing I notice is that this county locality, this county too is already in it and three is in it and then you are going to do more. Something to keep in mind.

Now you are going to go and cut into another locality.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We are either going to have to take part of Battle Creek or go down into Hillsdale.

Anyone have any thoughts on that?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I have comments I wrote down that Dexter Jackson and Chelsea are kind of similar and so I like I think we have got that so I guess I would head down south.

I guess I wouldn't go into Battle Creek.

I don't think Jackson and Battle Creek or Marshall I think Battle Creek and Marshall are sort of their own District so I would head south.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Let's head south and see what population we have down there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a starting point. I'm just going to run it across here and have a number pop up that number is 10,000 right there.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead and assign that in there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay you're looking at, you know, 10,000 more to be ideal. You're within the 5%.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Let's pull Adams wheat land Jefferson and Pittsford in as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 8,000 more.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Through in write just below it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are within 1% of ideal.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Should we stick with that or do you want to throw in write that is 1600 right below where we are at.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think that's getting down to the border and I think the border.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Let's stop there then.

All right so who is next? Who is next on our list.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Szetela before we move on, could you provide any additional explanation as to why you moved south and not particularly gen as opposed to the other explorations.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Because Battle Creek wanted to be combined over to the west and not with Jackson during hearings, there was multiple discussion of Battle Creek not wanting to be with Jackson and Jackson wanting to be more aligned with Ann Arbor so I'm trying not to put Battle Creek in with Jackson.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Got it thank you and next in line is Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm not very confident in doing this so I want to go over to the west and start on the lakeshore and then we can let Dustin do that other stuff.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this the area you wanted to start in? And this will be District five.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Director Hammersmith can you turn on your microphone, please?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We are in southwest at this point so today for the regions we were talking about south central and southeast.

So maybe before we take off ahead of the schedule, we want to go more in to the south central which would be the three counties around Lansing area, so Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties to kind of go in that area and see how we might work in that area.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We are, Lansing, sorry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lett can you turn on your microphone, please?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What are we going to do with three?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We can adjust it later, can't we?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Three needs 19.

I mean and we didn't want to put Schoolcraft in there or Brady?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If you want to do that let's do it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's put Schoolcraft and is it Brady into three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Into three, three still needs 37,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so let's do Hartford.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is Hartford?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: In the top corner.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right there that is a population of both Hartford of 5500 Vallette.

I'm going to move a little bit more so you can see a little bit more geography.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And I guess we will just go to north and Paw Paw.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is going to be 10,000 roughly.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And then Antwerp will take you over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It won't take you over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay then let's add that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And you're 3% light.

You need 8,000, you are within 5 per cent deviation and you're 8,000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, let's leave it there.

And we are going to give it to Dustin.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Vallette before we move on would you mind providing additional explanation as to why you added those areas?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well to keep it what is the word contiguous and I knew that if I got into what is it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Kalamazoo and Battle Creek it's too much.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: There would be too much population.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you are we proceeding on to the next Commissioner? Yes, next is Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm sorry I thought it was Dustin, doesn't matter.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'm going to go home now.

All right, just what I want to see here is should we go back over to or create a new District? Looks like we are in pretty good shape.

So let's try doing a new District.

About five.

And let's take us over in the center more towards Lansing and that let's see, I'm going to see what I did to mine so I think what I did on mine, I took basically all of Lansing and made that one District.

So I took.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A Township.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, so I just you know I just kind of kept building on it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I will just select and you tell me if this is what you had in mind.

This is pretty much.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, that is pretty close. I have Delphi.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 235. Excuse me, let me clear this up.

That is too much.

That is Lansing.

Is that something like you had in mind? Or East Lansing?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Actually I think I took East Lansing too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now we are 188 plus the little pieces that you will need to either add in around them or split them out.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Richard, you have to be careful with the little pieces. They are probably Lansing Township. So I would think we need to figure out a way to keep Lansing Townships altogether.

They are not contiguous.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With the picture we have here, we are at 232000 which is approximately, what, 20, 32000 under if we start with, if this is District five.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign that area?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right you have a little piece here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can we fill those in then? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would do it right there, I mean that would take we will assign that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now that whole area is generally District five Commissioner Lett mentioned of the other pieces is this what you're referring to?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Up in here, they are disconnected.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So we have to fill those in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take that, it is going to connect and we have to make sure we catch everything but.

You see how you got the little pieces, all this has to be out.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Fill those in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are still looking for 27,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Tie that in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are we taking both these Townships?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We will see how that works.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Throw 28,000 more people in there and District five needs 27,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right let's try that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That gets you less below .5% of ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I quick.

I'm done.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would like to run a quick check on this because of all the little pieces flying around.

And see to it.

Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We can't say we leave it like this.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not leave it as a final plan but what we have right now.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Richard may I make a suggestion?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Dewitt and bath are Clinton County and they are much more rural and Ingham and I think that was noted in the public comment so if you head east instead of going north from East Lansing if you head east to Williamston, Williams town Dustin is thinking that is wrong but that is because, yeah, so Meridian Township is definitely okay but I don't know where to go otherwise Dustin. But I was also perplexed with this right to try to get the population but I knew going north was not the right one and that is why I went to Williamston.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry let me undo what I just did.

How did it get so enlarged? I'm sorry where are we at? Okay, what is the next move? I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Come out so I can see more.

Dustin says we should get rid of Dewitt and go south.

This is.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And not.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: .

And Bath.

Dewitt is not more rural.

I hate to tell you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We still have to deal with these oddities here.

I mean you don't have to deal with them now.

That could come back when you come on that side.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Witjes, if you are providing input can you just make sure to turn on your microphone.

>> MC?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What about Delta Township.

It's a different County but also where and you see that in Lansing 50 just under that Lansing Township so I think that would be an appropriate place rather than going into Williamston.

What do you think Dustin?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would like to bring note that is Delta and Lansing that is 38,000.

You will be 10,000 over so.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can we take off East Lansing?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you take that out so you are do you know what you're trying to achieve? If you are -- if we try to keep the City like the City sort of urban places suburban and Delphi said they wanted to be grouped with the City so Allenton would be my suggestion.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Before you do that let me comment on East Lansing and Bath.

If you look at that you will see that Bath is coming down in between there, that white strip.

East Lansing took that on a tax sharing basis with Bath and Bath, the southern part of Bath is more urban.

The northern part of Bath is the Bath Township and the City of Bath is a little more rural but it's really suburban. There are farmers up there but.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can overlay aerial photography if you want to see what all it's made up around here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I know what is made up. These people don't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm trying to help them.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would say see what happens if you put Bath Township in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This whole area Township? Is that the consensus?

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I don't know those two little pieces will do it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You got to fix that in some fashion.

I guess that is part of.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: There is probably not many people in there who but should go in, I think it's a golf course.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can look at it right quick and probably show you.

>> 10, 7, 2, 0, a handful of people.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Golf course.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall these be put in District five? But not that? That is District Four already.

So we are fine.

Now you are pretty good looking this is an entity here.

Maybe this should not even be in five.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That's the airport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But there is four people living in this whole area and you're going to have this fracture here either assign these two to five.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's try that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or assign all of this unassigned, which shall it be?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think I would like to try to fill those in, those two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we are going to put those.

There is nobody in there but they live on the Main Street.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Part of the airport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This nugget will have to be in that direct.

That is the technical term.

So you know you see this little piece here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's leave that for now and if anything we need to go south is that what you're saying? We better move? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this area and that is going to leave a hole in here.

One way to know for sure.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: MC what do you got going? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The other side of the Township so we have this little hole here on the side of a highway or Interstate, whatever that is.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: On the sign.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trying to get to some populations.

It's no population.

It's 0 pop so we can unassign it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> It's an insurance company.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are speaking up going here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just go ahead and assign both.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Uh-huh.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Didn't we receive specific comments about Delta Township? Steve?

>> KIM BRACE: And you're only low 18,000, not 33,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 33, 40, 45,000 if you do all of this area.

>> KIM BRACE: But you only need to pick up 18,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I also remember there were comments but I don't remember if they said with or without.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: My memory of the comments, it went both ways. Some people I associate Delta Township with Lansing.

Some exactly the opposite say they want us to stay rural.

It is a suburban area and you know Grand Ledge is I'd say the other side of it.

Yeah, yeah, it's definitely more rural.

We could you know if we want to, I mean so Mason City is the county seat and there is you know so if you wanted to go south for the south again it's suburban you can include Aladdin and Mason and I'm not sure how much population but it just occurred to me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can look at it real quick here.

>> KIM BRACE: You could end up.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I thought the comments on Friday that we had gotten a specific community of interest map where it split Lansing basically in half.

And I thought it said something about the school districts with Delta Township or something like that if I remember correctly.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just wondering is Lansing one of the cities we were supposed to wait on? No, did I already ask that.

I thought I was asking about something else.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area we are looking at that is highlighted in yellow it contains 14,799 people.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just got the empty blocks so, yep, I knew there was nobody in there.

So you know you are right there at less than 1%.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Within 1% of ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Kent, go over there to 5003 Lansing 5003 and see if there is any population? I think that is Delta plant GM.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where am I going?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Delta down to Lansing 5003.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Delta this area here, this?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is a piece of Lansing.

5003 in this.

That piece that's the name of the Township.

Yes, that black and blue is Township.

And you know just a quick view of layer manager, that's not it.

And a different view and maybe it will pop on to there.

And that's what GM, Lansing, Delta, assembly plant but evidently there is oh, do you know what it is? You see this piece here? This -- that is probably part of this.

I will just select it and that piece, that piece and this piece all go together.

So the 5,000 population is somewhere between here all three of these pieces.

That looks almost like a looks like a see that parking lot? That is a loading area, I guess.

I don't know where the 5,000 people.

Now this looks almost like apartment complex, no that is probably a loading dock too.

So not sure where these 5,000 people live.

But looking at it there is, in fact, 5,000 people.

Is there apartment complex mixed in there somewhere I'm not seeing? Like here or here or I don't know.

You can see what the road patterns, what you got going on.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you blow up around East Lansing 24777 total population? Okay, no, I guess bring it down a little bit.

Yeah.

Right there to the left there is a little hook up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: A little higher.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: There you go.

And when we run -- let's run this check on there and we will find out real quick so we don't, yeah, there is six of them so we need to start District two has a bunch of little pieces to it.

And it's actually the pieces, parts are floating around in District two.

For example and we probably should that is in District one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is District two and not the one we are concerned about.

I will put it in four and this is a neat little tool here.

It's telling you where stuff is going.

You just keep going to the pieces, parts and I'll do a quick look.

That is pretty obviously District Four.

If you wait until the very end to do all this you could have hundreds and it will be one census block with 12000 people and it just messes you up.

So get this stuff cleaned up while you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I wanted to acknowledge the comment made about school districts and that community of interest with the school districts I think we will get an overlay of the school districts and I know that that's going to help so I just wanted to acknowledge that I think you are absolutely right that we do want to draw these things with that in mind.

And it will be a lot simpler when we get that overlay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Everything is nice and clear clean now and a quick look at our numbers, and you see two is 6,000 under, 3 is 8,000 under so those blocks did have some population in them that we fixed, the districts we fixed.

Five is less than a percent off.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I like it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have to go all the way around it.

So don't be surprised if that has to change and move because you're going to do districts all the way around it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Are you satisfied, Richard?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I'm satisfied.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Do you want to move on to Commissioner Witjes? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry, before we move on, Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you tell us why you moved or the District to go more southward?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: The map I had drew for that area is a little bit different than that.

But they took into a few other things in consideration about Dewitt being wanting to be in that area.

So obviously we had to change our location for population.

So going south looked like it was a good move.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: May I suggest too the county seat of Mason and the state capitol are similar.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

You are next.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, Livingston County select the whole thing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Whereas.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If you Zoom out, east.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, you will go east.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep, see it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Select the whole County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this is going to be District six.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Select the eight Townships and Williamston to the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These here?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, and select the four Townships directly north.

No, over Livingston.

The ones that are directly over the Livingston County border so Antrim all the way to Fenton and the City of Fenton as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 45,000 people and right on the number.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 7 left over that you need.

Good-bye, I'm done.

[Laughter]

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: He is right.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Livingston County there was public comment submitted.

Many of times stated they wanted to be by themselves which is what we are doing here and they did not want to extend it down into Ann Arbor or Washtenaw County at all,

grabbing the eight Townships in Williamston to the north preserves rural communities very well along with fourth that are north Burns Argentine and Fenton.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: There is a nice Grand River corridor of note.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, there is a Grand River corridor.

I forgot to mention that.

[Laughter]

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Comment?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think that's a good map.

I would note just for the record that Williamston is really oriented towards Lansing. Not to the east.

Webberville and Fowlerville are probably oriented towards the east more than that.

But I like the map.

I like this.

I like it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right does that mean we pop back up to the beginning of the list? So we are back to Commissioner Clark? Okay Commissioner Clark, take it away?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we take a look at what the region looks like, where we are missing the pieces right now? Looks like the southern part of just south of Lansing there is three Townships.

Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you got that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, it's more than that, yeah.

So given that we have a deficiency in population in District three, would it benefit us to take the counties that or the Townships that are west of Lansing, south of Lansing and put them in District three plus at least the first two so we can get a contiguous District. The first two just below that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Rather than adding Eaton, you are talking about Eaton into three, I suggest we start here and go up toward it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Doug, what I remember when we originally drew District three it was because it was a border community.

And so I think the further north we go that the, right, we are diluting that intention.

And I want to offer too that Eaton, Ingham, Clinton and Shiawassee are -- and to stay in that south central region, which is Clinton, Eaton, Ingham and to add Shiawassee.

There are a couple of things I looked into that I just want to offer that could be a nice District.

It's roughly 256,000 so it's not quite 265 but.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You are talking Shiawassee and all the way down south of Lansing.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Shiawassee Clinton, Eaton and the rest of Ingham to try to capture a District.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That would fulfill these two regions we are talking about.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Maybe.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's give it a try.

Let's see what it looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this where we are headed with this? Am I doing this correctly?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct this is going to be a new District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got it labeled as 7.

So that is 233 approximate because there may be pieces we are missing.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 233 and we are looking for 255.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, that is more like 246.

I mean, that is I don't know if we are missing pieces in here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can't read the numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It doesn't appear to be -- shall I hit it? We can always change it?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

I think it's reasonable.

Go ahead, Steve.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The, the numbers are okay but Shiawassee does not come east and south.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is Owosso because I lived in Shiawassee County and that go towards Flint or north.

They are not coming to the St. Johns and some of them are coming to Lansing if you are in the southern part and Perry.

I happen to have been in Sciota Township and you know they split between Lansing and Flint.

So for work or Owosso.

So swinging it this way east and south is not going to make them very excited.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's keep them out of it.

And.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, I just wanted to support that I remember public comment about that, that Shiawassee did not want to be with them.

So I think we shouldn't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area right there that is highlighted is the County you all speak of, the remainder of the county with 62000 people.

Essentially a fourth of a District, is that right? Or a fifth.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What you have highlighted is that Shiawassee.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Remainder of Shiawassee because these two, yeah, I'm making sure because y'all know it better than I do that is Shiawassee.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Skip Shiawassee and go to the Township next to it, yeah, those.

And then the one south of it.

It's not the whole County.

I don't want to get into what we define for Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the whole County actually.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to disrupt anything we did for Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me cleanup.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, clean that up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because we are not getting all down into here.

I'm sorry.

>> KIM BRACE: So you can freeze that District so that you don't select it then too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so manager.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Manage districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall we freeze some of these districts? Five so that we don't, you tell me.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Number five and we will lock five, District five that will be the starting point.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's freeze five.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then we should be able to go around it safely by doing a County.

>> KIM BRACE: The box that is appearing is telling you that you're not selecting the entire County you are just selecting part of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's locking appropriately because it would make life easier if it did and it's not.

So we got to go to Townships.

And we will come on down here like this and we will get seven started here as well.

So there is seven.

That's right.

Do you want to get all these pieces here I'm assuming?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would be the precincts.

Things precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then I want to go east to Lansing and get the, got to get those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Why is it not getting this? Oh, because it's locked over here.

So we will change this up to blocks.

And this is where it starts getting slower and more tedious.

And there is a hole right there.

We need to put that in five.

We will fix that.

With the road there too.

The tedium.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to assign that piece there to District five.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We all have pieces.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: As it belongs.

Back over here.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair it might be beneficial during this brief break when the software is loading the last set of directives given to refresh the public where we are and our collaborative mapping process.

Or the Commissioner who is engaged in it might be able to provide a great summary.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm assuming you want to put this little piece here into seven.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sorry General Counsel you want us to take a break?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Before we break can we finish the person that we are on, I guess? Because it would be kind of weird to start up again.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just trying to clarify what our General Counsel is telling us.

That is all.

Sorry.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I was just indicating that the Commission wants to reorient the public to what District they are drawing, where they are, all of those kinds of things.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So you are asking us to confirm the public we are working on the State Senate districts.

We have worked on the what we are calling the south central region which is the Lansing area.

And now we are going to be working or we also worked only the southeast area which includes Washtenaw Livingston Monroe counties as well.

And we appear to be nearing the end of our draft.

Keep in mind these are all draft maps and schedule to be changed Senate maps for these regions is that what you were requesting?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we want to get the area east or west of Lansing as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right here?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

And then precinct.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We want to get that whole county.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The whole, are we going to go very large? Going to put a hundred in.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then there is three Townships south of Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get this little piece here.

I'm not sure what it is but here or here?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, where the pointer is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To seven right here?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just making sure.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now where do we stand population wise.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 81,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We need 81,000.

>> KIM BRACE: I'm sorry you are looking at seven, 81,000.

You are right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Marshall has 22, 68, 31 and I think previously mentioned they associate with Battle Creek I believe somebody mentioned.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct Cynthia did.

They are associated with Battle Creek.

So the other option is go towards Grand Rapids.

>> KIM BRACE: Does Battle Creek associate with Lansing?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So let's just go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Towards Flint?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No that was Shiawassee County.

That one right there.

That entire County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We need 14,000 but you are getting better.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We need 14,000? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's take a look at south.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Be careful not to not leave enough in that little strip with Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

Take the top four in that County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What would this be I'm sorry, this area?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> KIM BRACE: Township.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can't read the numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry Woodland, Castleton, Maple Grove and Assyria, is that what you are choosing, that is 8900.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We need 8900 more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 8900.

>> KIM BRACE: So you need about 6,000 more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this is going to be those two together are going to be 8500.

Which is pretty significant.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's do that then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next up.

We need roughly 3,000 to assign it that way it will show up on the screen.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many just below the Township you just did? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Over 8500 and you need 3,000 to be ideal.

Right now you are 1.13% away from ideal.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: May I suggest Johnstown 2841 add that to it at the bottom?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, because our tolerance is 5%.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair for the interpreter will not if

Commissioners are just yelling or calling out suggestions or comments without the mics on, the interpreters and our translators will not be able to capture that.

And the public will miss the benefit of the full discussion that the Commission is having in regard to this area.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would also add if you are not actively speaking please turn your mic off because we are having lots of issues with people trying to turn their mics on and they are not because people are leaving the mics on when they are not actively talking so when you are done talking turn the mics off so other people can talk when they are called on.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I say we leave it as it is because it's within the tolerance and we are 5% and we are 1 point something percent.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Districts to draw that will go all around it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So save the population for some other area at this point.

So I'm complete and pass to the next person.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Clark?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: State your reasons please.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The reasons.

Well, they are rural areas, outside the City limits of Lansing.

And that completes the region.

We had to go outside the region somewhat to complete it, to get the right population.

But the basic reason is it's rural.

The entire thing is rural.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right can you scroll back out? Have we completed the south central and the southeast regions at this point? I think we have.

But I just want to take another look.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so, yeah, we are a little ahead of schedule but why don't we take our assuming there is no objections, why don't we take our recess at this time and we will take a nice 20-minute break and come back at 3:20 if that works for anybody.

All right, hearing no objections let's go ahead and let's take our recess until 3:20.

Thank you very much everyone.

[Recess]

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Are we ready? I call the meeting of the MICRC back to order at 3:20 p.m.

For the purpose of the public watching and the public record, I will now turn the Michigan Department of State Staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Hello, Commissioners.

Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, state during roll call you are attending remotely and unless do to military duty please disclose your physical location.

I'll start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

Richard Weiss?

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 10 Commissioners are present and

there is a quorum.

- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you,

All right just before the break we were mapping the State Senate districts in the southeast and south central regions.

We did complete that work and we were going to move on to Commissioner Eid to start with our we were going to move on our agenda.

However I've been informed during the break that Commissioner Eid would actually like to create a copy of that map and make some edits to it so we are going to at this point make a copy of the map the draft map we have already drawn and Commissioner Eid has some suggestions how he might draw things differently and we are going to proceed with that.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need a plan name and then input or I can just start.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't want the work we have collaboratively have done so far to like go away by editing it.

So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What we have done is I made an exported a copy to come here and he is going to maintain it at a fixed state.

I'm going to copy in what has been done and we can copy what is being done or however you want to do it it's edits of what has been done and not something completely new.

You have a new plan basically, correct?

- >> COMMISSIONER EID: No, it's edits to the current plan.

>> KIM BRACE: You do have a shape file you can sent to us.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: He has suggestions Mr. Brace he wanted to talk through.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Share your screen, please.

So this is a basic empty plan with no districts in it.

We now go to data exchange.

Import plan and like the shape files.

Just a little moment ago and it was called where did I put it, I don't know.

There it is right there.

This is an exact copy I sent Kim of everything we have been working on.

And we will do that and there is seven districts have been done.

We are going to select all of them and we will overwrite the plan with a new one, yes, yes, and that is just telling us exactly what was imported and how it was done.

We close it.

And that should be exactly the plan down to the color of the districts.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful now we can edit it without losing anything.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is yours, this is called Senate two.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't want it to be mine.

It's collaborative still.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's what you're working on is what I'm saying we are starting working on after the break.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I think we can make two Senate districts out of Eaton Ingham and Clinton and Shiawassee County without having to dig into adding counties to Livingston and having to go into Barry County and that still sticks with our regional plan add Shiawassee to Clinton and take out what is there for Ionia and Barry counties.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It should include Shiawassee and not Ionia or whatever you call it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Ionia.

I think it should be Shiawassee, Clinton and part of the City of Lansing because what we can do is we can create two districts out of these, out of these four counties that are all consider themselves in the Lansing area and this was based on public comment specifically at our Lansing meeting, public comments 5, 13, 20, 21, 22, 34 and 54.

They all said that the demographic of the County is rising, that we should try to make these districts two districts out of the try County and Shiawassee area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have Shiawassee highlighted and it will actually go into District seven.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next modification.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So five direction five let's make that Eaton and Ingham and that will mess up the numbers a little bit but we can go into the we can Zoom in and go in the City and split it so that the numbers work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You got a little ahead of me but five should include what areas Eaton Indiana Eaton and Ingham.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Ingham right here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are the localities and we will assign, select it.

This is the remainder of seven and I'm assuming we just want to unassign that for now.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think so, yeah.

Now we have District five and District seven however I believe District five probably has too many people and District seven doesn't have enough.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District five has 144,000 above ideal direct 7 is 133,000 below ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So for District seven let's add the following Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can where are we?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are in Ingham County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we are going down.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Go down to Ingham and let's add Williamstown, Lodi, Leroy and Whitsfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry, I am just trying to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's on the top right and it would be the top left hand portion of the County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Williamston and Loti is going to be in seven.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Including the town?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep, including the town.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And also those two below it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, we still have the Township of Bath in five.

Let's put that to seven.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Township, okay, put that in seven and what about East Lansing?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, include that as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay and these little parts in there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to leave alone for right now because they are -- let's go ahead and move those features that are alienated right now. And this capitol region international airport area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would like that in seven as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this little piece here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't need to do that at the block level to keep from and this piece here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh because that keeps that County, that whole County together in one Senate District.

Now, we still have a population shortage in seven and too much population in five. So let's Zoom in on the City of Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Further?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's see.

That should be fine.

So we're going to take the upper right portion of five and put it into seven.

That whole area from Meridian to East Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So what I highlighted here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are going to put it in seven.

And we have to get this little piece here, but that's how the Township is broke up so we go into census blocks.

Go into census blocks and we are going to assign all this and all that.

All right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Now we are also going to take the City of East Lansing and put it in seven.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are 11,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep, we are going to do a little more.

So the area below the City as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that block right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a scattered Township so we will go to blocks and Zoom in.

There is only one person living in that area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: One person, one vote.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There you go.

We can start doing precincts, precincts are these gold lines.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, let's do that.

I believe that is how I did it on my end.

Let's go to precincts and let's go now to the left of East Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Up from where I'm at now?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Go a little bit more.

And what the goal is to take just to take enough of it to make the populations even out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So what we need is 11,000, all right, are you talking in this area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so we will Zoom in here and I'm looking at, well, we will select them and the numbers will show up as we select them.

Down there under population and that precinct is, well, that is already down there so that is 3600.

All of that area would give you 7,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay almost there.

What about that, yep, that little piece.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 9,000.

And that would put you within a couple of thousand.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay and what about that one piece below it that you have.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That goes around and sticks out here on we could just come down here to this precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is a rough cut.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct runs all the way and will be sticking out.

This one wraps around in this fashion.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's do that one I think it is with 3,000 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add to it and all that together would be about 12,100 and you're at 11,800 being needed.

That puts you right there at it.

Assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh so where does that put us now with districts five and 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 294 people below absolute ideal or .11% of ideal.

>> KIM BRACE: That's only for District seven.

Five is still -- five is still high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And six is.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right, five is still high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, five is at 11,000 over which is 4.23% high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so I'll just take maybe one or two more precincts out of five and put them into seven.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you can lower seven more so precincts, tell me which ones because here is the locality boundary here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The goal of this is to have two strong voting bases in the City of Lansing based on our public comment.

So it should come from that area just adjacent to what we were doing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so we will Zoom in a little bit here so we can see some numbers.

Do you want to come around this way? Come down across here? I'm just looking at the shape of the precincts and trying to get a cleaner line.

Like this is the Main Street running across here.

We do have, is that a river? Or.

>> It's the Grand River.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So does that divide this neighborhood or City.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It's the Grand River but doesn't necessarily divide it but if you do consider it there is sort of a north there is an east side of Lansing and so I think if you continue with the 2000, yeah, so west of the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you see these last four digits here that is the precinct identifier number.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 1007, 1004 and 1002 and you want to basically get 6,000 roughly to sort of try to even them out? Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's do it.

Love the collaboration.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are the one with the red light on, not to be rude but I want to make sure that I'm doing as someone desires that will add 8,000.

So now they are 2% above and 2.88% above.

And six is 31,000 low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Six is what we had what Commissioner Witjes did for Livingston County, correct? To the east?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you know obviously you know this is 31,000 under and these two are a little bit over.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So if we pick up the two districts in that square that's north of six and I believe it evens out District six as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Six is already low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm saying if we add the two Townships right there it will even it out.

Yeah, I mean it doesn't really matter to me if it comes from Genesee County or from Oakland County since Commissioner Witjes went into Genesee County I just thought I would continue that.

What do you think of it? Do you think it would make more sense to do that or go in the eastern parts of Oakland County such as Holly or, yeah, like the Holly area? Because it would do the same thing.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're talking the western part.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, I'm sorry the western part of Oakland county.

You have Holly.

Associated with that.

Scratch that instead of doing those two let's go into the western parts of Oakland County such as rose or Holly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Am I in the right area here.

>> KIM BRACE: To the right, to the east.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: East, yeah, and to.

>> KIM BRACE: Into Oakland Township rose and Holly now I see them so you add those two six, is that the desire?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, then we can do the Flint areas when we get to them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 18,000.

And 6 is still 13,000 light.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay what if we add Highland? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then you will be about 6,000 over because that is 19,000 and you need 13,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's do it for now, it will be within the variables.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 2.31%.

You are still getting a bunch of districts that are all high.

You know, they are over.

I just want to bring that to everybody's attention.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So what the reason I want to do this like I said was to get the Lansing area to be like one whole area made of two districts and not have parts of other counties in them.

And I also think it goes with the public comments that we've had.

The other comment I had was in the Ann Arbor, Monroe area but I feel if we get into that, it's going to mess up everything we have so we might not want to do that at this point.

What do y'all think?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I mean it's just another alternative why not take a look at it?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It's on it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett I'm the Chair you know I'm the one supposed to be calling on people.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you Commissioner Szetela.

I see what you're doing.

Obviously.

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The public comments that I saw and heard from the some of the Commissioners from the counties as well as others that we have attended was to keep Ingham, Eaton and Clinton County together as a Tri-county area.

I hear your comments you looked up two.

I'm just putting it out there.

As there is as MC likes to say there is comments A and comments B and somehow we have to look at those.

I also went back and looked at what is there now.

Ingham County is kind of all alone and then Eaton, Clinton and Shiawassee are another Senate District, which but that is something to consider.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid, any additional thoughts?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was wondering what do you guys think about editing parts of Ann Arbor and like Monroe or should we move on to House Districts?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Any thoughts? I mean I would say if you have comments about Ann Arbor let's hear what the comments are.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Agreed.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Already don't say I didn't warn you.

Okay so let's go to Ann Arbor.

Let's go to Washtenaw County.

Okay we are in there.

This is piggybacking off of what my colleague said about the suburbs of Ann Arbor such as Lodi, saline, York, and I don't think we ever got a clarification on the name, but Scio being a part of you know being considered as part of the greater City.

So I would put Ann Arbor like you have it, we are looking at District Four now, correct?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is four.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Cool so let's do Webster disappear here.

It will be a rectangle.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What do you want to do with Webster put it in?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Put it in four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What about Dexter?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Include it the whole rectangle from there to the end of the county line.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Northfield.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> Anymore.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Salem, Superior and then Lodi below, Lodi.

Okay, assign all those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now four is 53,000 people high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right it's high because and this is something we will have to decide as a Commission.

It's high because we are including Ypsilanti with Ann Arbor.

My idea would be to not include Ypsilanti with Ann Arbor.

We've got a lot of public comments saying that while they are in close proximity, they have different values.

I'll point specifically to public comment P2594 on the public comment tool.

Which says as much.

So what I would do is I would put Ypsilanti with the District we have drawn for Monroe right now, that purple one.

I'm not sure the District number.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is one, District one.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is going to move 76,000 people.

And I did not do that appropriately so I will do it again.

Got it right this time.

Now four is small and 8.7% and one corresponding is 28% high or 76,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I also included saline and York with four, those two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Those two.

And also that small little Township of Milan and I did not see that.

That presents some problems.

Let's put both halves with District Four.

It's interesting there are Townships that cross County boundaries.

>> KIM BRACE: That is common on that side and the election administrator the one up above is working the precincts up above but the County clerk below is doing those other precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I like to point out there is one census block is in District one. Shall we put it in District Four?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Four is 2.1% high.

One is still 68,000 high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's Zoom out to District one because now we have to take parts out of one to make it work.

So I would just have one be Monroe county plus the two that we added and then so, yeah, I would unassign which county was it? But unassign Lenawee County from the District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The whole county.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner? Thank you.

So District three was short on people.

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So if it's going to be touching that and it's a border state, border county let's just add it in there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So one still needs 30,000.

We now need 30,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That's fine.

Okay so for one let's add the two counties in southern Wayne.

So the two, wait a minute.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> KIM BRACE: Two townships.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sumpter and Huron.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to get this figured out.

Okay, now one is at 1.57% low.

I mean you are inside of 2%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay and now we can put the county we just unassigned with county three, with District 3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will have it kind of wrapping around here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would have it be just all three of those counties.

Hillsdale, Lenawee, Branch and then the rest or part of the rest of Washtenaw west of Ann Arbor.

But for now let's do the three on the border.

>> KIM BRACE: So what you have now is District 3, 91,000 people high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well that presents an opportunity if we move more west of.

>> KIM BRACE: For District 2.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To have a completely different district with St. Joseph, Cass and Berrien; but we are not at that part of the state yet.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Hillsdale County into three?

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm thinking for District three we can take those extra Townships above the county lines that we were just trying to get population, we can take those out and put something else.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

Now it seems like collaboration.

I like it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can do the whole piece.

Three still needs to decrease 18,921, two still needs to pick up 54,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, let's take out Cass, St. Joseph and Branch out of three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three is 32000 low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's take out those two Townships, I mean counties.

>> KIM BRACE: Counties, right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay now let's have Branch, Hillsdale, and Lenawee in three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three counties.

Hillsdale Branch and what?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Lenawee.

>> KIM BRACE: Lenawee and you already have it there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now three needs 75,000, two needs 73,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are going to finish three by having the west side of Washtenaw County that is west of Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're going to finish three.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, Kent Ken coming up, here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To the left of there because four is okay and one is okay so we don't want to mess with those much.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That area there and probably further west, just east of where the City of Jackson starts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you want to put all of that into three?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then what?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We got some comments on that.

Let's see what they are.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 44,000 people and that would make three and done or at the ideal number or thereabouts.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Of course two is down 149,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The areas in Washtenaw County and then Jackson County that are now in with the border counties and townships makes absolute zero sense.

The people that live in those areas consider themselves to be basically part of this nearest City that they are part of.

And now we are putting them over into Hillsdale.

They are that is completely different than having lived in the area, it makes no sense to me.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree.

I think that doesn't belong there.

The border Township or counties should stick together.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would also just add that I have significant concerns about putting Ypsilanti into Monroe county.

Ypsilanti is about 30% African/American.

Monroe county is about .I think 2% or 02% African/American.

I think it's .02.

So I think you're really, really diluting your African/American vote in Ypsilanti by doing that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is a possibility.

We will have to look at that when the data comes out.

We are going to have to figure out we are going to have to make sure we are also not packing too many people of any particular race or voting demographic into a District as well.

Which is like Commissioner Rothhorn said earlier is something that I'm concerned about doing.

But these are just ideas.

You know, and we can you know keep editing them.

Where would y'all -- instead of going north into Washtenaw County would you continue to go along the border and take some of St. Joseph into District three?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay well let's try this.

So let's undo the ones you just added.

>> KIM BRACE: Put those back into two.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just a reminder to everybody I should give everybody a warning Commissioner Lange does have to depart at 4:00 and we will be down to nine so if you need to use the rest room now is the time to do it.

One at a time and quickly so we don't lose quorum, please.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That wasn't why I was raising my hand.

Can we expand the matrix? So we can see the population totals? Because now we are starting to talk about race.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what you want to see there Commissioner?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So what the consensus was to add part of St. Joseph County to three, to get the population high enough to be a District, if I'm hearing what people are saying correctly.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think the whole County will fit in.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, that's perfect.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 60,000 is the best and three is just 14,000 short.

Two is 70 some thousand and so 3,000 short.

Two obviously, this is unassigned area, you got this area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So what do you all think go along the border and take part of Cass or do we go north? What do y'all think for this type of plan?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I just done really think you're going to get the border towns altogether in one District, not for State Senate that is my personal opinion. There just isn't that population to get that number we need.

I think you will have to go up to Jackson, go up to Battle Creek, go up to Kalamazoo which I think probably Jackson is the most ideal.

But it just the numbers just aren't there as much as we would like to do that.

I think for situations like that, we save that for the House Districts and we can give them a bordering House District.

I think that probably is more workable than trying to do a Senate District.

Go ahead Commissioner Orton, I'm sorry Anthony.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How much of Cass County is that what it is Cass County would we need.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This county here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: To complete, three? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These, this piece right here is 15,000.

That would make you approximately a thousand over.

If you wanted to you could leave that one out and maybe hit it.

So that area right there is 14,342 and you're light 14,223.

But that would put it right on the number.

Take that as.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay Anthony? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Eid, I'm sorry I don't mean to shift people I'm just trying to keep track of who is telling me what.

So the numbers are in place.

Five, six and seven are all over.

And two is the one very short or light.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can we Zoom out so we can see what we got so far?

>> KIM BRACE: Change the color on two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Please with six right there.

>> KIM BRACE: That's right need one of those.

>> KIM BRACE: No, go up to Banish districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What does it need to be? Not green that's for sure.

Not red.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will work, won't it?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so they all work now based on population except for two?

>> KIM BRACE: Right, two is light.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so if we take two, which this is something that we will have to consider at our Jackson public hearing, you know we kind heard two types of public comment A or B.

One was people saying that the people of Jackson don't consider themselves part of Battle Creek.

But the other one was people of Jackson do consider themselves part of Battle Creek. So just experiment.

If we take this District two west to include Battle Creek or maybe right up to the Battle Creek area that will probably give us enough to complete that.

And then I'm done talking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Five is a little bit high.

But going this way.

That is 15,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see what we are trying to do.

Get the numbers but what I heard in Jackson was we are more associated with the two western most counties west of Washtenaw than we are with anybody else, correct, east of Jackson and west of Portland I think he said.

But that messes up the whole scenario.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This highlighted area is 21,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's assign it.

>> KIM BRACE: You are still short another 50,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's go in to Battle Creek.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me back this thing up here.

You're a long way 52000, Marshall is only 6800.

6810, 115, 13,000, 14,000 more if you kind of select them and you can see for yourself, yeah, 14592.

So we got Battle Creek which is a million people but we didn't do that piece.

That's 39,000.

You are still a fair number short.

>> KIM BRACE: You are right at the City border of Battle Creek on that side.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will probably want they are barely connected.

>> KIM BRACE: You are pulling in Evert or are they more connected with Battle Creek.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this is emit is 11,744.

I don't know, well, any way if you go north some and then five more west you know does two go south a little bit and then three go west a little bit?

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>> KIM BRACE: Two could swing under Battle Creek to a certain degree.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think we should keep going there.

I realize we are in a box but communities of interest lies is what we heard from public comment.

I don't think that that's where we need to get population.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think what we are doing is created an exercise and yeah now we have an alternative map.

I think that maybe all we need to do for this point.

We have a great sort of process and I think we are okay with it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I agree.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just to clarify Commissioner Eid would you like to submit this as an alternative draft?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No.

Just collaborative at this point.

If I want to tinker and do that at a later point I will.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right so at this point I think we have concluded the process of mapping our drafts and the districts as we mentioned before.

These are drafts.

They are not complete.

They are not final by any stretch of the imagination.

We are still working on them.

So at this point we have taken a recess so we will move on to the next item on our agenda.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair I do apologize for the interruption I'm so sorry.

But I believe that the map that Commissioner Eid undertook to draw collaboratively during his rotation for that, I think it can be considered an alternative map because it deals with the same sections or excuse me, the same areas as the Commission's previous work product.

So I think for the naming conventions and how the Commission is going to be tracking its work in an organized fashion so that the public can follow along that it may be, again, Commissioner Eid you said you did not wish it to be an alternate draft?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: The mapping process was just amended this morning Commissioner Eid.

So we are going with grace together, walking side by side.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What is your recommendation General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I recommend that the work product that was drawn during the Commission session with the assistance of your the EDS team be considered an alternate draft map.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If that is your recommendation, I agree with it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I wouldn't see why we wouldn't keep it honestly. I mean.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: , in fact, now the public can comment on it and see maybe what they like between the two we have come up with and that could help us going forward.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sure we will get comments on both maps. Yes, General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair and again for further information what the Commission is doing based on the equal population criteria only is drafting these draft maps for Senate districts collaboratively. All those proposed, all those drafts will be uploaded at the end of the business session day as well as any alternate draft maps.

Those will all be put forward for the public to weigh in and provide the Commission the feedback.

So the Commission is creating this pool of draft maps that it will consider which ones to publish as proposed maps for the second round of public hearing.

Just a little looking into the future a little bit.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right. Thank you very much. At this point we will move on to the next item on our agenda which is communications, I'm sorry, without objection, new business item six, I'd like to ask our communications and outreach director Edwards Woods, III to cover Item 6A, community organizer contract less than \$5,000 and the resolution for a direct purchase of a direct mailing list.

Hearing no objections, please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

Can you hear me? The community organization contract is for the City of Flint.

And want to do a better job in terms of outreach and getting people in.

We worked with Cheryl Thompson.

She was the Governor's point person for both the Snyder as well as the Whitmer for the Flint recovery efforts because we wanted to go deep grass roots someone who had the pulse of the community, lifelong resident of Flint been there many years so she recommended Jasmine McHendry for the contract less than 5,000 and will work with two people that will not increase the price.

So the price is 150 per hour for all three people just so we are clear.

It's not just for Jasmine and she will pay them as subcontractors.

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They are going to be doing a town hall meeting for us in terms of recruiting grass roots for the town hall and the second thing they will be doing is help us drive attendance to the public hearing.

That is scheduled in Flint and I know what the proposed day is but I may have to come back with you because they probably will have changes but they will work with regards to that.

So if there is any questions, I can take them at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is in this the budget currently.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Any additional questions or comments? If there are no questions or comments, we have a resolution.

Resolution 20210817 to approve the direct purchase of direct mailing list for rural and Down River Areas and I would entertain a motion to adopt the resolution I'm sorry Executive Director Hammersmith and MC Rothhorn after.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Just very quickly what Edward is informing the Commission about is a contract that would be less than 5,000.

It does not require Commission approval.

He just wanted to inform you that that contract, that he is working on that contract.

Item number two is a separate resolution and a separate.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sorry I'm jumping ahead.

So any further discussion on the community organizer contract which does not require a motion or approval? Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I want to acknowledge it's excellent to be working with community organizers who are focused on relationship building and I think that trust and relationship we are looking for seems like the right move in the Flint area in particular but throughout Michigan I would just acknowledge that is important.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right back to you Mr. Woods, III.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you then I'm just seeking approval for direct purchase of a mailing list for the rural and Down River Areas.

We had a hard time getting a mailing list for those who didn't have Internet access.

And so we were able to get a list through Brian who assisted us and identifying people to methodology who would not possibly have Internet access in every county in Michigan.

And we noticed last week we voted with regards to issuing a direct mail contract.

But we need a mailing list.

And this is the mailing list and the resolution explains clearly the methodology.

And our desire to purchase that list.

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If there is any questions, I can take them at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Are there any questions? All right, okay so at this point I would entertain a motion to adopt resolution 20210817 approve direct purchase of direct mailing list for rural and Down River Areas.

So moved motion made by Commissioner Rothhorn.

Seconded by Commissioner Lett.

Is there any debate or discussion on the motion? Hearing none let's move forward with our vote. All in favor of adopting resolution 20210817 please raise your hand and say aye.

Aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies, Commissioner Clark, can you tell us how you voted please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I voted aye.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Motion carries and resolution adopted.

Thank you very much.

All right, moving on to new business item, 6B, mapping of the State House districts in the southeast region.

As stated earlier, however, for the benefit of the public watching, this region includes Monroe, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties, along with the Southeast border of Ohio as well as Jackson, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties. The region in which the Commission will be working at this time provides us a starting point so we are not mapping the entire state at one time. Regions are not districts. So District lines will be drawn across region lines as the Commission meets the criteria listed in the Michigan Constitution.

So at this point we are going to continue our roll call process.

We ended with Commissioner Eid. So the next in line would actually be Commissioner Lange, who has departed for the day. So we will move on to Commissioner Lett. So, Commissioner Lett, please proceed with our start of the house maps.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT:

[Off mic]

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So the empty plan no districts, no numbers and we are ready.

Do we need to bring in the regions or are we familiar with them? I can add that in.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It will be helpful, yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lett can you turn on your microphone, please?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, I will bop mine on really quickly before Commissioner Lett does his.

I believe just for the benefit of the public it's House Districts in the southeast region, just for clarification, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And southeast and south central those are districts numbered regions two and five for reference.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT:

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So southeast is what we are focusing on for the House Districts.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We are in two and we are working with 91,612 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is the table.

And we can always make it smaller, bigger, whatever you want to start with, coming out the gate.

Who is starting again?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Ready when you are.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would start with all of Hillsdale County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Hillsdale.

Go back here sorry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lett I apologize.

Could you move the microphone just a bit closer? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're halfway there we are at 45 and you need 45.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm going to go left over to Branch, taking all of Branch.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are 1.1% of ideal.

1004 people below perfect.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'll stay there.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lett? Can I ask you to provide additional explanation as to why you started where you started?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's where I was told to start.

So that's what I did.

But I looked at Hillsdale, which by our comments that we've already talked about today is primarily rural and Branch County likewise.

Then if we look at the population our number one requirement, that meets those.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you so much.

Next is Cynthia?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, Steve took those easy two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this going to be District two?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Last time I did that they eviscerated it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, I will move east from there, I guess.

So please choose all of Lenawee County then we will have to take some away.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7800 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry I want to get right there.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, give me a second.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Tell me what you want to do and I will put it on the screen.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Turn the whole left row or right row, whatever.

Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 9500 people.

That would be.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, yes, execute that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I did not do what I intended to do, which was unassign. And now your District is 1.93% low or 1700 low, less than 2% within ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think you could add in the bottom little Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1200 and it's going to put you right about well 481 low.53.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I will stay there.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Orton can you provide any additional explanation?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

So well it's a border county.

And I was trying to keep that all in one block.

And I was right next to what Steve did.

So I'm just moving along population wise.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Next is Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's keep going east along the border, Kent, and try to create District number three.

And let's pick up, yeah, in the remainder of that, yep, and then we will just, yeah, based on population we will just keep going east and that will be my rationale too.

So I would like to include Milan, the town and the county both sides.

So let's keep that together uh-huh in the House District, yes.

Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Talking to myself.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I appreciate that.

I do that too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I never rarely do I argue with myself.

It does happen.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Kent I would like to go south and work north and let's try to grab, yes, along the border again.

And if we can let's keep the -- let's take portions of looks like, yeah, there is more of a City, right, in Monroe there so if we can take the whole City, looks like 53,000 short so we got 14, 20.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have 46 coming.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 46 coming, go ahead and assign that.

Okay so we are 11 short.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Raisinville and Exeter and London we will be pretty close there, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 12000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We will leave it at that and it's all because of population.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next is Commissioner Szetela.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right, if you could just start where we are at. So we are now on what on District Four? And carry it up all the way to the county line.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We will see what we come up with population wise. And that is the danger of starting in the middle and running to the water because District Four is seriously under populated.

District 4 needs 17,400 people.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So can you grab the Township above it new Boston and put that in? To the yep that one that is right above it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sumpter, Huron, Rockwood, which one?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It has new Boston and I think it's Huron I think the Township is Huron but it has new Boston in the center of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will put your District good within 456 people. Ideal.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay sounds good.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Szetela, can you provide any explanation about why you grouped this particular area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was looking at the population.

And then on the border of Wayne County that is where you start to get into Down River. You have Gibraltar and Brownstown, Flat Rock. Those communities have identified as a community of interest or in our meetings. So I did not want to take from those communities because ideally, I want them to be grouped together, into a House District

rather than pulling one or two of those communities off. So Huron is similar to the county below it and New Boston is more rural and more park areas. So I thought it made sense to put them in with I think that is Ash Township underneath.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Next is Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Janice turn your mic on.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Somebody suggest someplace to start.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Down River.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Down River

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Brownstown, those are all right on that border there, just to the east of where I drew my line. Those are all considered Down River counties.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is Metro region rather than the southeast region.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this the area you were referencing.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That is a different region.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are not going in that region.

You are right Commissioner Rothorn then you got to go somewhere else.

You got to go up.

Back into Ann Arbor land.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Didn't we do the Ann Arbor area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are doing the house.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: This is the house so smaller districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are looking at 91,000.

It's much smaller geographic area.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay thank you.

So we will do Augusta.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I think that's what it says.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it does and this is York and this is Sumpter.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then let's take Sumpter and York and Saline.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's approximately 28,128.

We still have 70,000 to go.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The City of Saline and then Lodi.

And Van Buren and Belleville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No, above Sumpter.

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

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We still need a whole bunch how about freedom and bridge water.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have a long ways to go.
You are looking at, well, not too bad.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And Sharon and Manchester.
So Wynn and final up north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry. I'm looking in one place and you are speaking another. Now Chelsea is isolated, include them?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's take Chelsea.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what you want?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are 8,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well that is not good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can take away some of what you just added or go in a different direction.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Saline is 8,000, almost 9,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We are taking out Saline.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, Lima and Sylvan.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That gets you right where you need to be.

We need to go in there and get the little pieces cleaned up.

So let's see.

We did that, yep, but your number is going to be very close on this.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Vallette while they are cleaning that up can you provide additional explanation about why you moved where you moved with this District?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I did not want to include the Ann Arbor area because I thought it would be too high of a population so I just tried to keep things you know, similar, I keep for getting, contingent.

Yeah, did you hear me?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, thank you.

Next, Richard?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Again? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, just a moment.

We have two little -- a piece here I'm missing.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Let him catch up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need all the help I can get.

So now we are headed to District six; is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Five is still light.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We took those pieces out because it had some population.

>> KIM BRACE: Need another 4700 people into five.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay let's find another 47 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Turn on the numbers here so you can see what you are up against.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Please take Landon.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Landon and that puts you 2.29% below ideal, which is 2096.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's leave it at that for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay who is next?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right I think I want to go over by the Jackson area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see, I'm getting there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And three rows across the top and at the bottom and leaving out the City of Jackson.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All the way across the bottom here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, over all the way over to liberty, liberty and from there over to liberty and then all the way up but leaving out Jackson itself.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This way or am I going up here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No, no, to the left.

Yes, right there.

And then take Columbia, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That put you at 91,984.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which is a good number.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Weiss can you provide some explanation as to why you put those numbers?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It is pretty and square and I got a pretty close number and it seems to work.

It does fill in that part of the District or region whether we are going to go into a corner here I don't know.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next is Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Hello.

All right we will go back to Livingston County which is north of Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That I know.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: North of it.

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

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So select the following Townships, green oak.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where I mean is that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Three up from where you're at right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Up from where I'm at.

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Bottom left of Livingston County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Green Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Green Oak then Brighton, no just Brighton Township.
Hartland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Osceola and then the top four Conway through
Tyrone.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what you're looking at?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct and I also have a second one here which
would be.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District eight.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yep, just because.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Witjes per rules of procedure the next
District would move on to the next person in line.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Never mind.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you provide explanation as to your thinking
behind District seven here?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Rural areas outside of the main two cities in
Livingston County which would be Howell and Brighton.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Next in line goes back to Commissioner Clark.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go down to the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor area.
Let's take a look at that.

Otherwise we are going to get ourselves stuck.

Let's start with, yeah, the one the Township you're in there, just grab that how many is
that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 76,318.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We are 20,000 short.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 15,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So let's go north of that one that we just did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 91,150.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is right on target.

Good work.

See you only have to click the mouse twice and we got to where we needed to go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Said it all at once it would have been one.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I messed up there.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you provide an explanation as to why you
grouped these areas together here?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I saw that we were going to get ourselves painted into a corner down there because of the high population so I wanted to get us out of that. So I got down to the low end of where that problem was originating.

And then just moved up and it all worked out numbers wise.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you next is Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right, well I'm not going to redo everything this time. So I won't be talking as much.

Kim, quick question for you so we have Ann Arbor there how many House Districts is be made out of that City because it's too big.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 123 plus 9 is 132.
149, 150.

>> KIM BRACE: You got the area underneath Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Two districts all of that combine.

And we can quickly just kind of do it like this, just kind of highlight them all and that area comes out to 198,000, which is over two districts.

And there are some little pieces you would have to pick up but that gives you the general idea.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So maybe somebody can educate me on the area who has been to Ann Arbor but I see Ann Arbor the main City and then I see the suburbs which was mentioned a little earlier as people having you know expensive houses and stuff like that.

When I think of Ann Arbor you know the thing I think of is the University of Michigan. There are a lot of students.

A lot of people around my age who might be voting differently than you know, a more established person with a home out in the suburbs.

So I think that would be a community of interest.

So is there any way we can kind of annex the University of Michigan part and see if there is enough people in that to make it its own District? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you can tell me where it's at, we will go right to it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can anyone tell me where it's at.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: U of M is scattered through the City and winds through the City and I think the biggest problem with Ann Arbor is you get into all these floating precincts so you will click on one area especially as you get up to the northern part of Ann Arbor where you have bar ton hills, if you click on things in bar ton hills it lights all sorts of different areas further down under the City so it's a little tricky to map.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is some aerial photography.
The University of Ann Arbor south of or Huron river.
University of Michigan north.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: North campus.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> KIM BRACE: What you have Commissioners is there are all those Cyan areas are noncontiguous and non-City boundary areas so it's territory that didn't want to be in the City and therefore you've got little pockets of the Township sitting there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If we want, we can still assign them whatever we want and go down to a deeper level than that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would personally start down by Saline and move up and see where your population is at and then start building out from there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, because Saline has to, I mean, it's going to hang out by itself right now.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Put Saline with that township that is above it, that southern part of Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is roughly half.

We need to go in and get these pieces before we go too far otherwise it's going to come back to haunt us.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just have a quick question about that, Kent.

When you select part of an area, the select box and you want to select other areas that are not touching it, are you holding down the shift? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is two ways of doing it.

What I'm doing is I do select box and then I just draw a box.

I got it on blocks so I can Zoom in.

Let me get this cleaned up before I mess up.

So when you click on select box, and you just drag and drop, I mean hold the mouse button down.

You can also do it by poly, a polygon which would be like this and that's how you would lasso a bunch of roadblocks maybe along a river.

You can Zoom way in and do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But to select two different boxes.

>> KIM BRACE: Asking a question of multiple selections.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right okay under selection here, add to selection or new selection, so I'm just going to this will be a quick exercise and we will just do this real quick.

Not the precincts.

We will do it Townships, I'm not going to assign anything.

Select box, you see this right here? I'm just going to select those Townships.

Now if I want to add Lodi to them I have it on add to selection.

I clicked on it once and now it's being added.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If I want to remove Lodi, I click on that, click on that and that's what's left.

And we will take care of some of these dis-contiguities before it's too late.

District nine is seriously fragmented.

How to do that.

Oh, all this up in here.

We will worry.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Those are the ones I'm talking about. You click one area and you get things popping up all over the place.

It's really hard to deal with.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Instead of assigning we will leave them right there until you get it assigned because that may be part of District nine or not.

But.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Those same ones where you see the Huron River coming down. You see those books there. They are all tied to Barton Hills, which is on the other side of the City.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's say you square that off and have the southern part of Ann Arbor with this District nine we just made.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These gold lines are precincts, do you want to use those to work our way in there?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: But I don't want to use that one that protrudes more in the center of the City if possible.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If we have to for population we have to.

But let's see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would be inclined to start here.

We will select it and you can choose to do what you may with them.

So select those and that is roughly, let me get my window out 8100 people.

And I need to add to my selection.

That one.

Is this what you were referring to?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 10,000.

Now do you want me to click on this one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, that one is fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What about these things right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: How many people more do we need? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 43 and we got 15 selected so you need 28 something like that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We need quite a bit more and we will need to go more north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Cut across here like that and see what that is.

That is 28 there and we got some little pieces we need to pick up but that's 28,000 and you need 43.

>> KIM BRACE: What Kent is doing is making the box but keep in mind that when you make the box you want to pick up and touch whatever kind of separate pieces of geography that might be separate.

So when he created the box, he was missing a couple of pieces up above.

But if he had created a little bit larger box, then you would have picked those up.

So it's a question of how to draw the box.

Or as he said, the polygon alternative.

You can use that and get a jagged as opposed to a straight box to assign with.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry about this I kind of got it in a mess.

Now I've got this up here.

So.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, this is what Rebecca was talking about, that sort of thing.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That is exactly what I was talking about.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get it cleaned up here.

All right, assigned it but we will just go quickly right here and do unassign.

And go back to voting precincts.

Unassign that.

I think that is the biggest part of it.

This is the one that had all the pieces down here.

I do see a few pieces.

I mean right now you are 954 people so what we would need to do is go in there and clean these little pieces up right here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay generally that looks pretty good, that is pretty close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we do this and this is just going to have to be part of when you end the City areas and you see it highlighted that and also got all these little pieces up here.

I did voting precincts so that was a mistake.

>> KIM BRACE: Go down to the block level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now when I get them.

That's all the census blocks and I want to put them in nine.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The demographic data that we have, it does not happen to include people living in like dorms or apartments or stuff like that, does it?

>> KIM BRACE: For group quarters they are part of that census block.

Now group quarters are also reported separately.

But what you get in terms of the demographics is you get total population for the overall census block and as a subset the group quarters within that census block.

So dorms or that sort of thing.

But generally when you select the whole census block then you're picking up the dorm and whatever surrounding territory might be in that census block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see one thing of interest that you got to look at is this little area here.

That is part of this Township or do you want -- that is a little hole right there.

So and that's a little hole so the question is do you take this unassign these pink area or assign this to two?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well it has what six people in it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That's four people, no people, no people, 39.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It looks better if we take them out but I'm wondering since it's a part of the county does that present a problem as far as the ballots for those six people since it's a part of a county? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are looking at 39, 41 that are in play here.

>> KIM BRACE: Right so if you end up doing that, what is that, it's not a river, it's a road, that is generally going up and down.

Yeah.

So that is Waverly Road.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or lake view avenue up in here.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is the University or a park or something? But obviously this is.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The University is not in this area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But this is what you got.

If you step back and you click on this census block, we will include this and include those then this census block runs all over a significant area.

Snuck back out and you can see the street names and stuff in there.

This is one census block that goes all the way from up here, down around here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's just take it out and see what it does.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Repeat that please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's take it out in that case.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just a reminder to everybody we have about 7 minutes left of our meeting today and I think MSU is pretty strict about us being done at 5:00 so we will wrap up your District Anthony and we will finish the rest of our agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are good on population so I think I am wrapped up.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Kim, from an aggregate of the districts we made, the plus, minus, how are we sitting right now? Are we way up on the pluses or way down on the minuses? .

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: On the top right hand corner it appears you are one percent up overall.

Which is you know we can also just kind of do it in your head minus one, 1.6, now you are down to .4.

Even and minus so, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We are on target.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Deviation is 1% am I reading that right Kim?

>> KIM BRACE: Partly for these areas the ten if you take the highest under populated and the highest overpopulated, that's what you have for right now.

When you have all this unassigned territory that's what confuses that population deviation, planned deviation number of the upper right hand side.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will look at it once we finish all the House Districts.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Eid before we move on can you provide explanation of the shape of your District here and why you went some of the areas you went?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, Ann Arbor has too many people to have it completely be in one District.

That means it has to be at least two districts.

With that being said I thought it made the most sense to start off where the last District end and move up to the southern part of Ann Arbor.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you everybody we will stop our mapping at this point and we will.

>> KIM BRACE: If I could add.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: Right now you are 3.6% of what you have drawn total deviation for those districts.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is acceptable tolerance.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right guys so good day of mapping.

I think we made some pretty good progress.

I this I this was much smoother than it was on Friday so congratulations to everybody.

I think everybody did their homework over the weekend.

So we will move on to the next item on our agenda, we have approval of the minutes which we do not have any to approve at this time.

Staff reports we do not have a staff report from the Executive Director general Seoul or communications and Outreach Director.

We have MDOS so please proceed Ms. Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners yes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week we will be in Cadillac place in Detroit.

And that is my only update thank you.

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just to confirm tomorrow we are back here.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so back in Lansing tomorrow.

All right correspondence received in advance of today's meeting was provided with written public comments to the comments and I will ask executive Hammersmith to share about future agenda items and hearing none please proceed Executive Director Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Okay so tomorrow we will pick up where we left off today and finish the State House districts and the southeast region and move on to south central that we are working in earlier but we will be working then on State House districts.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much.

Are there any announcements? All right we don't have any announcements and the items on the agenda are completed and no further business I would have a motion to adjourn may I have a motion to adjourn motion made by Commissioner Witjes.

Seconded by Commissioner Orton.

Is there any debate or discussion on the motion? Hearing none if let's go ahead and vote on our motion raise. Your hand if you are in favor and say aye. If you are opposed, please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the meeting is adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Everybody have a great day.