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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right. As the Vice Chair of the Commission I call this meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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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: Good evening, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name, if you are attending remotely announce you are attending remotely and unless your absence due to military duty state the county City Township or village and the state from which you are attending. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending from Reed

City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

Commissioner Wagner, it looks like we are having audio issues again but I will mark you as present thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You can view the agenda at [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC).

I would entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

So moved.

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes and seconded by Commissioner Lett. Is there any debate or discussion on the motion? Hearing none it is moved and seconded that we adopt the meeting agenda. All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

Aye.

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

The ayes prevail and agenda is adopted.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I apologize for the interruption. I wanted to note when Commissioner Wagner is able to have her microphone working that we would need her to state her physical location unless she is on active military duty.

And also consistent with the announcement at the commission's first meeting today I would also like to note that the Grand Traverse County COVID dashboard has indicated there is a spike in cases here so that if people are choosing to wear their mask that I wanted to make sure that information was there for the benefit of the Commissioners.

And the public in this room, this being a public facility.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much.

All right. At this point, without objection, we will now begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the meeting. Hearing no objection, we will proceed with public comments pertaining to agenda topics.

And individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide in person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. Please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number. You will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public comment is number one. Please step to the microphone and you are invited to address the Commission.

>> Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now we can hear you.

>> I live in Leelanau County.

I would like to address the Michigan House Districts, Leelanau County is part of the 101st District.

That includes Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee and Mason, and while we have in common our coasts, the areas are extremely different culturally and geographically.

Frankly, there's never any reason to go down there.

And you notice I say down there.

It's a lovely, lovely place.

What we have in common with Mason, Manistee especially is just that we are all on the water.

Well, we are also all on the water with Traverse City.

And for Leelanau County we have no City. We have delightful villages.

But people in Leelanau County go to Traverse City, that is our town.

We go there for medical needs.

I bet, I'm guessing 95% of us for dental.

We go there for an awful lot of groceries.

We have, they have Costco. Oh, my gosh we go there.

We go there for all of our shopping.

We have friends there.

We are involved in clubs there.

People go to church there.

Traverse City is our town.

And as such it just makes sense that we be in a District together.

We also all have wineries. We have farms.

So we have a lot in common with Traverse City.

So that would be my reflection.

Our lives are integral to what goes on in Traverse City and we would love to be in a District.

Thank you.

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

Next in line is number two.

>> Good evening.

Are you hearing me?

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

>> Okay great. My name is Barb Conley. I'm from Northport in Leelanau County. And forgive me for reading this but I want to be efficient. I first of all want to thank the Commissioners for all the work that they are go doing and for allowing me to speak. I just want for say Michigan has the constitutional amendment in 2018, which removed the redrawing of the district from the legislature and put it in the hands of you, our Independent Commission.

We have been subjected to gerrymandering, including in the recent past.

And Michigan citizens deserve the right to have their vote counted no matter where they live.

So I do urge you to draw districts that do not lead to one party rule in any District. And that includes the first Congressional District as well as districts for the State House and the State Senate.

I would like to see maps drawn with as much as close to zero partisanship as possible.

I also want to note some communities of interest along the Northern Michigan coast, which shares tourism, fruit growing water directed activities, fishing, and sometimes medical care, transportation, and intermediate school districts.

For example, our State Senate District could possibly encompass the northern coast of lower Michigan. And many of those communities of interest would be included.

Our State House District, as said by the previous speaker, could compare northern Grand Traverse County with Leelanau County and encompass wine growers, fruit growers, mass transports, medical care, and the intermediate school districts, as well as tourists.

And in our Congressional District we could unite the water-related communities in the upper, lower, the lower upper and the Upper Peninsula.

Then just one minor note, I'm disappointed the MICRC chose a partisan law firm to represent this body in lawsuits.

Thank you.

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

Number three? You may now address the Commission.

>> Thank you.

Members of the Michigan Redistricting Commission, I live in Leelanau County, a peninsula that adjoins only two other counties, Grand Traverse and Benzie Counties. I was one of the many volunteers who worked for voters not politicians in gathering signatures for the citizens' initiative that led to the formation of your Commission. I urge you to reject any effort to simply modify the current gerrymandered District boundaries and to establish an entirely new State House and Senate districts.

A part of Leelanau County is already within the City limits of Traverse City. Our county has changed over the last ten years as most new residents are retirees, seeking new lives up north.

I believe our average age of our population is now the oldest in the state.

Like many others, my wife and I go to Traverse City once or twice a week for medical care,

To shop, to dine out, to use the cherry capitol airport, and to enjoy the many cultural benefits that are only available in Traverse City.

We get most of our daily news from the Traverse City Record Eagle and the local television and radio stations, all of which are based in Traverse City.

We believe the elderly population of Leelanau County has so much in common with Traverse City that the two should be considered one community of interest.

Leelanau County is also heavily dependent on agricultural with many acres of our rural land devoted protection of cherries, apples and wine grapes.

There are many wineries located in Leelanau County that sell most of their wine in Traverse City stores.

In this instance, most of Leelanau County's farmers share with farmers growing the same products on Traverse City's Old Mission Peninsula. And many tourists visit our area to take winery tours.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> I will give you a copy of my total remarks.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Absolutely. You can give them to us now and we can scan them in or you can submit them via the online portal, whichever way you would prefer.

All right. Thank you, everybody, who has spoken to the Commission.

We are now going to move on to our remote, in-person public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide live, remote public comment will now be allowed to do so.

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

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I will call on you by your name or the last four digits of your phone number. Also please note if you experience audio or technical difficulties or do not hear from you 3-5 seconds, we will move on to the next person in line and return to you after they are done speaking. If your audio still does not work, you can e-mail [redistricting@michigan.gov](mailto:redistricting@michigan.gov) and we will help you troubleshoot so you can participate during the next public comment period at a later hearing or meeting.

Like our in-person comments, you will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

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

>> Can you hear me now? Hello.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Good evening, Mr. Galant. You are now welcome to address the Commission.

>> Hello. My name is James Galant with the Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition. And these are my opinions concerning the manner in which you folks are performing your duties here and to continue our conversation from before. You know, I'd like to -- you are pointing out now, we are going to see things very clearly the process that you people think that you want to create on the fly, but please remember that the process is provided you by the people of the State of Michigan through the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State can be at the meeting and say you must follow Robert's Rules of Order. That is absolutely what you are not doing. You are doing everything, Commissioner Eid still fully interjected while there was a motion, second pending, according to the rules, and was able by rhetoric just change the course of history here.

And say, boom, now look, now we are not going to vote.

You are going to do a bunch of decisions and make one vote at the end.

Well, the vote was at the end of today or at the end of the -- go to each map and should have had a motion to approve the map.

In the UP, the one you did today earlier, motion to approve that district or whatever map that is.

At the end of your discussion today, the vote is not to approve the maps. It's a motion to postpone to the next time you're going to talk about it.

And then you just pick that motion back up at that time.

And you all know this.

This is not the process that, the process you are using is on the fly. And I think that you already got that movie made. You got that documentary movie already made. And you are going to just facilitate this to be it.

Well, I got to tell you, this is why you're going to get sued.



You are going to get sued. And I got to tell you that the governmental immunity I bet the people, I keep telling you that governmental. Well, not if you're not following the laws and rules of government. Because then that falls to the floor and then you are on your own. You are on your own. And you're personally responsible for your vote. And people don't want to vote because you don't want to be responsible for it. It's like shared leadership. That's why I've been wanting you people to have a personal relationship with each other, so they can play you. Commissioner Eid played everybody. Played everybody today and your emotions. And guess what, that is supposed to be honorable. You have a motion and you know what you're going to be talking about, then they can't change it, and you just go by the rules.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Mr. Galant. Next in line to address the Commission is Mark Payne. Please wait for our staff to unmute you.

>> All right. Can everybody hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Good evening. We can hear you. Please go ahead.

>> Good afternoon. I would first like to thank you all for your dedicated hard work and transparency. My name is Mark Payne. I'm a Detroit resident and a Black president, Courtland Street Black Club. I'm also the Democracy coordinator for the Michigan League of Conservation of Voters Education Fund.

After reviewing your current schedule, we believe there is not enough time carved out for the Detroit Metro area.

The Detroit Metro area is 40% of our population in Michigan. And, therefore, includes a significant amount of our state's districts.

Given the number of people within these districts, more time is needed for this area that is currently allocated.

I encourage you to more fairly reallocate planning mapping hours to the Detroit region, Detroit Metro region, I'm sorry, so each District and communities within it receive the attention they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration have a great day.

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

Next in line to speak is Kurtis Fernandez. Please wait for our staff to unmute you.

>> Hello. Are you all able to hear me today?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Good evening. Please feel free to address the Commission.

>> Hello. My name is Curtis Fernandez and I'm with API vote Michigan.

I want to say thank you to the Commissioners for coming out last week to Metro Detroit to meet with our AAPI community.

I'm speaking to you today to ask that the Commission revises the remainder of their roadmap to reallocate more time mapping the Metro Detroit region, specifically Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

As of 2020 census data, over 3.9 million people or roughly 39% of the total state population live in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

As is the case Metro Detroit should in theory contain a disproportionate number of districts, so we as a state need to spend more time focusing on Metro Detroit.

We do want to keep in mind that Metro Detroit is arguably the most diverse region in Michigan and contains various communities that may be underrepresented in our political process.

This gives us further justification to give more time to redistricting in Metro Detroit especially since I know that we all collectively want to right the wrongs that gerrymandering has caused to our state.

We've also seen a high volume of community of interest submissions for our specific region.

So from an operational standpoint, it would make practical sense to dedicate more time to Metro Detroit and to take into account the various submissions and review them.

Thank you so much.

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

Next in line, and I apologize if I'm going to mispronounce your name, here is Isra-Daraiseh.

>> Hi, everyone. It's Isra-Daraiseh.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are free to address the Commission.

>> I'm a concerned resident voter in Michigan and I want to echo a couple other people that already spoke in regards to the map.

And so I spend a lot of my time in Wayne County and Greater Detroit.

And I many main ask is that the Commission take this very seriously when they are thinking about drawing the map for Metro Detroit. And adjust your plan to spend that time in regards to making something equitable.

Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County are the three most populous in the state. And just like Kurtis mentioned, there is almost 4 million people that are in those counties. And, for example, compared to the UP, who has about a little bit over 800,000 people, it's not equitable to spend the same amount of time drawing maps for these two different regions.

And so, again, the whole point of this process is to not end up gerrymandering again. And it just seems like that could potentially happen if you are quickly trying to draw a map for that large of a population, for that diverse of a population.

I'm an Arab American. And there are so many other, different ethnic minorities that reside in these different counties. And so for decades these communities have been marginalized, have been overlooked. And so, again, I urge you not to repeat history. And think very seriously about how you go about how you go about drawing these maps and just think about the residents and the whole purpose of why this Commission was even created.



There is a lot of -- there was a high volume of community of interest submissions as well from the Detroit Metro region. And so the region deserves, sorry about that, the time for you to do through those appropriately.

And so that is my main point.

Please extend the time that you are able to extend for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and better known now as Metro, Detroit Metro according to the Commission.

So thank you so much.

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

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

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

Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide a second remote public comment to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. We will use the same process as the first round. First in line to provide public comment is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me, Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I can. You are now invited to address the Commission.

>> All right. Thank you. My name is James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition. And these are my opinions.

And I guess to carry out the same conversation we had going here about the bullying. You know, this thing about hearing no objections, that's clearly bullying because, you know, just remember back in the school yard, everybody seen and heard about bullying people in public and doing this. All a bully has to do is make sure that nobody objects. They don't have to agree, but make them not object. So this whole system is based on bullying. And I'm coining the phrase institutionalized bullying because you are letting people bully you.

Because you are just saying, oh, well, you are just going to go along and not take the consequence of whatever that might be.

To the folks in Metro Detroit, and Mr. Payne in particular, he was speaking and the lady behind me here that just spoke seems not very competent in your process either. But my prediction is that the maps are already drawn.

The maps are already drawn. And what is going to happen is it is going to be like musical chairs. And what is going to happen, and Commission Kellom passed this morning a map drawing. Because she is going pass until the end and be the last one to draw the lines. Bam, done. They are the lines, good to go.

Yeah, like musical chairs almost, kind of, you know. And, you know, you folks like to use that word kind of. Everybody is saying kind of like this and kind of like that. And then by consensus, yes, it is.

So you need to be voting.

I got to tell you, we should start over.

My prediction and my recommendation, you start over on the first page of the book of Robert's Rules of Order. And get a report from the litigation lawyer about the risk management of being actually called out on and sued by you didn't follow the process. And have him review the process. And have him tell you this is what he sees and how it's supposed to be working here when the Secretary of State clearly provided to you you must follow Robert's Rules of Order in the orientation.

And even those non-profits cheat sheets say, motion first, and second, then you have discussion, that is how it's done. Every single one of those say that. And then you just didn't take anybody recommendations here, not your lawyers, not the Secretary of States. And you're doing something different. Well, this was not the process that was provided to you by the people of the State of Michigan.

Just remember that. You are going to be held personal responsible for it and this is a disaster. This is a cluster.

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

That concludes our public comment for this evening. However, I would like to mention that all mailed and e-mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before and after each meeting and the Commissioners also review the comment portal at [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC) website on a regular basis.

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

At this time, before we move on, I will note our Chair did have to leave. And so I am acting as Vice Chair or acting as Chair right now. So in the event I need to leave the room, I'm going to say Commissioner Lett to act as acting Chair in the event that I'm unable to be in the room for whatever reason.

All right. Moving on to the next item on the agenda, we are going to return to unfinished business, agenda item 5A, continuing with the mapping of drafts for the northeast, northwest and Upper Peninsula regions.

Hearing no objections, we will continue with this process. And I believe we were almost done.

We had almost finished up our Senate seats our draft. And I believe, Commissioner Orton, we left off with you. Are you wanting to work on that a little more? Were you happy with where you were at?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was finished.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You were finished with where you were at. So at this point we will move on to Commissioner Rothhorn. And I believe we have two drafts that are going right now. One with some changes by Commissioner Eid, and one, the last

one worked on by Commissioner Orton. So if you would please specify which one you prefer.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I believe we have three.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We have three.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So the first and the third are similar.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so, MC, which do you want to work off of? Or do you want to see them first?

>> MR. MORGAN: I can show you each one.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Would you? Thank you. Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Give me just a moment, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is the first one where let's see just to review the features of this plan, so this is the one where Commissioner Clark stopped at Luce not taking any of Chippewa or Mackinac.

Commissioner Curry did District 2, Commissioner Lange did District 3, Commissioner Lett did District 4 and we kind of stopped at that.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: This one, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

There we go.

Okay and this is the version two where again the difference here is District 1 Commissioner Eid's version brought to District 1 over to Sault St. Marie and then the balance of Chippewa, Mackinac and most of the eastern side and then District 2 is left essentially unfinished, so that is version two.

And version three we will bring up has two districts.

It's going to be the same as the District one in the first and just a single District that is the western Section plus Mackinac and Chippewa and it's like 30 people off the idea.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'd like to start with this one, with the second, I guess this is number two, right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, if you will let me make a copy of this so I have a plan like we hold this in reserve as a stopping point and then continue.

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

You know in the spirit of collaboration.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm not editing much.

I want to work on a collaborative map.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is fine.

No problem, all right so go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So let's try to finish up the green one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And sorry I can't see the numbers.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure at the moment District 2, just a moment, this goes here, okay, District 2 is 219,000 out of the ideal 365, right, and we will add the regions in.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Two is the green one, correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's finish up the southern southwestern portion and we are doing the Senate, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Point of order.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was under the impression we do have to start over with a new clone since this is a new meeting for the public record.

We were not on recess.

So because of it being a new meeting don't we have to clone it and start with a new one?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel any input on that?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes, Madam Chair let me pull up the process so I don't misquote anything.

Under the collaborative line drawing Section of the mapping protocol document, the Commissioner that's next in alphabetical order may elect to choose one of the previously created maps or may begin a new map.

So the cloning would be appropriate.

I don't know if Ms. Reinhardt had more to add to that.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Appropriate but not necessary?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Correct, the Commissioner can elect to choose it says one of the pre-created District maps presented by individual Commissioners at a starting point or they will begin the drawing of a District in the scheduled region. But, again, previously the Commission was revising those cloned maps as long as they are saved separately that would be appropriate as well.

Does that respond to the question appropriately Commissioner Witjes?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes that was a yes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, that was appropriate, that answered my question.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: If you would like to collaboratively decide which one to move forward with, that is fine.

But it does say in alphabetical order rotation.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think I'm just going to proceed from here is that okay?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, and for the record I did save a shape file of this plan as it is right now and I sent it to Kim Brace so we do have a copy of that plan as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I certainly appreciate Mr. Morgan adding that for the benefit of the public through work product from the days meetings so from the morning session excuse me from the session earlier this afternoon that occurred from 1-4 the results from that session will be posted as well as this session for the day's work thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay let's continue and let's fill in the southwest corner and continue down the coast if we need more population.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you have Benzie 17,000 and Manistee about 25. There is also a portion of Wexford. We will Zoom in and look at that.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you want to.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I do.

I'm strictly looking at population and trying to you know complete our Senate map for this region.

>> MR. MORGAN: Eastern half of Wexford including the City of Cadillac was taken in District 3 and we are adjusting District 2.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And I appreciate and I still can't see the numbers so I guess what I mean I can't read how far off we are so please.

>> MR. MORGAN: So at this point it's negative 1.1 and it's 262 out of 265. The balance of the County by my estimation would keep you within the population tolerance and would also probably take you to just slightly over, just barely over.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay let's do it and call it good.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so there it's 4,000 over 1.5 deviation.

And that's the balance of Wexford County.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay and so we have a largely costal western, okay.

Great so, yeah, the reason I like this is, yeah, it does -- so I'm providing explanation. I am finished.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Let him provide your explanation and we can call on other people.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I did hear that Grand Traverse, yeah, so this is the Senate direction we need the population and are filling in this region.

There are like we heard in the public comment they are not quite the same.

They are different but the breath of it is the western coast and the northwestern coast and there is a lot of similarities that, yeah, sound like it's a good fit.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me make a suggestion.

One of the things we did with this in the orange District 2 is we split one of the counties.

Why don't we move that back and make it a whole county in the orange.

And I think the green will still be number wise still be okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We can in one of the public comments there is I think it may be -- I think Wexford in that like a little bit more rural and they may actually connect more with like a Percy. And I'm not sure but based on the public comment it's more rural and may be less connection with the more urban or the more developed towns.

So I mean I appreciate the suggestion but just to keep the County whole I think there may be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is one of the comments we've gotten consistently in the public hearings.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: To keep counties whole.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, and it helps the City clerks the county clerks.

Just a suggestion.

I yield back.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I just want to again state because I know Department of State is going to be waving over there that the criteria of keeping Townships and communities and cities together is number 7 on our list and does not take priority over any other considerations that we might have that are further up on the list so I'm just stating that for the public watching.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I just want to make a comment now that we have gone over and we basically doubled our amount of population that are over. And I personally believe that we are spending too much time trying to keep counties whole at this particular point.

It is the lowest of the things we need to be worried about apt this particular point and we should not be worried about dividing up a county.

I would recommend shaving off pieces of the bottom so that we get of the entire bottom line of what was just drawn across districts 2 and 3 so that we can get closer to that zero mark, zero deviation mark.

And as long as we are keeping Townships and precincts whole, we are not really doing too much damage to county clerks at all whatsoever.

It's once you start going into blocks is causing the issues.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree that we should try and have a goal of as little deviation as possible.

But I also think that at this point maybe this is good and as we look at the communities of interest then we can change the smaller pieces here and there to get the deviations correct.



>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Orton, Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thanks for the input that is helpful and I will keep it the way it is and as we get around to the second around and we will be drawing House Districts next and will be exciting.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: With that being said let me just make sure our online participants do not have comments.

At this point we are going to move on we have completed the northeast Upper Peninsula and northwest regions of our State Senate maps so at this point we are going to move on to the house maps for that same region.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I apologize I think we should do dis-continuity.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can you do a dis-continuity check?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry I can and I also want to review this map with Kim after we do that.

One moment here.

So okay so this is an issue where these unpopulated water blocks are part of the same County and they are grouped together.

So we essentially will have to probably separate those.

If I click on them, if I click on it as a unit and assign the portion that you intended to be in District one it's also going to fill in this down here.

And again these are unpopulated portions of the lake.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And there is two blocks in that lower region and they are both 0 because it's water.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I will assign those to three is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Looks like they are census blocks within the water.

>> MR. MORGAN: Can you believe it?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I do now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now you have seen it all.

>> KIM BRACE: The census blocks tend to reflect the three mile outer coastline, along the coasts so they put them in to the lakes also.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, it's an extension of the County line, straight across from the lakes it looks like.

So I do want to point out I just want to you know we will check the contiguity and then after that when we save and export this plan, I think Kim will take a look at it and just make sure that everything is in alignment like we think it is.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thanks.

>> MR. MORGAN: The program says there are no dis-contiguity errors in the plan.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Whoot, whoot.

That was an official whoop whoop for the record.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right. So let's move on to the house plan. So moving forward with new business, Item 6A, begin mapping draft for the northwest, northeast and Upper Peninsula state house districts. These regions in which the Commission will be working at this time, providing a starting point so we are not mapping the entire state at one time. Regions are not districts. The districts lines will be drawn across region lines as Commission meets the criteria listed in the Michigan Constitution starting with equal population.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I have a blank plan for the house, okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: If you could Zoom into the Upper Peninsula for me. And I want to start with the island that is all the way out and come down the peninsula. And you can just do it by County if that works. So let's start there and then come down.

Then I want you to go west of where you are now and select those counties on the outside.

What does that put me at number wise?

>> MR. MORGAN: 59,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm trying to get to 91, is that right?

>> MR. MORGAN: That's right.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go over and grab, what is the name of this County? The one that is southern.

>> MR. MORGAN: Iron.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Iron county and let's go on the other side of that and grab that county too and let me know where we are at.

>> MR. MORGAN: Dickinson.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I want to keep Baraga and Marquette together and I'm worried we are not going to be able to do that if they get mixed in with this.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is 97,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 97 so it's over and what is the percent it's over?

>> MR. MORGAN: 6.1.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 6.1.

Can we go down to the precinct level or Township level and take off a little bit?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Take off from the outside end.

>> MR. MORGAN: From the eastern edge or the northern edge?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Let's see what we got here number wise.

>> MR. MORGAN: They are fairly sparsely populated.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: They are pretty sparsely populated.

How much was I over by?

>> MR. MORGAN: 5,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 5,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So if you grab the let's see what we got here the 1, 600.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: The 236, the 239 and then the 925, that should get us closer and pull in the City of crystal falls too or pull out I should say, not pull in.

>> MR. MORGAN: So bring out, yes, out?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Which one is that?

>> MR. MORGAN: Breen, 471 population.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: What are we at population wise right now?

>> MR. MORGAN: Positive 4.1, 3765 over.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: How much over.

>> MR. MORGAN: 3765.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 37 overtake out the one in the upper.

And then sorry I'm having a hard time seeing what's on your screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Norway Village, Norway Township and Waucesdah.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Take off Waucesdah.

And Norway.

And then scroll up to make sure I didn't create any dis-contiguities.

Okay, I think that is good.

I think I will leave it at that.

And for the record I'm just trying to stick with population for that.

So next in line would be.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry appreciate the explanation there.

Can you also explain why you started where you started?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Where I started where?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Why you started where you began.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was just starting at the eastern or western most edge of the Upper Peninsula and moving down.

And then again with an eye on keeping Baraga and Marquette together because we specifically received public comments about that.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: A couple comments relative to this District.

>> KIM BRACE: Commissioner if I could, before we go there and before you believe you have a couple of noncontiguous parts.

>> MR. MORGAN: Around Norway.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's a City Township boundary.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah.

Go ahead, sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Szetela is 2800.

What is the Township above it how many in the Township above it? Okay so I'm over by 900 so here is what I want you to do take Norway Township off and add back in Sagola and that should balance that out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Norway village.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, so add in the Norway Township back in.

Is that right? No, I'm sorry, I'm confused.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is okay I think what you mean to do is take Norway village out.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Out yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: And add Sagola.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Then see where we are at.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will be about 800 under.

824 under.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 824 I think that is good.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: A couple comments.

From the public hearings, I heard a lot that Baraga Marquette and Alger counties should stay together.

I don't know if that is impacted on this map.

Another point I would like to make, two other points.

One is we ought to recognize that the four counties that bump up against Wisconsin are all in another time zone.

So I never heard that in the public hearings.

But it's an impact, you know, for the elections and so forth so we may want to keep that in consideration.

And then the other thing I heard was the individuals that had talked about the 70 minute commute.

And to get to their polling place.

And I don't see where we can fix that.

Off the top of my head and I believe it was in Baraga County from my notes.

But that is impacted I believe on this map here.

Can we look at Baraga County?

>> MR. MORGAN: The County is whole and not assigned to District 1 so it's available.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, so that is a consideration later then, okay, I yield back.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just for the record, Vice Chair Szetela has stepped away.

Steve Lett is temporarily Chairing the meeting.

Are there any other comments before we move on? Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I'm going to start at the northern part of the UP and we are going to take Baraga and Marquette.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Baraga is how it's pronounced.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Sorry thank you, Marquette.

Alger.

>> MR. MORGAN: That leaves 83,000 people in this District.

About 8,000 short.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Schoolcraft.

And I'll leave it at that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Vallette if you add Schoolcraft that is going to block it all off.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: May I suggest that you take a look at the Townships in Dickinson and see if the remainder of those Townships can get you there.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you I did not see that it went all the way into the water.

Okay so we will remove Schoolcraft.

Thank you, Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Too bad.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> MR. MORGAN: You want to take the balance of Dickinson County?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I can't see, oh, they are saying yes.

Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: The balance of Dickinson brings the District to negative 2200.

It's negative 2.4%.

So it's within the tolerance on the negative side.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, and we will end there thank you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much I would again give a reminder if Commissioner Wagner is able to verbally provide her location, that would be wonderful for the record.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Am I unmuted? This is Commissioner Wagner. I am remotely attending from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Vallette can you provide explanation about your District?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, yes.

It was basically continuing across the Upper Peninsula and concentrating on population.

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And then Commissioner Witjes showed me that I blocked it off so I switched it and took the rest of Dickinson County.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right any other comments or discussions? All right we will move on to the next person.

Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Hello, thank you.

Vice Chair.

I guess we will start with Menominee.

>> MR. MORGAN: Menominee County.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please and take it up through Schoolcraft.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And it looks like where are we now, we are shy 23,000.

Grab Luce and 17, and I guess can we go down to Townships and see what Chippewa has? Because otherwise I think we will be dis-contiguous for 17,000.

Can you now Zoom out just a little bit, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: So the portion to the south of the District 3 here this is Mackinac County and then Chippewa up here and as I Zoom in mostly for the population.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yeah, but I want to stay with Chippewa right now because I think otherwise.

>> MR. MORGAN: So White Fish is 474, Halbert is 171 and those are on the border of your District that you are building.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I have 17,000 to go.

Yes please.

My concern though is we heard you know keep Wisconsin county border tones on counties together and superior counties together and Michigan counties together.

So if we can get White Fish and then the one, yes, please.

Halbert Chippewa Bay Mills, superior.

>> MR. MORGAN: You said Ken Ross and superior.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Bay mill and superior first.

>> MR. MORGAN: Bay mill and superior.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And Kinross.

8,000 and if you can pan out just a little bit, John.

I think we are going to have to go ahead and follow the Sault St. Marie there is 2000 up there.

And what does that leave us on the southern side of Doster and Kinross.

>> MR. MORGAN: Two in Chippewa, Trout Lake which is 332 and Rogers is almost 1300.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's take both of those.

Now to the west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Approximately 5,000 under.



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>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yeah, if you can pan out a little bit and go west. What about the one directly south of the County line? I don't have my to your left.

>> MR. MORGAN: In Mackinac County or staying in Chippewa?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's go to Mackinac County, in the upper corner left by Manistique Lake.

Portage, yes, and the one southern, beneath that one.

I'm still 4,000 short?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is right about 4,000, sorry 3700 after taking Newton and, yeah, so okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Starfield, Hudsonville and Hendrix. What does that do to the Native American tribes up that way? Are we still -- so Mackinac John the one to the left, the first white, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take this Moran?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.

And I think, boy, that, hum, I would say stay there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I'm going to just Zoom to the entire District so you can look at it.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Wagner.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If that darker, slightly darker shaded area on the map is the Native American land, then I think it cut that in half.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, it looks like I believe this is it could be.

I have not confirmed this whether this is tribal land or not.

>> KIM BRACE: Actually, Ms. Chairman.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: I have pulled up what the Census Bureau defines as reservations.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> KIM BRACE: It's not as large as what we have thought about before.

But I do have that on my screen so I could show you where those are.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Please do.

>> KIM BRACE: Let me go and share my screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Also that just may be wilderness.

Like it's defined that way.

That is probably what that is.

Because this theme is not a census layer.

This is the background when Fred first explained the software there were multiple background options to show so again this is not coming from the census, the little shaded area.

>> KIM BRACE: So what we have here, this is the Census Bureau has a set in their Tiger files that defines all the reservation property. Now, as I said, these are smaller. And this may not be what people think sometimes. But this is what the Census Bureau recorded. And so in this area and you can see this mission area that we talked about earlier today. Part of that little peninsula is reservation land on that regard. So Dustin, have you seen it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I just wanted to make notice with the last edition that was made to this District you cutoff the Upper Peninsula from the Lower Peninsula.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So that is Sault St. Marie we are looking at right now, right?

>> MR. MORGAN: This is Mackinac this is where the bridge comes in to the UP. I'm so sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right there, that is Sault St. Marie.

>> KIM BRACE: Not looking at yours yet so you can see I mean there is little pockets.

I don't know if there is a casino right here that's being categorized.

That is probably what it is.

You come across the bridge.

And right on the south side of the bridge too on that side.

So up here these are all real little pockets.

They are not large territories.

You end up seeing I mean you see up here in Baraga you see the larger territory up there for the reservation.

And then of course you end up seeing down here the biggest territory in the state.

So it is here.

It is kind of smaller and it does not really comport exactly.

I think somebody had mentioned that where the Indian population is not necessarily only on the reservation.

And you can clearly see that if you look at the two on that side.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Great, thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, so.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Any other comments about where we are at right now? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well then, I think that brings the question why are we concerned with where the reservations are? Shouldn't we be more concerned with where the actual people are? Of that decent?

>> KIM BRACE: It does demonstrate that point, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Do we have that?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that was the map I shared earlier.

>> KIM BRACE: That was the map that was shared.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: For the record came from Mr. Brace.

So he had provided it to all of us.

You can share it again if you want.

I still have it open.

>> KIM BRACE: I did find it after you found it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can I ask a question?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm trying to get clarity those little red patches were the reservations?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, that's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: All right, thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, I have it here.

If you plug it back in, I will show you where it is.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay so here is our population map, where the population is.

So you can see we have these up here how wider it is in terms of the concentration.

Now these are down at the block group level.

This is not, well, these are, yeah, as well as Township.

So we have some of these at different layers of geography.

This is actually from the ACS.

Let me see.

I pulled this from, you have a different one.

Look at those.

I'll have to find those.

Again, I apologize.

I thought I had those.

I was looking at the wrong ones.

We will go back to John and I'll go and find these.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right so Commissioner Wagner.

>> MR. MORGAN: To Commissioner Witjes' point, yeah, he is pointing this out.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You cut it off so that needs to be backed out and I think you have to go back to Townships to do that.

Unless you just -- can you pull off just the one?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I just pulled off the one with the undo command.

And just point out at this point that District is only 2200 under.

So it's within your tolerance

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Wagner are you satisfied with the District you drew?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Not really, but I'm going to have to go with it, aren't I? Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for your candor.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: You're welcome.

For MDOS I will give a clarification I continued west to east so we could get some contiguity in there in population thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much Commissioner Wagner.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: At this point we will move on to Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: John it looks like I will start at Sault Ste. Marie and finish up on our map and pretty much fill all that in, I guess, from there on down and see what our totals are.

>> MR. MORGAN: Taking the water in as well.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just going to go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Fill them in.

>> MR. MORGAN: And take a moment.

So that is the balance of Chippewa County and that's not, well, it's on 24,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess you might as well take it all the way down to the bridge then.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the balance of Mackinac.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, the balance.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so with the remainder of the UP, that's 32000 people in the District 4.

And again we have to split the unpopulated water blocks because this water is not contiguous to there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think that resolves the water issue.

One moment.

Not quite.

Okay so you have Emmet and Cheboygan are next to adjacent counties.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right.

Let's take in.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are about 59,000 down.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's take in Emmet and Charlevoix.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay one moment.

Okay so that District is 590.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think I kind of like that because we had a little less in District 3 so we got a little over here so that will take up some of that difference.

I think I will stick with that.

>> KIM BRACE: Madam Chair I do have the right map for you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, go ahead and show it to us Mr. Brace.

Commissioner Weiss what was your thought process drawing the District the way you did?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It wasn't too hard I had to finish the Upper Peninsula so it was not much fuss there and add the next two to get my tote up a little bit over so we had a little negative in the Upper Peninsula so we gained a little bit that way.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

Any questions or comments about what was just drawn? All right so here is the map with the Native American population.

>> KIM BRACE: Right and this is at the block group level.

So I zoomed down into the area right by the bridge, on that side.

And you can end up seeing certainly over here the reservations that is there compared to that shape over there on that side -- reservation.

And clearly in this neck of the Woods and St. Marie you do have well you do have in St. Marie you've got close to certainly over there in the other precinct or Township that was there and you can see that part of the reservation is also what is causing that to be relatively high in the percentage right along the lake there.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: At this point we will move on to our next Commissioner which is Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, flip a coin, see where I want to start.

All right. Let's do Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency and Alpena.

>> MR. MORGAN: Otsego?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is over by 10,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Take Ostego out, Ostego, okay, so we are at 10,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't think it finished calculating, it has so you need to add 15,000 approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's do Alcona.

Let's take the very top rectangle of Ostego on the Township level.

>> MR. MORGAN: Otsego not Oscoda?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Otsego, yes.

Okay let's go down to Oscoda Township I mean the County.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we took one Township up here.

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct, I want to see what is over here.

Clinton.

Commons.

And let's do Elmer and green wood.

Sorry around 400 around here enter? I know I'm over but I'm trying to knock out one of the 2200s we were under.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can take out Corinth from the other County.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Go back to where we just were.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Otsego.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Never mind I think I will keep it right where it's at.

As far as rationale, this would be a House District encompassing the northeast portion of the Lower Peninsula.

Adding in extra population in Oscoda and Otsego counties to offset either District 2 or 3 by some population.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Any questions or comments? About what Commissioner Witjes has drawn? All right seeing none good job Dustin.

No one has any questions for you.

It's because you did such an awesome job.

All right we are going to move back to the top of our list which brings us back to Commissioner Clark? Could you put up the frame again of our regions just I'm curious I can't remember if we are one more down or two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I want to concentrate on the high population areas.

So let's do Traverse City.

And Leelanau peninsula.

Take a look at the two of them together.

>> MR. MORGAN: So put two in a District and take away from it is that what you want to do?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I want to take away from Grand Traverse County but I'm going to take away the bottom eight.

I want to make sure it's eight.

Whatever the bottom two rows of Townships are.

So I want to take Grand Traverse County minus more rural areas of it.

See where we are population wise.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight possibly.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, possibly.



>> MR. MORGAN: I'll do four at a time.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Tell me what the population is once you do the four.

>> MR. MORGAN: We are subtracting so we are still over Green Lake is 6700 and Blair about 9,000 is pretty close to what you're looking for.

Or East Bay which is quite large at 11,000.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's try the 9,000 one.

>> MR. MORGAN: That puts you right at within 1% deviation.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay can you make the map smaller so I can take a look at it?

>> MR. MORGAN: Zoom out or in?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You are good there.

So that basically in my opinion puts us to a high population area together to you know the two areas in the state Leelanau peninsula and the City of Traverse City not the rural area to the south of it.

So I'd like to stay with that.

Sarah?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just flagging the area with a little pointed area, can you check that for contiguity? The unassigned area right to the right.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm sorry what is the question?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: With the little pointed area can you check it for dis-contiguity is that right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want to check it for contiguity.

>> MR. MORGAN: It should be okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I see what she is talking about the peninsula jetting out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Showing District 3 with three parts.

This is probably these are islands.

Okay this is looking back at the District 3.

One moment.

Okay, so you probably have to look at the islands here in District 3 and 4.

So we probably would look at assigning these water blocks to District 3 because they are islands.

Part one.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: While we have a break one of the comments, I was looking at around this region is that Blair and Garfield counties are definitely part of the Traverse City region.

And I know that you got the bottom right corner with Fife lake Township so if there is a way to take the take Fife lake out of your District and put it in Blair or Garfield, I can't remember what it was, just make a switch.

These are Townships but it may.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Grand Traverse Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: In the Grand Traverse region.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will take a look at that as soon as we finish up this.

I was thinking about something similar to that.

That we chose around Townships, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm assigning the unpopulated water area to the districts.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When you finish that John let's go back to Grand Traverse County and take a look at that.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just want to note for the record that Commissioner Orton, Commissioner Rothorn, Commissioner Lange, and Commissioner Wagner are still in the meeting. However, you can't see them right now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry for the delay but the issue here is that this larger water block seems to separate the two portions of District 4.

So normally I would include that in this but it's a large water block.

And then you have the island that end up being not included in that.

So it looks like we are going to have to do a little more work there.

>> KIM BRACE: What it also shows is that the Census Bureau assigns some water to the different counties so you can see that is why the regions that we've got built which were done on counties if you remember, that's what's dividing all that part of the lake there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right, so this is since we split Mackinac County it's become an issue with some of the islands being in one District and the water being in the other.

>> KIM BRACE: We can end up fixing that later on.

I mean we can continue on and come back.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I suggest we come back and clean it up later because these are drafts.

And we are nowhere near final so why don't we just.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go back to Grand Traverse County.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are still working on yours?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I want to tweak it a little more.

Okay so how far west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Blair and Green Lake you want to reassociate with the Traverse City District? Or one of them?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is the population on the districts that we've excluded from Grand Traverse County?

>> MR. MORGAN: All of this portion here, 1720, 25, 29.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's the west Townships we are interested in.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Blair and Garfield were mentioned.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Add Blair and Garfield back and see if we can subtract more from the east side or, yeah, the east side of the County.

We can get where we were.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now we are back to being 16,000 over.

So you would potentially look at Acme, East Bay and white water.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to eliminate those.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John, can you scroll up just a little bit? It looks like, okay, I wondered where it says elk rapids I wondered if you cut something else.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Sarah was trying to address that earlier the little point, I think.

>> MR. MORGAN: But it's part of the other County so the peninsula I believe is considered contiguous by the definitions we have been provided.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So the tip of the peninsula is another County?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much population is in there?

>> MR. MORGAN: 2500.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to add that in.

To me that is part of the Traverse City complex.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: General Counsel would you just assuming that might be something that we run into again where it's part of a different County can you confirm if peninsula not connected to the main body would be considered contiguous?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair.

So peninsulas would be connected to the main body of land as distinct from an island.

So, again, going to a peninsula that is part of a different County, I would again go back to the constitutional criteria that islands are required to be part of the County to which that they are associated.

But the same is not true for peninsulas.

So that could be assigned to a different District, separate from the rest of on land whatever that County is.

The counties can be separated.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is option for us, we can assign it to this District we are talking about or another District.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: And specifically, Commissioner Clark, it's where the cursor is.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Correct so it is connected up by.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's the tip of the peninsula.

>> MR. MORGAN: And it's not actually a peninsula to just to show this here.  
The elk rapids area where we are looking at.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Okay, that's correct, Mr. Morgan.  
So that is just separated.

It's just surrounded by the Bay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I guess maybe it is here.  
Here is the elk river.

But again this is I think this is Antrim County.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: If it's not an island there is no mandate to keep it with  
the County it's currently assigned to.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is it an island? I didn't see the blowout of it.  
It's considered as a peninsula around here I believe.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett? This is your area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It's not considered a peninsula.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I consider it a peninsula.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: They don't here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: They don't?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think at elk rapids there is a river there and  
connected to the bridge so I think that little part there that is just above the green needs  
to be with the green to be contiguous is what it looks like to me.

>> MR. MORGAN: But it's a different County.  
The green is a separate County.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So according to the rules we don't -- we associate it  
with the County that it's in.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Consistent with the rules it can be if it's not an island it  
can be associated with the County that it's located in or that it can be, again, consistent  
with the constitutional criteria when the Commission works through it, it doesn't.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Steve, you're saying it is an island.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: No.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's not an island it's a peninsula

>> JULIANNE PASTULA: It's not an island nor a peninsula.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It's not considered a peninsula around here elk rapids is  
just a town up there.

It's not like old mission or Leelanau.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

COMMISSIONER CLARK: How much population are we talking about in that area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: About 2500.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What might clear this up visually can you just put that whole County in any other color so we can just see the whole County that it's a part of?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is what it is.

Does that help?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Not an island.

Can we Zoom in to that particular Elk Rapids?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, Elk Rapids is outside the District.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So it's in a different County.

From the rest of the peninsula for lack of a better word.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, and let's leave it in that County.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Is it dis-contiguous, I'm asking General Counsel is it dis-contiguous if it's connected by water to the other area? I know for islands it's based on the County they are connected to.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, so how about we just go to the block level and just draw everything up to elk rapids in blocks and make it part of District 6 and call it a day.

Because I mean and then everything else up to the bridge to the other part can be part of whatever that County is, I can't remember the name of it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just as a point of reference it's currently in District 105.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So your suggestion Dustin bring up block level to where the water break is.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Right where the bridge is from elk rapids to across the elk river.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, that seems reasonable.

Let's try that.

>> KIM BRACE: This is what we are showing here.

These are the block level populations with for all the different blocks, south of the river, south of the bridge there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's include those.

>> KIM BRACE: Down in District 6.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I have another question wouldn't bridges make it contiguous any way because it's the same reason as why the Mackinac bridge makes St. Ignace contiguous of Mackinaw City?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I don't think that is true for redistricting though.

I mean we may colloquially refer to it though.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If that were the case there would be no way to connect St. Ignace to Mackinaw City so because of that particular reason we are putting way too much thought into this particular piece.

Like, yeah, we deal with bridges here all the time and since it happened in Mackinac St. Ignace down to Mackinaw City, I would assume that it would be the same in this particular case.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Again Madam Chair the distinction being if you looked when Mr. Morgan had been zoomed out for a period of time, the distinction between the Leelanau peninsula Old Mission Peninsula and what we are looking at welling rapids but credit the Commission has been and it's standard to include the bridges.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And I also think that I think Commissioner Lett had a valid point with right now elk is it elk river is actually part of District 105, which is the County it's a part of.

So I think based on historical fact that it is currently combined with the County it belongs to, not the County underneath it, that we could in good faith say that that's not a dis-continuity.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Also not divide the town.  
Keep the town whole.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to divide the town I think that is the wrong thing to do.

>> KIM BRACE: And create another precinct the town would have to keep track of.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want us to start doing that to any town so let's go back down to Grand Traverse.

What if we eliminated -- are we over or under right now?

>> MR. MORGAN: You are over by about 16,000.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So the County to the east of the down on the bottom corner.

>> MR. MORGAN: Union.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: How many do we have there?

>> MR. MORGAN: 400 and White Water is 2600. So that is about 3 and that would be 7500 and then there is 11,000 there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to go up outside of the Bay.

So the other option is to go back to where we were.

You know, MC, yeah, let's reverse it back to where we were.

So we color in the one that is white and then the two to the left of that that is green we eliminate.

>> MR. MORGAN: Green Lake and Blair again?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct we just reverse it back.

And we can adjust later if we have to MC.

And this should get us in the 1% deviation area.



>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I like that.

Keep with it.

And you got the explanation Sarah? Okay, good.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next is Commissioner Curry?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark? I think the Department of State wants your explanation as to why you drew the District the way you did.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: He already provided it, but if you have additional explanation you would like to provide, Commissioner Clark, I'm happy to receive it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I replied with the explanation previously.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So no additions.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Before we started these last-minute changes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right fantastic any additional comments or questions?

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This is could just be a personal bias of how I'm looking at this particular map at this particular point.

I understand that regions aren't districts.

We can all see the end of the actual regions that we're going to be drawing is the Manistee to Iosco line.

I fear that if this particular layer stays up, we are going to consider that blue line between Antrim and Otsego all the way down to Roscommon and Missaukee going to be taken into account for division which it should not be.

So as the line for the remaining areas that we are drawing today go straight across from Manistee County to Iosco I would recommend at this particular point that we remove the layer that shows the actual regions at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay I guess we have been crossing regions this entire time.

So I guess what is the concern? You think we are not really following what the concern is.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My concern is that this line could be construed as a particular border at this particular point in time.

That's all.

It's my -- it's just a thought I had.

Whether or not we do it is up to I guess all of us.

But my thoughts.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Anyone else think we should remove the region lines? Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I think we've made it ultimately consistently clear that they are simply labels for our own use as to when we are looking and have no relationship to what we're actually drawing, so while I understand Commissioner Witjes'

concern, it is not a line in the sand and we should have no hesitation whatsoever in drawing districts that cross those lines.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Lett.

I personally like the lines because I feel like it gives me a finish line to know when we are done with these regions so to me it's like a psychological boost to be able to be like okay here is where the finish line is.

All right it doesn't seem like there is a lot of desire to remove those boundaries so let's just leave them for now.

Commissioner Clark, you happy with your District?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so we will move on to Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, I can go anywhere on this, right? Okay, let's do let's do Manistee, way fort, Missaukee and Kalkaska.

How much is that population together?

>> MR. MORGAN: So those three counties are 73,000 population and you're under about 17,800.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Do you have Kalkaska?

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't have Kalkaska, Benzie or Kalkaska.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are going to cutoff Benzie.

>> MR. MORGAN: That should be right on the money.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are the queen look at that.

Awesome.

Best District ever.

Commissioner Curry are you satisfied with that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Very.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Do you have I'll call on you in a second, I just want to get her thought process for Department of State before I call on you go ahead

Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The population equaled out just about and the it's contiguous.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I understand it fulfills the population.

It really looks weird. We're going to have a really ugly looking District with Kalkaska, the balance of Grand Traverse and giving some with Commissioner Lange wanting to consider the center smaller counties in there, I think this needs some further consideration.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Juanita do you want to fill in? The suburbs around Grand Traverse are populous the Blair County the big one do you want to fill

that in and see how much over you are? You are not but you might be, yeah, there is a lot of population just above Wexford.

I can't I'm sorry I can't see very well.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's Wexford, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And that little portion if you try to fill in and remove.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe talk of Missaukee and fill in the remainder of the Grand Traverse.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'll take Missaukee off.

And then do the blocks right up over Wexford.

Or whatever that is.

Yeah, so how much is that, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so unassigning Wexford means we need 14,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, can I go back the way I was? Take me back to where I was so I can get out of this.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay understood.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The screen is too big.

I can't see.

I can't tell what I got because my screen needs to be a little bit smaller so I can see what I'm doing.

Okay, can you put my numbers back on there?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I'm just going back to where you with.

So this is with Benzie and Missaukee back in.

This is how you had it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, so.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you say you want to leave it that way or are you going to adjust it?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think I need to adjust how about taking Benzie off and put Kalkaska, yeah, Kalkaska and take Benzie off and see what it looks like.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want me to unassign Benzie?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Wait a minute, yeah.

That is not going to work.

Not going to work.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You can try to add these in here and see how much population you have.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is 95.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You already have most of it gone.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Right, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Do you want to see the Township population?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You have to ask him.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can I ask to see the Township populations?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay for Grand Traverse which is here or for Benzie?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think I want to do Benzie.

Towards Grand Traverse.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so at the moment we took Benzie out and then right now let me just show you Missaukee is in.

I can take that out and then you could make your adjustment here in Grand Traverse, which is what you were looking at before.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, you can do that.

Then I got this one to the left.

Okay can you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so just these two counties alone are 58,000 so you need about 32 so.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, I want we need 32.

I'm going to either take Benzie or Kalkaska with.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so Benzie, oops, hang on, I have to adjust or make it District 7.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, okay do Benzie.

If I do Manistee.

>> MR. MORGAN: Benzie Wexford and Manistee and talking about taking additional Townships in Grand Traverse.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's see what that total is.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm putting the Township populations on.

And we are looking at needing about 14,000.

And there is four large Townships here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So the best thing to do is take grant and Green Lake, right? Grant and Green Lake.

>> MR. MORGAN: Grant and Green Lake, okay, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So what is that negative.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now it's 7,000 down.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Then we need to.

>> MR. MORGAN: It needs to gain a little bit more.

7,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So we need 7,000.

And we need paradise and may field and maybe Blair can go with somebody else.

Paradise and may field, no? Yeah, Paradise and Mayfield.

That is almost.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think Commissioner Eid had a comment.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well if we need, we need about 7,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think if you just add Blair, it will work out population wise.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I think you will have a weird shape and the point is I think you need to take some from Wexford at some point I think is the county underneath.

I mean what makes more sense based on that area, Steve? Does it make sense to fill in those three little Townships there and take a little bit away from the County underneath? Or would it make more sense to take that little slice out?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You probably need to go with the slice in.

Can we fill that little slice in and take it off somewhere else? Or no?

>> MR. MORGAN: We will take the balance of Grand Traverse and you want to take out from Wexford.

I see a lot of nods.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take flee blocks from Wexford and see what happens.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we are going to add about let's see about 8,000 and then you need to take off a similar amount.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We need to take off 8,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: About 10,000 because we were over by 2000 so looking at the outer edge Cadillac is fairly substantial population.

That's 10,000 and you would also have to take another 5,000 to get to that.

So you probably would look at a different area.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How about cedar creek and wait a minute.

The smallest.

Yeah, John can we take out Cadillac? And see what that looks like?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure.

So that is Cadillac by itself and you would look at one or both of these other Townships is what you're saying?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: This will leave it under populated by 6,000 by taking Cadillac out.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can we use a block?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, I think let's see so going back to the Township level, if you put Herring in that would get you part of the way if you wanted to but then you would have to look at the border of Cadillac to see if there are dis-contiguities.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Do you want to go all the way to block level or do you want to start at precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Trying to see if we do the block level will it kind of equal out? But it's kind of ziggy-zaggy there.

Let's see what a block level will do, I guess.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so to Commissioner Rothhorn's point looking at precincts first all of Haring is one voting precinct, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So let's stick with Haring.  
What does that look Luke -- like now?

>> MR. MORGAN: Following the City boundary of Cadillac it looks like there is not a dis-contiguity.

When you Zoom in here the City boundary is connected to the City.

Likewise this is where the airport is and Zooming out that is one Township in the City of Cadillac is out and it's within 2400 people and that's within the tolerance.

Okay good?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Any further questions or comments for Commissioner Curry? Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mine goes to Rhonda does what we are doing now satisfy your objective of getting the lakeshores in an appropriate District?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You know, these are just sample maps.  
These are not the final.

The splitting up of Wexford County Wexford is rural and Cadillac is probably the biggest City in Wexford County.

The rest are so tiny that splitting up Wexford County I would have went and adjusted somewhere else personally.

But the lakeshore when you look at Manistee and Wexford there is quite a distance there.

So probably not so much but these are just beginning maps so let's let it play for now shred sleds all right on that note if you are satisfied with your map Commissioner Curry, we will move on to Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I guess I am, as much as possible do.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Do you need further clarification?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you explain some of your revisions and why you ended up with this final map?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well, we tried to get the population as equal as possible and also keep it contiguous.

So this is what I came up with.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: To you Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so, hum, well Antrim County is currently not assigned to anything right?

>> MR. MORGAN: No.



>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I'm creating a District 8 with Antrim County.  
So that will be 23,000.  
Charlevoix is already assigned to District 4?  
>> MR. MORGAN: That's correct.  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's go Ostego.  
>> MR. MORGAN: Balance of one Township do you want to keep the whole county or keep what is unassigned?  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just what is unassigned.  
So that is 46,000, about half a District.  
That was.  
>> MR. MORGAN:  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's go Kalkaska.  
Then from there let's go Oscoda and the remainder of.  
>> MR. MORGAN: I don't know if you meant Crawford.  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.  
>> MR. MORGAN: The balance of Oscoda which will be fairly small okay.  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Are we over population now?  
>> MR. MORGAN: Under populated by about 10,000.  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, I think if we go in to, hum, I think if we go into and excuse my pronunciation of this Commissioner Lett but we go-go Ogemaw.  
[ Laughter ]  
Ogemaw, I did not major in English if we can get 10,000, I think it satisfies the creating one of the central rural, more rural districts.  
And then you know it leaves the two to the west of that.  
With it leaves about 40,000 people in there and maybe we would then have those combined with a District south of this line, this regional line that we have.  
>> MR. MORGAN: So a portion of Ogemaw.  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think so but I'm not tied to that.  
If anyone has any other advice on where to go from here to get that extra what is it 11,000 people?  
>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Speak now.  
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: By doing this one.  
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?  
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: By doing this we are not locking ourselves in further north, are we?  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: No.  
>> MR. MORGAN: Not at this point.  
Everything is completed to the north.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's really a question of, and maybe Commissioner Lange can help h me with this out of which parts of these four counties that we have left in this area are you know are more rural to combine to make this upper Mid-Michigan District?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Are you talking District 8 you are working on now asking the most rural?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Missaukee is very rural.

Roscommon.

I mean you look at the central, your biggest towns are nowhere near let's put it like this coming from the central counties, part of me Traverse City is a big City and Steve living from there will tell you that it's probably not as big as what we picture it as.

So when you look at Cadillac and its population, that's kind of a big town/City for us rural people.

And I don't know.

I'm just I keep going back to all of the comments we got about keeping rural, rural as much as possible and I think if there was ever a place to do that it would be in central Michigan.

I mean, you know, kind of this area of where we are working at now and part of the western end and eastern regions in the center.

So you guys just do your best judgment and then once we get the communities of interest and the public input obviously, we are going to be making changes.

So I can't direct you either way Anthony.

I can't.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you.

I think that actually helped.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Lange.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: A suggestion just to see where we can get population moving down south and try taking the top row of Missaukee, Roscommon and Ogemaw Township.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You will have to take from one of them so just decide which one.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say take the top row of all three of them to see if that gets you close because those are going to be very sparsely populated areas anyway.

One particular row halfway is not going to get you close to a dozen people.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Then you are going in different counties.

>> MR. MORGAN: When we look at the county populations, Commissioner Eid pointed out that Ogemaw was about 20,000 and you would end up taking about half the

population there if you were doing that and to Commissioner Witjes' point you could also do something similar by taking all three counties.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What would happen if we took all of judging by what Commissioner Lange just said what if we took all of Missaukee County or as much of it as possible and left of the rest of it alone for now?

>> MR. MORGAN: You could do that.

You would have a small corridor available for Cadillac this that circumstance.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you could the last thing you put in before this was Oscoda so you're over by about 4800 people, which might be about that Oscoda County population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's remove that, those two Townships in Oscoda and maybe we can later put those in the east.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that puts you right within just over 1%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right I'm good with it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Any comments or questions? Go ahead Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Now we got Cadillac sitting down there in a little bitty bump out for Cadillac.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We could connect it with a different District south of Cadillac if we wanted to on a different day, right, it would be, hold on just because we would be done with this region which is where our stop point is.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can I ask a question?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sorry my hand doesn't always get seen.

Could it be possible I mean if that splitting up Wexford County that is just the way that it's split up is just not settling well with me.

Couldn't it be possible to extent 7 down just a little bit and maybe pick up Mason County and maybe then we could leave Wexford County whole because having it split like that with just that little bit of Cadillac it just doesn't seem right to me.

It's going to bother me, I'm sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Lange just looking at the populations that would be pretty close to what you would like.

It would be probably pretty close to working.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Anthony would you have a problem trying that just so we can.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't have a problem at all.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we are going to revisit our District 7 and you're going to take all of Wexford out and then you're going to put all of Mason in and see how that looks.

Commissioner Eid, yes?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that District 7 is over by 5600.

So depending on what you want to do you could look at removing Township on the outer edge of that or you could revisit the whole swap that we just made.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Recommend the top four Townships as lake County and see if that would get you close.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's overpopulated at the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I retract my statement.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: What are the populations on those border Townships?

>> MR. MORGAN: In Mason, Manistee or Grand Traverse?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Corner of Manistee and Mason sort of that eight there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so again the total number we are looking at removing from District 7, the green District is 5600.

So these are fairly small.

If you did a bunch of them, you would get close.

So you know, 2500, 3,000, 4300 like if you did this entire Section.

Or you also look up here to Manistee 1500, a thousand you have quite a way to go in Manistee.

And just for completeness even though I don't think you were asking about this, these are the Township populations in Grand Traverse.

So the last County that came into this configuration was Mason.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can you take the four off of Mason, Logan, Branch, Sheridan and whatever else is above it and let's see? Nope, the other way.

Up to the top.

Logan, Branch and Sheridan.

I want the ones that are more rural so we can put them into a more rural District, yes, so Mead, Sheridan, Branch and Logan.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will probably be about 2000 off.

Even less.

1200 off.

So that's 7 sorry I was right 2600.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's stick with that and move back up to what I was working on before.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so now you can.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So now let's add Woodson.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think we just crashed.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Did you crash or did Zoom crash?

>> MR. MORGAN: Zoom crashed.

Yeah, no, it was the Autobound edge.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So we have about 15 more minutes before we are scheduled to stop mapping for the night and I think we are pretty close to getting done here with our draft maps.

Okay give me a minute to reconstruct this.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Instead of going into there, let's just add Wexford.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies for the interruption, can we get a screen share on Zoom as well before we proceed.

>> MR. MORGAN: One moment, I'm just trying to get back where we were and I will do a save and then.

Okay I'm going to put the share back on.

Okay Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just to review.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just to review the state so we did some changes in District 7 and we are revisiting District 8 so District 8 without any of Wexford is 8500 under.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so let's add Wexford.

And Missaukee.

>> MR. MORGAN: In this is correct then that's going to be substantially over.

Then you will take out Crawford.

Got you understood.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you are looking at taking out the balance of Oscoda, Crawford and Otsego Eid aye yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take them out in reverse order so Oscoda first.

Okay so.

>> MR. MORGAN: At this point it's 23,000 off so you are looking at possibly taking Otsego out or something else?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 23,000 over?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, that's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Otsego is 25,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So remove it.

>> MR. MORGAN: And that puts you at 1500 under within the population deviation range.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would so we are under population here a little bit and I think in all of the districts that we've drawn we are a little bit under or is pretty even now? I would not mind adding a little bit more Otsego to it if it lets us be even but this generally is what I'm going for.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, did you want to make that change? Or just leave this for the moment?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: You know we can leave it for the moment and come back when we get closer to finalizing it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Any questions, comments, proposed changes? All right we have ten more minutes so let's move on to Commissioner Lange for the last District that we are going to draw tonight.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Eid can you provide an explanation of the evolution of this District?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, it creates a rural District outside the City of Traverse City and the County of Lenawee and connects Antrim County all the way down to Wexford.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think you meant Leelanau.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I did, Lenawee is a completely different County near Monroe so thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So I get what's left so let's go Otsego, Crawford and what's left of Oscoda.  
Roscommon.

>> MR. MORGAN: Roscommon, yep that is 26,000, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And I hate splitting up so many counties, but I guess for now we have to, so can I get the first three plus the small Township next to Ogemaw that is in Iosco?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, looks like Plainfield with get you most of the way there.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, do Plainfield.

>> MR. MORGAN: The balance so this would probably do it.

This is what you asked originally.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: That should take you to about yeah there you go 500.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And then just leave the rest obviously that will have to end up going to the next Section probably.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so there is the District.

I'm just going to put the counties back on and there you go.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right any questions or comments? Or Commissioner Lange any additional changes you want to make to this?

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Eid?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just as a Commissioner Witjes was saying if you want Commissioner Lange you could go instead of going east to Iosco you could go south and take a little bit of Clair or Gladwin Counties.

And that way when we reconvene or whenever we do that area you might be able to preserve a little bit more of the you know the lakeshore on that side.



But if that's something you would want to do or not, I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No I don't want to take away from the rural areas like Clair and Gladwin so I think since a lot of people were saying they would like to keep the lakeshore together having it split off from the lakeshore and giving that lakeshore area to the lakeshore might be better than taking away from a central rural area.

But can I make one comment about the top? Just something that I noticed? Going through our public comment that we had when we were in Gaylord.

There was a lot of public comment that talked and asked about keeping Emmet Charlevoix and Antrim together as a community.

They state there were several that had the same ones.

So maybe something to consider in the future.

I know we are on our first drafts and this is not going to be our only draft so kind of something to keep in mind when we get to the communities of interest that we did have quite a few that spoke about those three particular counties.

That's all I've got.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right go ahead Department of State.

I see you are about to ask a question.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioner Lange can you provide an explanation of your District 9?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Well, it's what was left.

I'm hoping that these will satisfy some of the rural communities and I'm hoping that they have things in common.

And that this is a good mix for them.

I guess public comment will tell.

But if I'm being 100% honest there is no rhyme or reason.

It was basically these were the counties that were left in that particular region.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm just going to say it one more time that's the reason why I said we need to turn the blue lines off because we are not supposed to be bound by the actual regions.

So if you needed to go down or over and round you could have.

Anyone could have and that is and I said we are going to follow a line in blue in the middle and it's exactly what we actually did.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Well I think Commissioner Lange did that because she was trying not to, she had reasons that weren't that there was a line there.

It wasn't because she saw the line and didn't think she could go over it.

That she was trying to keep it more rural.

Is that accurate Commissioner Lange? If I'm miss summarizing you, please let me know.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is completely accurate.

You know, we needed to get those counties up there.

We can't draw ourselves into a corner and I am very familiar like I said, I have lived in the next Section of counties probably five out of the next Section of the west and the east counties.

So those are where I'm very familiar with.

So I would like to keep those together.

Or not keep them together let me rephrase that.

I know how rural they are and I know that they have a lot in common.

So it just seems like further north those counties would probably have more in common than what they would with the west and the east central counties.

So the region actually did work out for that.

But I'm not one that obviously you saw my first jab at the Senate.

I'm not one that is worried about those region lines myself.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you Commissioner Lange.

So do we want to try to finish that little area or do we just want to stop for the night? I know we were supposed to stop at 7:45 so I feel like everybody is packing up and ready to go so we have one little spot left for the House District so we can pick that up when we move on to the next districts.

So good work guys.

And let's continue through our agenda.

I don't know what I did with my agenda at this point.

There it is.

Okay, all right, so next on our agenda is review and approval of minutes.

We have no minutes to P a prove at this time so we will move on to the next item which is staff reports.

If there is no objection, I would like to ask our communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III to give a report today.

Please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Good evening.

I want to talk to you a little bit about the public hearings we are trying to get those contracts signed.

And we needed to move some dates or not really the dates around but it's still in the same areas.

And so just wanted to put this out for the record.

Just to see if there is any concerns with regards to the public comment, I mean the public hearings and the dates.

We have not set times for those yet.

That would be something done by the Commission.

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But we would be looking at doing something in case we have to have a meeting or anything along those lines, so might be starting at 12 or 1:00 and then ending at 4:00 and then coming back from a 5:00-8:00 is what is being considered.

We will come back more for formal presentation with regards to that.

Starting on October 11th, we would be at the Dort Center in Flint, Michigan.

Once again, October 11th we would be at the Dort center in Flint, Michigan.

On October 12th we would be at Gaylord at tree top resorts.

Once again on October 12 we would be at Gaylord at tree top resorts.

Then on October 14th we would be at Northern Michigan University.

I repeat Northern Michigan University.

At in Marquette.

That would be the schedule for the first week knowing that you can't see it in consulting your calendars are there any questions with regards to the first week through the Chair that we can address at this time?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm seeing no questions.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: All right, the second week would be October 18th.

The second week would be October 18th.

We would start at the Grand Rapids and we would be at the Amway Hotel.

So I know that there is a preference to having ability to walk to the spot from your room so we would be at the Amway hotel on the 18th.

The 19th we would be in Kalamazoo.

At the Radisson Plaza and conference center.

That would be another similar situation.

And then on the 21st of October, and I will e-mail this to you so you have it, we will be in Lansing at the Lansing center.

So what we have done is we reserved these facilities but have not signed contracts.

So that we can have Commission approval.

So right now they do have holds but they are going to eventually want a contract and that is why we are bringing it to you today.

Through the Chair if there is any questions on the second week, I can take them at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I am seeing no questions.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Then the last week which will be October 25th, that Monday we would be in Warren, Michigan.

At the Macomb community college, John Lewis conference center.

We will be at Warren Michigan at the Macomb community college at the John Lewis conference center.

On Tuesday the 26th of October we would be in Livonia at the Schoolcraft college.

Livonia at Schoolcraft college.

And then we would end on Thursday, October 28, at the TCF center in Detroit.

The TCF center in Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You said that was a Thursday.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thursday October 28 so if you look at the schedule it's a Monday, Tuesday Thursday versus a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday.

And we wanted to make sure we had adequate travel times obviously to the U P and some of the other areas so it's a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday schedule.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What were those first October 11, 12 that week what were they again?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: October 11 we are at the Dort center in Flint Michigan. October 12.

We will be at tree top resorts in Gaylord.

And October 14th we will be at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: For point of clarity Commissioner Lett Marquette wasn't available on the 11th so we weren't going to do a zig-zag and just trying to find some order.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: My virtual hand is up and I know it's hard to see it. Edward, can I ask you a question real quick this is Rhonda.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I know exactly who you are.

Good evening.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Good evening. These are just changes in the dates; is that right?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Well, the locations have changed because some of them were booked.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: And so it's actually in our favor to be honest with you in terms of costs.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay and you're going to provide us a copy then of these?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I will provide you with a list and probably and I'm hearing from our General Counsel resolution.

We just want to make sure and we will provide that for you on Monday.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: But we just want to move forward with regards to these contracts because these facilities are getting requests quickly.

Because of the change so.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just to clarify the action item will be resolution that we will receive on Monday which will give us the dates and everything, but you are just advising us right now.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: If there is a major objection, I'm saying please share it now so that I can be aware.

Madam Chairperson, there is a major objection it would be good to know now.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Edward is saying speak now or forever hold your peace with your objections so he can start letting the facilities know we are intending to sign an agreement with them even though he doesn't have authority to do that just yet. And Commissioner Lange feel free to speak up because I actually can't see you on the screen at all so if you have your hand up, I can't see it so if you have some concerns, please let us know.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I don't have the list in front of me what were the ones not available?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Suburban collection show place in November I have. MRCC banquet and convention center in Warren.

So when you take a look at them combined and where we are going, we are actually saving money.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Are any of those I see we still got Warren so that's good.

Are any of the other ones I'm assuming it was replaced with Livonia.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Livonia is adjacent to Novi.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is what I was going to ask because I'm not familiar I can imagine after having Novi listed if it was not close it may cause the public to be a little upset so thank you.

That answered my question perfectly.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right any other updates Edward?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, we will be providing an itinerary with the University and they kick next week at the University of Michigan to kick off on second 2 and we will be in the ballroom.

Let me make sure I give you the right one and the right spot because we are no longer in the Pendleton Room.

We will be in the Rogel ballroom, which is on the second floor, which is a larger room than the Pendleton room.

I want you to know that because there is excitement with the universities going across the state with that and you probably will start hearing their own communications department talking about it more, being more in the news but there is also anticipation with that particular spot because of the presentation by Dr. Lisa Handley with regards to racial polarization voting and the Voting Rights Act in terms of that analysis that she is going to go over.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That's all I have.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you very much without objection I'll ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State if she has a report. Hearing no objections, please proceed, Ms. Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I have no report.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That was a none.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry I have no report.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Correspondence was provided with written public comments in our meeting materials it's my understanding there are no future agenda items to share because most was covered by our communications director are there any announcements? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So just one announcement for clarity because since this meeting started on the public comment portal, we've got literally seven pages of people saying don't shut the public comment portal tool down.

That is never what we were going to do.

And we are not shutting it down.

So just for clarity.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you.

General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes, thank you Madam Chair again I know that there was a passing reference, a question today from the entity, the representative entity that is associated with the portal MGGG, the portal the Commission has not indicated that the portal is going to be shut down and it's not appropriate to shut the portal down until the Commission's work has been concluded.

The Commission will be receiving public comment through the portal as well as submissions for COIs, maps, statewide maps, District maps, encourage the public to engage the Commission through the portal.

Continuously through this process.

The public engagement is a key component of the constitutional amendment for redistricting and it has not been decided when the portal will be shut down.

It is not even been discussed by this Commission because this is not the appropriate time and we are not even near the appropriate time to be discussing that so anyone who has reference to that rest assured that is not occurring and it will not occur and when it does occur at the appropriate time that will be publicized and notifications will be given.

The public can also submit public comment through the PO box as well as the portal.

So those mechanisms as well as in-person public comment or remote public comment.

The Commission is accessible to the public and will remain accessible to the public throughout this process.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you General Counsel.



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All right as the items on the agenda are completed and the Commission has no if further business a motion to adjourn is in order may I have a motion to adjourn.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So moved.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I think there was a motion by Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Seconded by Commissioner Witjes is there any debate or discussion on the motion? All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

Aye opposed raise your hand and say nay the ayes prevail and the meeting is adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Thank you everybody.