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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good morning. As Secretary of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission to order at 10:11 a.m.

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I will now proceed with roll call. Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending remotely, please announce you are attending remotely, unless due to military duty, announce your physical location by stating the County, City, Township or Village and the State from which you are attending the meeting remotely. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

Under Section 7.4.1 Subpart F of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, I will now conduct the election for an acting Chair for this meeting by a majority vote of members present. Do I have any nominations?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I nominate Steve Lett.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I have a nomination for Steve Lett. Commissioner Lett, do you accept?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Any further nominations? Do I have a motion for a vote?

>> So moved.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Moved by Commissioner Witjes and seconded by Commissioner Rothhorn all in favor please raise your hand and say aye. Opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it and the motion carries Mr. Chair I will hand it off to you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you Ms. Reinhardt.

I'll find it all right we will move to the adoption of the agenda.

Has everyone had an opportunity to get a copy and to review it? I would then entertain a motion to adopt the agenda.

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Moved by Commissioner Witjes.

Seconded by Commissioner Curry.

All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The agenda is adopted.

We will now move on to public comment pertaining to agenda topics.

Without objection we will move for the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the meeting.

Hearing no objection, we will proceed with that in person public comment individuals who have 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 name or number.

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

First in line to comment is number one.

>> Go right ahead.

>> Good morning.

My name is Jamile Martin, lifelong citizen out of the City of Detroit. I want to begin by thanking the Commission for all your hard work and due diligence for the draft mapping phase.

I know it can be tedious and long, so I just want to commend you for your diligence in this.

And as you take these maps and your drafts into context, please look to partisan fairness and citizens empowerment through paying attention to communities of interest and other things that may get overlooked.

We have gone through a lot to get to this point where we have an Independent Redistricting Commission.

I know certain folks as declared fall along certain party lines, but I hope as a group, as a group of Commissioners, as you are going about your work, that you do consider a partisan fairness as an equitable as outlined in the Constitution.

Thank you for your time.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Do we have another in person?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That concludes in person.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We have remote?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We do.

We have five in remote participants and then one request for additional second round of public comment.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

I will call your name and our staff will unmute you.

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

If you are on the phone a voice will say that the host would like you to speak.

And prompt you to press star six to unmute.

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

Also please note that if you experience technical or audio issues or we do not hear from you for 3-5 seconds we will move on to the next person in line and then return to you after they are done speaking.

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Please conclude remarks when you hear the timer first in line to provide public comment is.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. James Galant, please allow a moment to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I can hear you.

>> Okay. James Galant with Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition and these are my opinions.

And did I just hear Sarah Reinhardt say that she is the secretary of this Commission and she was calling this meeting to order? Well, I believe that the Constitutional amendment states very clearly the Secretary of State is the secretary of this Commission. And so how does it happen? And I knew this was going to come along at some point. Because, you know, you have no Chair or Vice Chair here.

Now, I would like to point out yesterday, we have to keep a good idea on Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Eid because yesterday, you know, they fought tooth and nail to try to open up those maps and draw more lines on those maps you did last week. And yet they had no information or comment at all how to do it.

So this is how this facilitated dialogue thing works. And you are going to see this over time as this develops, is one person did have Juanita change the line, all of a sudden Commissioner Witjes stepped in and changes it again, gets support from Eid.

All of a sudden, they are going off into benefit the democratic party.

Okay, so this is what happened.

The lawyer said that they reviewed the partisanship and that you redid a map and it was still gerrymandered.

Well, I thought gerrymandering was intentional gerrymandering. So unintentional gerrymandering is not possible, is it? It just happens.

Or did the members, because we are going to go back and analyze this, go back and did the members actually do that on purpose and just got caught but that lawyer? And said, hey, wait a minute you can't do that.

So that is why you need a motion first. You are supposed to have a motion now for each map and then you postpone to the next meeting until you get done and then you get the map.

So how are you ever going to get to a vote? Commissioner Eid or Commissioner Witjes, probably Commissioner Witjes, they are all funneling stuff to him. Right at the end I make a motion to approve my map, bam. And this is how this happens over and over and over. I've seen this happen and transform over 15 years it has been happening.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you for your comments.

Our next speaker is --

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the purposes of the public records, speaker number two and number three are not present. So we will move on to speaker number four, Michael Siegrist. Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Can everyone hear me now? I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can hear you. Go ahead.

>> Hello. I want to thank you for your work and helping secure our democracy. My name is Michael Siegrist. I'm the elected clerk in Canton Township. I wanted to make some important points today that have concerned me as I watched this body go about this important of letting Voters Not Politicians control who represent them.

My concerns are over the draft Senate districts, state districts drawn in the south central regions and the Lansing region. The State House districts in the Ann Arbor area along with the districts drawn yesterday in the southwest corner.

I've heard many statements made about the appearance of a District and little discussion about communities of interest.

I see no discussion about partisan fairness so far.

This is very concerning, and I believe this will result in this Commission wasting time abandoning the constitutional mandate granted by the voters.

Either the work will be wasted and new maps will be frantically drawn or the courts will have to protect the language of proposal 18.3.

A lot of discussion has been about compactness and reflecting municipal boundaries. However, these two criteria are ranked the lowest.

The highest discretionary criteria according to the Constitution is prioritizing communities of interest. You define a community of interest as a population that shares cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests.

Drawing maps solely on population and not including suburbs like Dewitt and Bath with Lansing, two communities that are suburbs of Lansing, share economic ties to the Metro area and a cultural connection, this Commission is creating a potential problem.

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Dewitt is full of cookie-cutter suburbs around Lake Geneva for professionals that work in MSU and the medical field and the City core.

And Bath, which is a charter Township designation, typically reserved for Urban Townships like Canton, you see cookie-cutter development around Hawk Hollow Golf Course in Park Lake. Suburbs must be treated as a community of interest with the cities that allow the growth to occur.

It's the definition of a community of interest. By splitting the suburbs of the Lansing, Ann Arbor, and lakeshore Metros, these COIs, or communities of interest, are being overpowered by rural voters.

The maps drawn so far are aggressive partisan gerrymanders, packing democratic voters in these dense urban cores, this process that continues will be more partisan than what we currently have.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you for your comments. Your time has expired. Do we have any other?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes. Our next public comment participant is Judy Daubenmier. Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello. My name is Judy Daubenmier and I'm from Brighton, Michigan. Thank you for all your work you're doing and for the opportunity to speak to you today.

As I learned about this Independent Commission during the election and I was deciding whether or not to vote for it, I came to understand that there were several criteria listed in the amendment for how maps would be drawn.

And that some of these were more important than others.

But as I have watched the results of your work so far, it seems like only a couple criteria are getting much attention.

The equal population and respecting political boundaries, which is really one of the bottom criteria.

Political boundaries are not walls.

We transverse them many times in a day as we go to work, go to school, shop, recreate and so on.

A lot of thought went into ranking these criteria.

It's not just a laundry list or a list by alphabetical order.

If we are to have fair, non-gerrymandered maps, these criteria must be followed in order of importance to create a fair result.

I think this is something that should be built into your work as you go.

It's not something that you can kind of just fix later by tinkering around the edges.

It should be the heart and soul of what you are doing right now.

Some of you recently have voiced some concern about the lack of attention to all of the criteria as you are going through these maps, specifically the middle criteria being ignored.

And I appreciate that.

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And I hope more of you do so as well.

Because I fear if you do not, your work will be called into question and your maps could be in legal jeopardy.

I hope you will follow all the criteria that are in the Michigan Constitution.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you for your comments.

Any other speakers?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That concludes our first round of public comment. We have one participant who has requested to speak during the second round, that participant is Mr. James Galant.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me now? Hello? Hello?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If you are speaking, we cannot hear you.

>> What do you mean you can't hear me? Can you hear me now?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Barely.

>> Barely, oh, okay. My name is James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition. And these are my opinions. And as we --

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. Galant, your audio is very muffled and we are not able to hear you very well.

>> All right. How is that?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Much better. Thank you.

Can we reset his time, please?

>> Yes, please

>> Thank you.

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

And as we just saw Commissioner Lett was not legitimately elected as the Chair today. The secretary is not here.

To the Constitution states very clearly the Secretary of State, an elected official, is to be the secretary, the highest ranking elected official in the state.

Every time.

And she was supposed to be here the whole time, which has made this, skewed this whole process and why you folks are just not following the rules, because she's not here.

She is supposed to be taking and doing the electing the Chair and what not.

Now, as the other member or party was saying, that about the speaker was saying about the COIs and everything, please verify those because just because somebody says something, oh, I heard this comment, that comment, COI good to go, and you do it.

That does not make it true.

I believe Commissioner Szetela advertised for and advocated not to, to specifically not to verify these COIs. So please do that.

And please start playing by the rules because that is the whole thing. And as these people are now saying, this is gerrymandered.

What you did is gerrymandering.

So you did it intentionally or you didn't do it intentionally. But the only reason you were able to do it is because you weren't following the rules. And the Roberts rules, make a motion, second the motion, you know the question, and it's immediately together as a collaborative body.

You're creating a policy and you're superseding the rules of procedure with a policy. This collaborative mapping practice supersedes your rules of procedure in which you need a motion pending in order to discuss any items. So this is how the non-profits have taken over the public realm in Michigan.

I've seen this at the health department, coming through the health department, because I was there, working with those people and this is exactly what they have been doing.

So now all of a sudden you are doing it. And this is not appropriate under the Constitution in a public setting for you to be making decisions like this.

You have to follow the rules. And everybody has a right to know the question you're talking about and what you're going to vote on next.

And I think you folks are just winging. And you obviously are.

And some are behind the scenes working together and like the guy said, the voters and --

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you for your comments.

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

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

At this time, I will turn the microphone back over to Brittini Kellom, our Chairperson who has arrived.

Good morning Brittini.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Good morning, Steve.

Without objection, I'd like to move to unfinished business.

I believe that we completed all of our business yesterday.

So we can move past agenda Item 5A and go to item 5B, review of the maps drafted at our previous meeting and any alternative proposed maps.

Are there any additional thoughts about the drafts before moving on? Any alternatives that were, that you all want to bring forward? Commissioner Clark, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I would like to, if we could, bring up on the screen, Anthony's proposed map on the lakeshore.

I'd like to have a discussion on how we are going to handle the lakeshore.

There is a number of alternatives that I think that are in front of us.

We recognize the public's comments about the lakeshore.

And particularly some yesterday as well or last night.

Where if I can summarize, there -- and this was towards the southwest portion of the state.

They are indicating that the lakeshore should be a District and it should be no more than ten miles inland.

Different than how we handled it in two other areas of the state.

Up in the Cheboygan area I believe we handled it as the complete County being on the lakeshore.

Traverse City area we handled Leelanau and the upper part of Grand Traverse County as part of the lakeshore.

And I think geography kind of dictated some of that.

You know we just have it on the screen now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is this the map you were looking for?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct, yes, what Anthony proposed is different than how we handled it in other parts of the state.

And geography may dictate that.

And here it's a small sliver going up the state from the bottom of Berrien County to Van Buren just north of Van Buren.

A little different approach.

So maybe I can turn it over to Anthony to talk a little bit about why he chose this approach and maybe we can talk about if we want to consistently handle the lakeshore the same way across the state or if we want to have different versions of dealing with it because of geography.

So, Anthony, could you talk a little bit about how you came up with this proposal?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I see Commissioner Witjes has a hand and I will allow him and Commissioner Rothhorn to jump in and Anthony can.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I want to say I do agree, but just in regards to mathematical standpoint.

If you're looking to do two, sorry, no more than ten miles for example inland, nine times out of ten the square Townships that you see are six by six miles.

So what I would caution is if that is something that we have indeed been getting comment on, I would not go more or severely limit where we go either beyond two Townships or we go or don't include two Townships in the drawing if you want to take this approach.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And I agree too Doug.  
I think it's a legitimate approach and I think we can talk about it.  
I do think in order to follow our criteria I think we need the COIs and I think we have got submissions that show the question I think we wrestled with yesterday as a Commission is how far do we go in.  
Right, one County and two. And because we got that answer in the public comment, I think it's been verified but I think it's premature without the COI data and the other you know will allow us to address four and five and premature because we can't discuss it fully until we get that information.  
I'm offering and don't want to stop the discussion but it feels like it's premature.  
>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Eid, did you have anything to add?  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Clark asked me why I drew it in this way that was your main question.  
And it's a pretty easy answer because communities of interest is the number three criteria on our list of criteria that we are supposed to consider.  
With that being said I think this District accurately reflects the communities of interest that we heard both in Kalamazoo.  
We heard a want for a specific lakeshore community of interest that was different from the more inland communities, which people said were more rural.  
I'm going to be specific here because I don't want you know any of my words to be taken the wrong way.  
But in Kalamazoo we heard this want from speakers number 11, 22, 23, 27, 44, 45, 66, and 67.  
Those are speakers that specifically asked for a community of interest and a District map that protects lakeshore communities specifically.  
When we were in Benton Harbor, we had about 10-15 public comments.  
I don't have those exact speakers on me at this time.  
But many of them advocated for the same thing, considering that they are in the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph area.  
They also brought up the point of there being a sizable minority community in those areas especially in St. Joseph.  
And this map I think protects the voices of those people by grouping them together and making a District that I believe has about a 25% minority population.  
Then I went to our public comment tool.  
And these are public comments that I'm not even going to include the ones from yesterday that came in after we were done mapping.  
But we heard from Thaddeus-Hackward on June 28 from St. Joseph, ID number P1143.  
We heard from Amy from St. Joseph on June 28th, ID number P1148. We heard from Rick from South Haven on July 1st, that is ID number 1270. We heard from Matt from

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Grand Rapids on July 3rd. And, I mean, the list goes on and on of people that submitted maps, that looked very, very similar to this.

So that was my reasoning for doing it.

It's a data evidence based approach and while we do not have the specific community of interest data that I hope we will be getting today at around 10:45 or so God willing we were all there at those meetings.

You know, and I think that the people that came to those meetings, I think their testimony is important.

I think it's harder to come to a meeting and speak to us in person.

I think that's harder than just you know putting something on our public comment tool.

So I appreciate when people do that.

And I think there is a way to make this work.

I do.

Now, yes, it's creative and it's a little -- it does wind up the coastline of Michigan and it's a long skinny District.

Those are all facts.

Those are all true and that's what I heard from my fellow Commissioners yesterday.

But nowhere in the Constitution does it say we can't have a long skinny District.

Nowhere does it say that compactness which is our 7th criteria is more important than our number third criteria which is communities of interest.

So I think this is a community of interest and I think I mean it's not what I think.

It's what all these people have submitted to us so I will yield back to the floor.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark? I'm sorry Commissioner Orton you were signaling that was a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just have a comment about that.

I agree we have heard a lot about keeping lakeshore communities together.

And my question was how far inland does that go then.

So now we kind of have an answer to that.

But then I also remember that we got a lot of public comment saying that Allegan and Van Buren Counties are a community of interest so I think we have to wrestle with how those contradict each other.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree with Cynthia.

We don't really know how far inland, but the maps that I've seen that come from the communities, are somewhat similar to what Commissioner Eid has drawn.

So the only conclusion I can come to is that appears to be the standard that we are getting from the public, very similar to what Commissioner Eid has done.

And I agree with his logic.

I'm not convinced from another perspective whether it creates a competitive District at all.

And that may be the question.

Because everybody has one thing in mind and completely.

And that may have a negative impact on the competitiveness.

I yield.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes then Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: One thing that excuse me, one thing to think about especially when we are trying to figure out how far inland to go, I mean, we can use common sense here a little bit and think about it.

If you travel on any lakeshore anywhere in the country, when you are right by the lakeshore what do you see? You see the ice cream shops, fudge shop and Livery and boat launches, how far inland do you go away from the coast before you stop seeing that? About ten miles.

You start seeing the kayak liveries unless you are by a river, you don't see the attractions you would normally see on a coastline.

So I personally believe just utilizing the common sense that I can utilize based on what I have personally seen during think 32 years of life here that ten miles seems to be appropriate and thus two townships in would cover a particular lakeshore community of interest.

No matter where you are.

In the United States in my opinion.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think this is something we are going to have to struggle with throughout the process.

What Commissioner Orton was saying how do you reconcile different communities of interest that have differing values? And that is something we should, you know, that we should probably discuss.

Are we going to do it simply by the number of submissions? Are we going to do it by some measure of what this Commission finds is most important? I recall a conversation that Commissioner Rothhorn had about you know maybe certain environmental factors even if they are in a lower number might be more important than a community of interest that is submitted to us in higher numbers.

If I'm recalling correctly.

So maybe that's something we want to discuss, how are we going to, you know, I guess rank somehow these communities of interest?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'll just offer that they are not mutually exclusive. We can take the shoreline and still take the balance of Van Buren and Allegan Counties take the balance and want to offer in addition to common sense it seems like we consider roadways that allow you know the potential representative to travel, right, so

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we don't sort of create a District without I don't know an if they have to travel by boat for example to get along the District, that might be silly.

Just and then that's it.

I'm done.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I want to go back to Commissioner Rothhorn's original statement.

I think we should wait for some more data.

And see how the COIs overlap.

There may be other C O Is for that area as well that we need to consider.

And then put some more thought into it.

So I'd like to make sure we keep this map and then when we come back to revisit the southwest region then we can probably bring the subject up again.

With a little more data.

We have not seen the racial data.

We have not seen the political data on any of this yet as well as the COI, additional COI data.

But I can assure the public that we have seen a number of comments and we've read them and we understand your position as we move forward in this so I would say we set it aside and revisit it when we get more data.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would have to agree especially in effort of moving us along but I do appreciate the healthy conversation and the attention that we give to the subject because it shows we are paying attention and we care about the criteria that we have to care about, right? So let's move on to new business.

Moving forward to new business item 6A draft mapping, west regions State Senate and State House draft maps.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Madam Chair what do we and to do with the map that is currently up? Do we want to try to figure out a way to reconcile it with what we did yesterday or post it on our site and come back to it later? I don't want it to be lost.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think my understanding is that it will be saved and we are going to revisit it when we get more data but Commissioners you can correct me if I'm wrong.

I think that is exactly what Commissioner Clark just stated.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Going back to whether it should be posted on the site, I think that is your call, Commissioner Eid.

I personally would because I think it's an important element to that area of the state.

I would post it as an alternative to what we put together yesterday.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think again because we don't have the mapped COI data, I think it's premature.

I'm not saying we need to ignore the public comment but I'm saying if we are going to start creating drafts, we have a rationale and yes, it appears that we are using number six and we are using one and two and doing the best we can with the information we have.

If we start posting an alternative again which I think we should, I'm not saying we shouldn't post alternatives but it's just we can't actually substantiate we have the information, that this is a COI that has been mapped for us.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes and then Commissioner Clark, you all are helping in this.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I disagree completely with Commissioner Rothhorn. This map should definitely go up on the website to allow for public comments to say hey does this meet your definition of a community of interest in this particular area. Because that's another way of getting the data, yes, we don't have the overlay for it sure but we are allowing the public to see what it is we are working on with the limited data we do have thus allowing the public especially on the west coast to comment on it and thus give us more information about communities of interest.

So, yes, I would say that this needs to be put on the website, this needs to be allowed to be commented on and it is considered a draft map because it has been brought up and it was Commission created.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree 100% with Commissioner Witjes. The data that was used to put together this map as an alternative is the exact same data, we had to do the original one.

So I think the alternative should be put up and like Commissioner Witjes said it gives us the opportunity to give public comments on it as well.

So I would support that position.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, so Commissioners you would like the map that we are looking at, you would like them to post that online is that what the consensus is?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can I make a comment too?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange my apologies I see you and hello.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Hello, good morning.

I'm on the fence as far as this goes but I think I lean more what MC is saying.

We already know particularly as Commissioner Orton said that we have communities of interest that were put in for Van Buren and Allegan putting those together which will overlap this current map.

I think we do need more information.

I want people to comment on both.

But I think that if there is going to be a potential overlapping community of interest maybe it be more helpful if we had input about both of those communities of interest so we can weigh them out if this map is going to affect another community of interest. So I'm leaning towards what MC said about getting more information before we put it out there to get a flood of do you know what I'm saying? So we can compare I guess is what I'm saying.

I don't want anybody to feel disadvantaged from any view or any community of interest.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Lange.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct me if I'm wrong, let's see, this might be for Julianne or Sue, as this is a draft map that was brought up, doesn't it have to go on the website for public comment? And doesn't it have to be presented at this particular point per our rules that we have?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel you have the floor.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair and good morning to the Commission.

Yes, Commissioner Witjes is absolutely correct that the Commissioner's practice is to post the day's work including the alternative draft maps that are submitted while they are either drawn during the meeting collaboratively with EDS' assistance in facilitating the drawing of a draft map.

Alternative draft, pardon me.

Or whether it is part of the collaborative mapping process.

I do note that the maps from yesterday I do not believe have been posted yet.

We are following up again on that request so they will be posted.

But the practice is the Commission's practice per the procedures is that the daily work will be posted so that the public has the benefit to weigh in.

And because my mic is red, I will also say that again, yes, that the additional data is forthcoming.

The Commission will be hearing from Dr. Handley this Thursday and Mr. Adelson will be present as well.

To field questions specific to the racial bloc voting and racial data that you will be presented with on Thursday.

So I hope that was responsive.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It was, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioners are we ready to move forward? I think that our General Counsel, her last comment kind of sums up where, of course Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I just wanted to take a moment to reiterate I didn't just draw this willy-nilly.

District six in particular.

I see these as puzzle pieces and at the end of the day we are going to have all these maps that the public will comment about the puzzle pieces and figure out a way to put these puzzle pieces together in a way that makes sense.

But it was drawn very deliberately in a data and evidence-based approach and I spent five minutes earlier talking about that evidence.

So I just wanted to reiterate that that's what went into drawing it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't think anybody's questioning that.

I think we just want more information to make sure we can what I heard is the Commissioners actually in general agree with your line of thinking.

It's just we have the opportunity to dig a little deeper and that is what we are willing to do.

Okay cool.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I don't think we need a motion to do this or anything.

I think it's going to just happen automatically.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Right yeah, I was prepared to move on to new business.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My bad.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I was choosing that to edify Commissioner Eid that we were not, we are in agreement and we just need more time to think about it.

So moving forward to new business, Item 6A, draft mapping, west region State Senate and State House draft maps.

The region in which the Commission will be working at this time provides a starting point so we aren't mapping the entire state at one time.

Regions are not districts.

So District lines will be drawn across region lines as the Commission meets the criteria listed in the Michigan Constitution starting with equal population.

We can continue as we always do.

Commissioners remind me where we left off at the last meeting yesterday.

Oh, Commissioner Rothhorn, is it your turn? Do I make that up? I know that feeling when you are not expecting to hear your name.

>> MR. MORGAN: Are we proceeding with this map or another region, this is a continuation.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We are doing the house and Senate but I think we want to start with the Senate.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: West region.

>> MR. MORGAN: New region so let me bring up a new map for you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please and Senate please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm going to attempt Grand Rapids first.

And I think I'm looking at I'm going to ask for help here Commissioners because I do remember hearing about the five suburban areas that are all created but we can't for the Senate any way I'm just going to can you help me verify that we can't draw Senate District with all of Grand Rapids because we have 198 there.

We want 265.

And the surrounding areas like Walker, Grand Rapids County or Township.

Do you remember what it was called? Like the five? Anybody remember go ahead Doug.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It was called the Metro six and that consisted of East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Wyoming, and Grand Rapids Township I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Agreed that is my memory as well.

And I'm just because of the population we can't create a District.

>> MR. MORGAN: Grand Rapids is almost 200,000 and you could combine some of those Townships in whole but all of them would be much more than a single Senate District.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right so with that I'm and I do believe that if we highlight the whole thing is it about two Senate districts, the Metro six?

>> MR. MORGAN: We can test that if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes please.

>> MR. MORGAN: We are going to just.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Highlight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can't get quite two in there.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: One and a third.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, you got basically the top half of Grand Rapids is 254,000.

Grandville, Wyoming and Kentwood would give you about 140 some thousand.

All the Townships together are 401,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did that include Grandville? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Grandville Walker.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Kentwood, East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids and Walker.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is more than the six Townships that Commissioner Clark read off.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: More than the Metro six, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is half a District over that is 2.5 districts for all of the Metro six plus some additional Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So what I'm looking at.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Hold on one second Commissioner Rothhorn can I have Commissioner Clark jump in quickly?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One other point I wanted to bring forth I'm looking at my notes.

They talked about a north-south split so keep that in mind as we move forward with this.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is where I'm at. I found Fulton in general the street of Fulton so we have to get into that area, to that level of granularity That Street level to look at Fulton and I want to see if we can do a south and a north District with Fulton as the dividing line.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, one moment. All right so we will Zoom in and I think the treat names may come up.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thanks.  
>> MR. MORGAN: This view Kent pointed out it has the streets in a better visibility in this number ten background.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Sounds good, thank you.  
>> MR. MORGAN: I see Franklin and you were looking for Fulton.  
>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We are looking for Fulton, yes. Should be an east-west Running Street but I'm not sure exactly. Is anybody more familiar with Grand Rapids and know which way to go?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This is Commissioner Witjes I found Fulton. I'm trying to explain where it's at now at this particular point.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we have the river as a reference point.  
>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, there is a curve.  
>> MR. MORGAN: This is fuller.

So Fulton I'm going to go to Fulton and the intersection with the river as a reference point.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Brilliant thank you. So my intention is to I suppose try an east and excuse me a north and a south District and see what that looks like using Fulton.

So I don't know if we can use precincts or if we have to go to Townships.  
>> MR. MORGAN: Sure so what I will do is I will Zoom out and I will remove the Townships to the south which you are not contemplating putting into this District and that will leave us with Grand Rapids plus some Townships to the north as a starting point.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yep. And I'm looking for input too from any of the Commissioners that might understand where right in terms of the Metro six if there is sort of a northern three or if there is a northern two or you know that want to divide up the Metros.

So any help there would be appreciated.  
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Fulton splits Grand Rapids right in half.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Correct and that is my intention.

I got input from folks there that that is the sort of the understood east-west dividing line within the City.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so again Zooming in this is the dividing line so I'm just going to start taking out precincts from south of that.

Just unassigning them and see what the first one will be.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And for the moment let's stay east of the Grand River just to sort of because that is another, yeah, and we will just, yeah, stay east of the Grand River for this point.

So we are going to unselect everything south of Fulton and east of the Grand River, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want the southern areas east of the river and south of Fulton out.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Correct.

That's looking good.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and again we have Walker Township, and then I believe part of Grand Rapids Township as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then I did take one additional precinct to the east of East Grand Rapids and at the moment that's 55% of a District.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right.

And so I'd like to.

>> MR. MORGAN: Minus those two it will be about 52% of a District.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Because we are still in the very rough draft, I'm not going to worry about those like let's keep it at the precinct level.

And not fill in those little bumps out over Fulton.

Let's leave those.

But I would like to see if we can capture more of the suburban area to the north or to the east.

And I'm not, yeah, I guess that means Comstock park, north view again at the Township level probably makes the most sense.

But, yeah, but I need help if there is any more Metro six or understanding of Metro six.

Okay, yes so let's take the Township north of Comstock park area north view Plainfield and Alpine and where there is more densely and the more orange lines the better so stick to the northern Plainfield rather than Alpine and see how much population we have in Plainfield first.

>> MR. MORGAN: 33,000, short 94.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Then let's see how yep if you go okay so Rockford.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's about ten miles from the center of Grand Rapids.

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>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right so let's go to Alpine instead of, well, gosh.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are going to potentially need both if you are looking for population.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's do both then, thank you.

Okay so we are about 74 short.

All right.

Golly.

So I see looks like Cannon and Ada.

Let's go there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Cannon and Ada.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is 14 and 28 so we are still halfway there.

Rockford, Sparta.

Okay, I'm looking west instead of going further east to Grattan, Burton and Vergin. I'm going west white let's go Tallmadge and George, well, the Grand River snakes up there.

Okay, and I'm guessing that Georgetown is going to identify further south.

Oh, it's so hard.

Let's take Tallmadge and Wright, no excuse me I apologize not Wright.

Let's go back because Georgetown would give us everything we need, it would be a little bit over.

But it's on the other side of the river.

So I'm going to try to my intention here is to do a northern District, I'm going to use the Grand River as the, yeah, as my sort of northern division at this point.

So, yeah, let's go right Tallmadge, Coopersville, I guess Allendale.

Let's do Allendale.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is outside of Kent County over here.

So this is Ottawa County.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right and yeah, it's definitely more populated this way.

Let's say Allendale is 26.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want Allendale.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And I think we are pretty close.

Yeah, I'm going to call in the northern Grand Rapids and Grand River Senate District.

I'm not going to get attached to it though yeah because we got Rockford in there too.

Okay are we good? Thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: All right anything are you satisfied? Commissioner Rothorn? Okay, next I have Commissioner Szetela, but I don't -- yeah, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can I make a comment on what MC just did?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The two I guess they are Townships that you had to the west that you just put in, why did you go Westin -- west, instead of north.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The population was higher than the eastern.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When I say go north, I'm talking about the Sparta.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Algoma I kind of like that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Court land, those three.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like that thank you for that suggestion because those are also higher districts or higher population counts and that would fit more with my suburban yeah intention to sort of keep it suburban.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know much about the Grand Rapids but it's more in the Metro area than to the west.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like that, Doug. So take out the Ottawa County counties.

I think there is four Townships I said counties but every Township that is in Ottawa let's uncheck unassign and go north around Rockford please to pick up the population.

Those three Townships might be able to.

>> MR. MORGAN: Rockford with the rogue river Dam there.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Lange's hand and wondering if she can help me out here too.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm just getting concerned about going to the north.

When you look at those areas, I really don't think that they have the same needs or what is the word I'm looking for? They are very different than Grand Rapids.

Again, you're getting into a lot of areas like the Sparta areas that has a lot of rural, big land plots and stuff and how that relates to Grand Rapids, I'm not sure about.

And I'm trying to understand the reasoning of doing the divide of how you did it.

Because when I did mine a practice one, I got pretty much East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids in and then there was a community of interest that revolved around Grandville, Jenison, you get Hudsonville that is kind of the same as Grandville and Jenison and Wyoming and made another District within.

I'm trying to understand the reasoning I guess because going north just in my opinion doesn't make sense.

And I don't know.

Maybe somebody from Sparta or Rockford would comment and tell me I'm wrong.

But just from what I've seen of that area, I have family that lives in Grand Rapids.

So I'm just trying to wrap my head around the reasoning, I guess.

But personally I wouldn't go north.

But that's just my thought on it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Clark? Thank you, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One of the reasons I suggested going north it keeps it in Kent County so even going another tier further north if you needed population, I think that is relevant.

That was my logic.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I appreciate that.

And my logic to respond to Commissioner Lange too is that I'm trying to keep the sort of the suburban areas together and I was looking at the population of the Townships up in the north.

And having heard what you just said Commissioner Lange I am tempted to go back to Allendale because I know that we want to keep rural and suburban together excuse me there is when we have suburban, we have people who are not necessarily rural and they are not necessarily urban.

And so what I'm trying to do is draw a District that is that flights the most urban suburban and so as we go further north, can you look John can you bring up the population of the Townships or even, yeah, Townships, thank you.

So we've got 12000 and 9,000 in Algoma and if we go west into is Ottawa, we've got 8,000, yeah, Allendale being 26,000.

Yeah, so I'm just going to and what Commissioner Lange said I'm trying to do to not to preserve that, that southern area, which is the Wyoming Georgetown, oh, I guess Walker is part of that too is that right Commissioner Lange Walker was part of the COI as you remember, am I hearing that correctly?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sorry about that.

I specifically remember Grandville, Jenison and I want to say Hudsonville was in on that where they said that they are very similar.

But Walker is just a stone's throw away so I could see where that could be incorporated.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yeah, I don't have I do remember Walker as part of the, yeah, but not together with Grandville, Wyoming there was something and Georgetown.

So I'm going to go west.

So John would you let's select Tallmadge and Allendale again, please? On the western edge.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I'll facilitate that by undoing two steps and it should get us back to where we were.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Oh, great.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid and did you have, no, Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We will leave it there, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I quite like what you were doing going north.

I mean, by definition suburban is not, it's not those are not rural districts.

I mean those have thousands and thousands of people in them.

And then I mean just by population I think we have to be careful and maybe think about how we are defining rural versus urban versus suburban so I like what you were doing going north personally.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay and I'm looking if I have to choose between the two like Allendale had 26,000 in the Township and I'm just thinking that is a higher density and so that is why I just in terms of like trying to figure out which one north or south that higher density made me think that that's the right sort of suburban community rather than the northern suburban.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Rothhorn.  
Commissioner Clark, please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One comment I wanted to make about going to Allendale that area because now you have very limited number of counties to the west of that to deal with as before you hit the lake.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Potentially a lakeshore District.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, so that may squeeze you over on that side.  
Not yet, not 100 percent but that's why one of the reasons I proposed going north.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just feeding off Doug's point if we look at doing the shoreline as a District then that sets you up pretty good for that little Section right there, just a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Agreed.

I'm going to leave it here.

Thank you for all the input.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Rothhorn.

Up next, we have Commissioner Vallette who will continue our draft mapping.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> MR. MORGAN: I just zoomed out for the whole region.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you make it larger?

>> MR. MORGAN: So Zoom back into the Grand Rapids area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, and go over to the west there, thank you.

So do we need to do the southern part of Grand Rapids? Is that an area that we need to have in a District?

>> MR. MORGAN: It's my understanding you have the choice of what District you want to draw.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, so let's make it a little bit, come in, and we will do the southern part of Grand Rapids.

So can we take.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to take Grand Rapids City?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, and East Grand Rapids.

>> MR. MORGAN: We should all be voting precincts in the City.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes and, yes, those areas alongside where it's sloping by the river.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay again I'm following the City boundary which is this blue line here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you go.

>> MR. MORGAN: Before going into Wyoming Township do you want more of Grand Rapids or do you want to go into Wyoming Township?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's go to the west.  
That Section there above 28th Street southwest.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is Wyoming Township north of 28th Street.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Do above Grandville, that area there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is a portion of Grandville now is that what you want here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want all of Grandville or just this portion?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's do all of Grandville.

>> MR. MORGAN: So far that is 100,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Where it says Wyoming that area over there, yes and do to the east.

Keep going east.

And then continue that one corner.

Yes, there and take in east Paris.

And above it.

And that is it.

And then the southern edge go all the way across where it's white.

Yes.

From there all the way over to Grandville.

And below Wyoming where that little square comes up.

And I still need 77,000, right?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes so, the balance of Grand Rapids and Kentwood and Wyoming would probably round out the District.

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

Okay good with this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any thoughts or on what Janice drew? Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I had one thought.

I looked back in my notes and one of the comments was don't split up Wyoming.

It's been -- it's currently split somehow and I don't know if it's the Senate or the house they are talking about, but and you accomplished that with that map.

So I think that is a positive thing.

I yield back.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Clark.

If there are no further, Janice, I think you might need to give a little rationale for your draft because I saw Sarah's hand raise.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Correct Commissioner Vallette can you provide additional explanation of your District here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, I was doing the population, which is our number one criteria, just trying to keep everything compact. And it's my understanding that like Kentwood and Grand Rapids are kind of the same. And as Commissioner Clark said, they asked not to split up Wyoming so.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All right at this time we will continue with Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Chair Kellom.

I just received a message that Commissioner Wagner lost connection and is going to try to reconnect and maybe we can skip her and go to the next person and come back to her.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Sure at this time we will pause on Commissioner Wagner and we will continue with Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'd like to go below Grand Rapids and to the west. All right, let's take in Jamestown, Hudsonville, and Georgetown. All right, let's take in Byron and Gaines and the rest of that Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to continue to the next grouping of Townships?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Caledonia and cascade.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Caledonia and cascade.

Let's take in Blendon, which is to the west.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Blendon I think.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And try Zeeland.

>> MR. MORGAN: It looks like there is unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Fix that if you would, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: That may have been in Wyoming Township.

I did not give you a choice did you want to assign that to District 2 which is with the rest of Wyoming Township or District 3?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's put it in District 2 if that is part of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: And it had a negotiable impact on the population of District 2 but looks like it took this additional Township so just a moment or this additional voting precinct.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: This is a general question when we are looking at population numbers because of the differential, the census differential, the DAS I can't remember differential I know we can't trust the block numbers because they are differentiated and I remember we can trust County level.

Do we know if we can trust the Township number? The population assigned to the Township?

>> MR. MORGAN: Generally what will happen is with the differential privacy what happens is the census essentially injected signal noise into the data.

So my understanding is that they would swap some information at a very low level where you might be able to identify a single person or a small group of individuals. So if the population for a block were altered in some ways as you go up into higher levels of geography that would as they would say wash out.

So you would not have a discrepancy at all in the population or the population demographic characteristics as you go up in levels of geography.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So at the precinct level we might be able to even trust the precinct level because that is one above from the block.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, and again as far as.

>> KIM BRACE: If I can interject, this is Kim Brace, sorry about that.

I was raising my hand.

The precinct.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I'm sorry Kim, I did not see you but you've got the floor now.

>> KIM BRACE: Sorry about that, MC was moving into an area that I know quite a lot about.

There is a question in terms of the precinct level.

And we haven't got good definitions from the Census Bureau because precincts are made up of census blocks.

And they are not on the spine as the Census Bureau calls it.

There is a possibility that the precinct level that that fudge factor still is a big potential problem.

We are investigating that as it relates to leases analysis for example.

But certainly at the precinct level I think that we still need to be a little bit concerned in terms of that.

What the Bureau is saying is that as you move within the spine between the block and then the block group and then the census tract it does get better as you go up in the higher geographical structure.

Where that point is, I think still remains to be seen.

But MC you are right.

If we go to larger levels, then they say it washes out.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay and is it clear that we cannot trust the Township level? Or do you think that we can trust the Township level numbers on our when we are mapping here?

>> KIM BRACE: I think you are okay on the Township level from everything I know. I think they are as accurate as you can get them.

There is less fudge at that level because that's on the spine also.

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>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn.

Thank you, Kim, so much for jumping in there.

Commissioner.

>> KIM BRACE: No problem I won't interrupt you anymore.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Don't make that promise.

Commissioner Weiss are you ready to kind of continue?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I believe so.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: All right you have the floor.

>> MR. MORGAN: I made the adjustment in that area and it appears that all of Wyoming Township is in District 2.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's go to the east and let's, yeah, let's bring in Brown and Lowell.

And let's go up a little north and see what we've got there.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want the village of Lowell as well?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need about 88,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's take the rest.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry 62000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, let's take the rest of the two Townships north of Lowell.

All right then I suppose let's go east and then take.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are 53,000 under and all of Ionia is 66.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess we will have to take part of it.

Let's take at the top of Ionia, start with upper left Township, Belding.

And let's take that straight down at least the next two or three and see what the totals are.

Still quite a few.

All right let's do the next Townships over, add the one down below it, please.

Lake Odessa.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay 23,000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And.

>> MR. MORGAN: Ionia.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's add that instead, Ionia.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then Ionia Township.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it's just under by 6,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right let's take a look at Ionia the one south of that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so there is two smaller Townships orange.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, let's take those.

All right let's go north of Ionia, into that Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is under 1% deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think I will stay with that.

All right any comments from the other Commissioners, please?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Why did you go east instead of heading west towards Holland and the lakeshore?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I thought about that but I wasn't sure we wanted if that would goof up the lakeshore, they all talk about because we would be going in land so far.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm just thinking about the community of Hudsonville and those sort of I got to believe they orient themselves that way and instead of wrapping around to the east.

You know that Ionia and those folks in Hudsonville probably have very different thoughts and so I just wanted to encourage you not to just sort of preserve a lakeshore we haven't drawn yet.

In the name of you know sort of just keeping the communities together if possible.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn, do you think that maybe those two blocks over there on the far left or further west, the furthest west where he started basically.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: My only hope was to again yeah because I felt like maybe he was you know Commissioner Weiss was thinking about the lakeshore District that we haven't drawn yet and that was my intention was to try to just overcome that fear.

If that is what he wants to do.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I wouldn't call it a fear but I wanted to try to keep it that way.

We've talked a lot about lakeshore.

So I thought it would be better because of the complaint it's coming in too far east if we keep it that separate, that might be a better choice for somebody else to draw.

I think I will stay with what I have unless somebody has got a better suggestion.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes I saw your hand, but I don't want to...

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All I was going to say I would want to believe the area around Holland would prefer to not be in a District that would be somewhat lumped in with the Grand Rapids or the greater Grand Rapids area, just my thoughts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

Kim, do you have a hand up?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, I do.

Thank you very much.

John, if you could Zoom in to the bottom of District 2 that you've drawn there.

And I wanted to point out something for all the Commissioners to keep in mind.

What you're seeing on the bottom there obviously is the freeway or the bypass around the City.

And the question always is, is that a logical boundary that people recognize and would that be a precinct boundary? Or not? It's clearly part of the not part of the Township. But I don't know what the County clerk does in that area to look at how it relates to their precinct boundaries and is she or he recognizing the freeway as kind of a demarcation line and is that something to keep in mind or not? I think it merits at least recognition from you guys that that's a possibility and maybe to touch base with the county clerk on how they recognize that freeway or don't recognize that freeway.

Because clearly freeways can be a demarcation for neighborhoods.

So I just wanted to point that out as you were drawing down there.

I don't have an answer for you right now.

But something that you could clearly start talking with clerks and that sort of thing about.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Kim.

>> MR. MORGAN: It appears from the boundaries that the precincts are part of Byron Township and Gaines Township in this area.

So to Kim's point you could follow the freeway boundary but it might subdivide that voting precinct.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioner Weiss, are you standing firm?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I like the idea of the freeway but being it's part of the precinct it might be better to leave it as it is.

So I'm happy, I guess.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Weiss.

Thank you, Commissioners and Kim and John, for jumping in and giving us some other flexible thinking, same thing Commissioner Rothorn.

At this time we are going to keep it moving and we are going to continue with -- Commissioner Orton I apologize?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just wanted to say one thing.

Can we Zoom up to the area around Holland? My sorry I'm trying to watch it on my computer and it's lagging.

Okay, so to Commissioner Witjes' point, I have to think that Zeeland, is that what it says.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes Zeeland.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Would associate with Holland.

So I don't know about the rest of it but I would say that would need to be taken out.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would agree that Zeeland and Zeeland Township would align more with Holland than with the greater Grand Rapids area.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I think I would share that thought.

Commissioner, I'm sorry, Commissioner Weiss you're still going to keep what you are doing though.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I understand it but I guess I'm getting back to the point again would they want to consider that part of their coastline.

And a community of interest if you are going in so you are going in quite a ways if Commissioner Witjes' point is that is about six miles now you are in about 18 miles. But I guess I'm open to changing it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a scale at the top of your screen showing you the distance so six miles looks to be an inch and a quarter so Zeeland is probably 8 or 9 miles in from the lake.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It's a fun little geography lesson so living in the Netherlands Zeeland is also considered a part of the Netherlands so since they came over here and named it Holland and Zeeland, I imagine they are related to each other in some way, shape or form.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Well, Commissioner Weiss' face shows you are that in passion I'm definitely sure when it's your turn maybe you can switch it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I will go along with that.

What is the population of Zeeland if we take that out? And that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zeeland and Zeeland.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: The Township itself or all of that.

>> MR. MORGAN: The village of Zeeland so it's 17, 7.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's take it out and I guess we will have to go maybe back to the east and take a look there.

>> MR. MORGAN: There are four Townships and a village in Ionia County where you were or there is other Counties outside of the area you were.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What would be the total of the rest of that County? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Total is 15,334 people.

>> MR. MORGAN: Pretty close then.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's add that in then.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so that is 260.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right I guess I can live with that one.

It's a better choice.

Thank you, Commissioner Witjes.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you Commissioner Weiss and Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Orton and we have a hand from the back of the room from Michigan Department of State, so Commissioner Weiss, can you give some rationale other than persuasion a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Obviously I'm trying to finish out the two counties.

And yet stay away from the shore there.

To try to put that in a community of interest which I'm sure we have all discussed that. And it did look like it worked out quite well from Commissioner Witjes' choice to take me further to the east, took care of the County and finished up the rest of the Grand Rapids County area and I just took a couple of Township from the Holland area or around Holland.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Very good Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All right Commissioners we will move forward and that brings us to Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, John, if you can Zoom, you did.

Can you select all of Oceana County for me, please? Followed by all those Muskegon County? Followed by okay if we can Zoom in now at this particular point.

And scroll down.

I'm going to want to grab the top two Townships in what is that County that is Ottawa County.

So Zoom in so I can see what I'm talking about here too.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so in this area right Grand Haven.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: There are several villages along the lakeshore, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, Grand Haven.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So we are going to take Spring Lake, Crockery, Robinson, the balance of Grand Haven and north to Ferrysburg.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then Grand Haven.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

Can you scroll down for me, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: And again one is probably the municipality and the other is the Township.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We will grab Grand Haven Township.

Okay I want to stay there how close am I to Holland.

>> MR. MORGAN: 260 out of 265.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was talking to distance to Holland if you can scroll the entire map.

That is about as far as I want to go down so let's go up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Are you looking for additional population? In tolerance?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I am.

We will take the county directly south of the east, I'm sorry the Township, right there, Chester Township.

And let's scroll up.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are within 1% deviation there.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

>> MR. MORGAN: This was a Township from Ottawa.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Perfect and the Township that has the Muskegon river going through it and see if it does it.

It should get us pretty close.

Excellent.

As far as rationale goes, keeping all of Muskegon County together since there is Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, north Muskegon, Norton Shores, all of those tend to align together.

Also protects somewhat of a lakeshore and I believe Muskegon tends to align more with northern areas than they do Holland.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any other thoughts for Commissioner Witjes? Okay, and you gave good rationale because I see Sarah gave you a thumbs up so I will continue on with Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is Commissioner Wagner ready to -- we skipped her. She didn't get a.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I assumed when was ready she would jump in and poor assumption on my part and Commissioner Wagner before we steam roll through are you ready for your turn?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: She has rejoined the meeting.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: But might be experiencing audio issues.

So perhaps we could return to her.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Sarah when she touches base with you can you just let me know? Perfect so until we hear from Sarah, we will continue on so Commissioner Clark it is your turn.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's take all of the counties within this region that are north of Grand Rapids that we haven't used yet.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark I'm going to allow Commissioner Orton to have the floor for a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sorry to interrupt Commissioner Clark.

I was just looking through my notes from the Grand Rapids public hearing and I'm sorry I did not see it earlier but Dustin we had several comments about Ottawa County having a large Hispanic population and asking us not to split that.

Just wanted to point that out.

>> MR. MORGAN: So starting in Ludington? Commissioner Clark? Did you want to start in Ludington?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's start there and go three Townships east and then south, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want Montcalm?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, please.

And just to the west.

>> MR. MORGAN: The balance of Kent County and see how that looks?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's get those.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is over by 6% by 15,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, can you scroll up to the north a little bit? So we are 15,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If we go up to Missaukee is that the name of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are over population so you would be looking at potentially removing.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm overpopulated.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, with 15,000.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just something to keep in mind when we drew the northwest, we already incorporated Mason County except for the last four into a different District except for the four Townships to the east.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's take.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I'm wondering about Osceola as well perhaps that County would be better served in a more northern Senate District.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're talking about eliminating that one.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, that is what I'm saying but Commissioner Lange just made a good point about Mason County so.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: This is my area Osceola is the County I live in so if I can give you a little bit of input, Doug.

We kind of associate with lake County.

Again, we share EMS with them.

We also associate with Mecosta County.

We have a MODA, which is the Mecosta and Osceola transit authority that we share.

And, honestly, when you look at the collaboration that we have with other departments and stuff, we tend to go more so to the east than to the west.

Newaygo County.

I could see some things that associate but we also had public comment where Newaygo County due to their farming communities and everything kind of associate more with the farming communities of Oceana County.

So and I know we've had public comment just recently from somebody from Clare that said the same thing about Clare and Osceola. So, in all honesty, other than Mecosta County, we really do associate more towards the counties to the east. They are the more rural areas.

That's just the input I'm going to get for that community because I live in it. And I basically work within all of that region.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I also had a note that someone wanted Mecosta with Clare and Gratiot, that is what I have specifically written down.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: One more thing we did have a sheriff that gave us public comment and they collaboratively work, Osceola, Clare, Mecosta, Isabella, Gratiot, they have collaboratively worked on things such as trafficking, human trafficking. They actually just did a bust. So we did have public comment on that, on how their resources have been grouped together in the past to help with things like that. So I can agree with that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I got to come up with 16,000 less. Thereabouts.

The only way to do that is to eliminate some Townships.

>> MR. MORGAN: You could also adjust previously drawn Districts if you wanted to. You can also adjust previously drawn Districts if you wanted to.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's go, let's look at District 1.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, you are looking at removing population from your District 5 which is over.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

So what I'm thinking is.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Just flagging.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Taking the Townships west of Rockford.

Is it Court land yes Court land yes east of Rockford and adding that to District 1 but that impacts that.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will overpopulate District 1 so you or someone else will make an adjustment potentially.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Although if you are looking for 15,000 these two Townships are about that amount.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I got to reduce 15,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's right and that would be taking those out potential.

You are saying put them in District 1 or District 3?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No I'm not saying that.

I'm saying.

>> MR. MORGAN: Unassign them?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: District 3 is under populated.

You okay with that Richard? If we add it to your District 3?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Weiss, are you thinking?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We are talking 18,000 people.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: If you don't make a decision now, we can always discuss it over recess that starts in about three minutes so no pressure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well the move that was made the last in District 3 was adding the balance of Ionia County which was about the same population as taking out the Zeelands so if you were to take the 15,000 into three you could potentially take out the tier over here and again those are just the last moves, I'm just refreshing our recollection on the last moves.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are you good with that Richard? Let's give it a try and see what it looks like.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then the District 3 is over by 10,000 and this is probably going to be a little too much if you take all four out, but just for sake of completion I will take all four out then you can readjust that if you like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was looking at it from a little bit different angle. The bottom right hand corner of 5 those four Townships and the town of Carson City total up to 14,548.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just following the moves that we previously have done as exchanges of population, that leaves you with District 5 at 804 people over at .3% deviation.

And then the District 3 is 5,000 under at negative 1.9.

So that is what those moves did.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So they are all within tolerance, yeah.

I'm good with that if Richard is.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's stay with that then.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioner Clark, do you like what you see?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep.

Sarah, I decided to go north and take the rest of the region and overpopulated the District so we made some adjustments to a previous District that had been drawn.

And added two Townships to that.

And then reduced four to get that to keep that in tolerance of the deviations.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

All right Commissioners, without objection we will take a 75-minute recess.

Hearing none we will go into recess until 1:15 p.m.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Hello everyone.

I call the meeting of the MICRC back to order at 1:19 p.m.

For the purpose of the public watching and the public record, I will now turn the

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Michigan Department of State Staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioners.

Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending 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.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending from Reed

City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lange, looks like we are having audio issues. Can you say present again?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I can read your lips, but we can't hear you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Give us just a moment to try to resolve that.

Okay, try again one more time.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: There we go.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies for the technical issues.

Just give us one more moment.

Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Lange, can you hear me? Great, okay, thank you for your patience as we work to resolve the technological issues.

Okay let's try this again.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm still here.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

Apologies Anthony Eid?

- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 12 Commissioners are present and there is a quorum.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt. We are continuing on with our new business without objection.

And hearing none we will continue doing the draft State House and Senate maps in the west region.

Again, for the public watching regions are not districts but instead starter geographical regions for drafting which are not bound by the regional areas.

By my record we left off with Commissioner Clark so that means the next Commissioner to add to the draft mapping process would be Commissioner Curry.

- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Good afternoon.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Good afternoon, Commissioner Curry.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm talking to the people that is listening.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: As soon as my computer shows something on it.

>> I can't quite see you but I know you are there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What I did and I thought to do today was first pass then I thought about it and thought that is not what I'm here for.

I looked over my notes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry I'm sorry to interrupt you I will let Commissioner Rothhorn hop in quickly.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: In the District that I drew there was a dis-contiguity and I just want to clean that up before we get to yours and it's in Rockford and there is a, yeah, I just want to and yeah maybe you can do it Commissioner Curry just say add that little block there we have to add it to the first District.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You are saying it so it's going to happen.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Will you please do that, John and thank you Commissioner Curry.

Sorry for the interruption.

And Chair.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's totally fine.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Curry I will put the regions on for just one moment. Okay Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was going over some notes and I see where Grand Rapids also in Kent or near Kent County their City and County boundaries and asked us to keep them clean and compact.

And they said that diverse population do not separate their communities.

And so then they someone got a number 71 got up and said Wyoming, Kent County, Oakland, Wayne should have two counties.

I don't know how I'm going to do that.

But they should have two counties.

And the cities are clear counties, communities of interest.

So they are all cities of interest, communities of interest.

So they want to be kept together.

So I'm going to see what it looks like.

Let's go to Wyoming, which is the green, Wyoming.

>> MR. MORGAN: Wyoming Township and Kentwood and the southern portion of Grand Rapids are altogether.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So it's already together.

Where is Oakland at? Is there an Oakland on there? There is no Oakland, okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm not seeing an Oakland here right in this area.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, so that's we have to have 265,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, again this District has already been drawn and it's already together in the way you're describing.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So they did keep it together so that is good.

I guess I would have to go up to the north then.

Or do you want me to work with the Commission want me to do? Stay to the east?

Should I go up to the north.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If I remember correctly you were interested in the shoreline or trying to figure out.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I couldn't find it but the shoreline I did start it yesterday.

And I went up the shoreline with where is my map, I went up the shoreline with Allegan and I think Van Buren.

Can you go up some so I can see what is under Van Buren? And Berrien, these people want to keep the shorelines together.

So if I did Berrien, is there anything under Berrien? No.

>> MR. MORGAN: Indiana.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Berrien, Van Buren, Allegan, Ottawa.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want me to build those in a District or are you just examining them at the moment?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm kind of examining them first but I want to keep the shoreline together so would they be districts? Or okay so that is 15.

That is 20.

30, 40 and I need 265,000, wow.

Go up some more.

Okay, what is near to the right of Ottawa? What is this white space?

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the unassigned portion of Ottawa County. So if you see the District numbers, this is the work that was done earlier. We drew a District that was Grand Rapids north and west.

Grand Rapids and then Wyoming and Kentwood to the south and then also another Township grand view I think and then it was a portion of Ottawa County coming to a significant portion of Kent and then part of Ionia and lakeshore District centered on Muskegon and Grand Haven.

And then northern Kent and the rural counties all the way up to Ludington that is District 5 so we would be contemplating drawing a District 6.

This area that is not shaded is not assigned and therefore available for your Districting.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, so let's do Berrien, Allegan, Van Buren.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, one moment, so if we start with all of Berrien, Van Buren.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Van Buren.

>> MR. MORGAN: These are whole counties.

And then if I click in, one moment I have to readjust this.

Okay so all of Berrien County, all of Van Buren County and then all of Allegan will be substantially over a single Senate District.

So that's 85,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay then we are going to let's take off Allegan. And deal with Van Buren and Berrien and maybe if I put any on there, I will put Cass.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 35,000 short of a District.

And again some of this area was drawn in a previous session.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, I think I had that in the previous session too. Can I add Cass?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, and that will take over the population by about 16,000 when it clicks in.

Okay so that is 16,000 over a single District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, then can I just I don't want to split Cass.

>> MR. MORGAN: You would potentially split Cass or Van Buren because those are the two outer counties that are in this proposed District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, can I or should I can we do any of the blocks?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, we would look at the Townships which would be the level of geography immediately below the counties.

So these are populations of the Townships along the edge of the District you're building. So these Townships are in Cass County and then up here these are in Van Buren County, along the edge of the District you're building.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Juanita do you remember Allegan and instead of Berrien and sort of the southwest corner if you look Allegan and Van Buren, we were reading together that Allegan and Van Buren wanted to be together and that Holland. You might look up there to see and trying to keep your goal of having that shoreline area.

I just wanted to offer that Allegan instead of going south, further south.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Just keep it going straight up.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Van Buren, Allegan and that Section of Ottawa and see what that looks like then take off.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you try that?

>> MR. MORGAN: So you're saying take out the two southern counties, Berrien and Cass? And then draw is that what you like?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No, take out Cass.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take out Cass okay first.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: See how this looks.

Okay and how much is that, John? How much population is that?

>> MR. MORGAN: 229,000.

It's all of Berrien and all of Cass County so that is 35,000 under population for a District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay now if I pull some of Allegan, can I just get, they don't want to be split either though.

If I put Allegan in there how much would that be?

>> MR. MORGAN: If you put all of Allegan in it's 129,000.

So you would be over by about 90,000.

So if you were looking at taking portions of Allegan you would probably look at these Townships along the border with your proposed District.

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

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so these Townships are 2700, 3800, 2200 and 2500 and over here Otsego is also a part of Allegan County.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What would that total population do?

>> MR. MORGAN: So those four Townships add up to about 12000 population or sorry, is that right? Yeah, just under 12000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Just about what?

>> MR. MORGAN: So there is 23,000 under the ideal District size.

And you took four Townships of Allegan here.

So you might look at taking additional Townships here or you could look at other counties or other Townships in Allegan along the border.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let me go up to, up over, yeah, over Cass and Ganges.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's take Ganges. Clyde, valley.

What does that give me?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 17,000 under so you still need additional population. So you would be looking again if you are following the borderline there is Otsego, there is Allegan and there is additional.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Borderline, let's do Saugatuck.

>> MR. MORGAN: Saugatuck.

>> MR. MORGAN: Saugatuck village and Douglas so you want those two?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, and Manlius, and I ought to be there by now.

>> MR. MORGAN: 6300 the ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Then let's do.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you continue north there is Laketown or over here is Heath.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Heath or Overisel.

Give me Heath and Overisel.

>> MR. MORGAN: .2 deviation under 1% deviation and 720 population.

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

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> Commissioner Curry?

>> Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Your rationalization?

>> Can you give your rationale?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Because the notes I took and how they want to stay, keep the shoreline together, I kind of thought if I go up and just as close to the shoreline as I can it would keep it all contiguous and so that's what I did.

And still get my total population as close as I could.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any thoughts for Commissioner, I'm not going to say for Commissioner Curry but any thoughts on what we have in front of us? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you show me north on the map a little bit? So we have an issue there that's not going to be enough for a District that is unassigned right there that is pinned in by everything else so that is an issue.

Also, assuming that that unassigned area would be in a new District, that breaks Ottawa County into four parts and we specifically got quite a few comments from them that they wanted to stay together because there's a large Latino population there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So where Ottawa, somebody didn't want to be with Ottawa.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Ottawa it was several comments Ottawa and Muskegon. I echo what Commissioner Orton says about Latino population.

There is also a Latino population that lives in Holland specifically.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We will just have to deal with it until we get to the next part we are going to.

That's my take on it.

Next person can deal with it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I softly encourage you so you are going to leave us.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: If it's not enough.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Look at that little what are we going to do with that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well you are going to have to, who is the next person?

Okay let's take some of those blocks.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can we have some suggestions?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Allegan that is to the right and can we put them to the left more north? Or do they want it totally out of there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Juanita, I noticed it looks like you started sort of down in Berrien. And what I mean is if you is that right? In Berrien County.

>> MR. MORGAN: Berrien, Van Buren and part of Allegan.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What if you started in Holland and go south.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm not looking with anything with names on it so that is making it hard for me too.

I need some names and numbers.

I'm just really just filling in the blocks.

So I need some names and numbers.

That is better, okay.

I was really trying to get the population more accurate.

But can we come out of, what is that Overisel.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, that was the last Township you put in the proposed District. If you take that out you are still within the population tolerance.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's take it out.

>> MR. MORGAN: And that would connect the unassigned area of Holland to other unassigned areas.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That will be great.

Let's take it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Commissioners do you think that is a little bit better?  
Ms. Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I mean it doesn't, that is good but I'm still concerned about Ottawa County and I don't know what the answer is but I think we might need to look at that at some point.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We might get some mortem graphic data later this week and that may be when we want to just narrow in on that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You are all set? Okay, since Commissioner Curry is all set with what she has drawn we will continue on with Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, what I would suggest is Commissioner Curry what you drew for Berrien and Van Buren County is kind of like what we did this morning and afternoon and maybe you can do that as an alternate view.

And then maybe go from Holland and try to fill that out with what we have on the screen now.

I thought I was going to start with the house maps.

I don't have to.

I could finish this but I'm kind of locked in to change a whole lot of stuff.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You can help yourself.

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I mean the way that the districts are drawn currently, I don't see that there is much that we can continue to do in the west for the Senate. So I do think moving on to the house would probably be more beneficial at this particular point.

Because if we do continue on in the Senate, with the Senate maps at this particular point no matter where we go or what we do we are going to be pushing on into a different region that we already worked on.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So Commissioner go ahead Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Commissioner Witjes do you think what would you have done? I'm open to see which way you would have taken that because it's probably a better way.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: What I hear is Commissioner Curry is you know we are taking turns but she would like collaboration from the entire team.

So it does not have to stay locked in, okay, so Commissioner Witjes you're thinking and I see a hand with Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm just curious we are doing all of these separate maps for separate regions and honestly, I'm starting to think the regions are hurting us more than helping us.

So I am looking at the northern region that was done, number 6 going into Kent and Montcalm County and you have Mason County that was already assigned to another District in another region that has absolutely nothing in common with Montcalm nor Kent County, they are lakeshore and deal with Agriculture, orchards things like that so what they would have in common with Kent or Montcalm is beyond me and have more in common with lake County.

They are tourist as is lake County because of all the rivers and everything so I'm still just having a hard time.

I think these regions, I know we know we can go over them.

But it does seem like we are trying to stay within them and I think it's hindering more than helping.

And you know, the question is what do we do? We've already drawn Mason County in another District so how are we going to coordinate all these different maps together? We have pieces here, pieces there, pieces everywhere so is this really the most productive way to do it? I know it's kind of late in the conversation to ask this but I'm just wondering how we are going to incorporate everything.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Rhonda I agree with you just about totally.

That is where I'm at with that too.

I think we have too many maps.

If we can just stick to trying to complete a map instead of starting maps all over.

We are constantly running into problems.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, thank you Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Lange.

I'm going to go to Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I agree with Commissioner Lange.

And Commissioner Curry in the fact that these regions are causing mental blocks.

If I remember right when we were in Traverse City, I said the same thing and it was kind of shot down relatively quickly.

It's a good way to start.

Saying this is where we are going to focus.

And then turn them off.

Because you don't need to see it anymore.

You know what the west side of the state is the south side of the state is the east side of the state is.

We can all figure that out.

I'm not really in favor of keeping the lines up because no matter the you say you can go over them or you cannot go over them or if you can mix and match and break up things around them, those lines whether you believe it or not are causing a mental block in every single one of us.

It's not something that you can just turn off.

It's how our brains are designed to work.

We see a line, we want to try and stay within that particular line.

So I again want to say that we turn off the actual District region map that we have the shape file for once we actually start drawing in the future because of this exact reason. Like I said, before we start, if we do decide to start on a new map, we can look at it and say, okay, you get a mental image of where we are going to be.

Turn them off.

And draw in roughly that area and at the end if we turn a shape file back on, I'm willing to bet that we are no longer inside of it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Are there any other thoughts from Commissioners in this conversation regarding the regions? Yes, I see Commissioner Lange's hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, and just one more thing to that I think the regions when we look at communities of interest, they are not giving us their communities of interest based off of regions.

So if you've got somebody that says just looking at what's up here that say Gratiot and Montcalm and they say they are a community of interest for whatever reason they are in separate regions.

I'm thinking as we are drawing these with these lines are we not hindering ourselves? Because and then, again, it's still raises the question we have drawn, we have gone over the lines in some cases.

So now that we are focusing back on, it just seems like it would be more productive, A, to get rid of these District lines because it's hindering us and I will agree with Commissioner Witjes a thousand percent on that.

I know he brought it up last week.

And in my case, I didn't go, he was recommending going south, I didn't go south for a reason because it's an area I live and I know it.

But, two, I think if we have the maps that we've already worked on it will help us too that we are not overlapping areas.

It just seems like common sense to me.

I feel like, well, we have, today for instance.

We have overlapped Mason County in two different districts.

We put Mason County in two different districts.

So is that really productive to go back and fix an entire County once we have all of these districts drawn? I mean I know it's late in the game to be saying this but the further along we get, now I'm seeing it more and it's going to be a concern of mine.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I think that is a valid concern Commissioner Lange and I'm going to call on Commissioner Orton to jump in the conversation.

I'm more concerned about the overlap and us claiming space where we've already worked on more than the lines.

I think we can overcome that, right, the concept of you again just reminding us that we can draw lines wherever we would like in quotations.

I don't literally mean that.

So that part I'm not concerned with.

But Commissioner Orton you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So this is somewhat related.

Just as I've done my own practice, I have found that it's much more efficient and seems to work out better if I start in one corner or one area and then just continue on with either the house or the Senate.

And not keep jumping around and jumping back and forth.

And I realize our schedule was changed to that for a reason.

Because we had to avoid certain areas until we get all the information.

But it just doesn't seem to be working real well I feel.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So what do we think is a suggestion then?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Do one map at a time.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So the first thing that I would say is the overlap that we're getting into in the maps we are drawing that shouldn't really be a big deterrent at this particular point because we will be able to overlay the maps on top of each other and see if we with can include and exclude sorry certain Townships or voting blocs or voting precincts to make them match and all the sudden you are back to where you need to be money wise.

Personally right now we can say by personal recommendation to get off of this topic for now would be to take the map that we draw today, which is where it's at right now, have that be the finished Senate area that we are drawing right now for this particular region of Michigan.

Put it to the portal for public review and comment and we work in the house in the same area knowing we will run into basically the same situation with overlap but we are at least providing something for the public to look at saying this is what we were originally thinking for the Senate and we can address any overlap in communities of interest once we actually have the heat maps and all that to bring in.

So I would say this is good for now and a stopping point for the Senate, let's move to the house in the same western region and see where we go from there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, all right, I'm going to have John jump in and Commissioners please consider what Commissioner Witjes suggested.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, just in support of what Commissioner Witjes just said, you know there are going to be overlapping regions, but the way I would view this is you've tested some concepts out.

So when you go back and look at the things you have done in the past, you're going to say this District was drawn this way for these reasons.

You're going to have some concrete idea of why you did what you did.

You even have a record of some of that.

And you can then deal with the areas that overlap and you know choose one way or another.

So I think while you're reaching a point where it seems there is some degree of concern that this is not as efficient as it could be, there is some benefit as Commissioner Witjes said of you know putting this out for public comment.

And then you know you will have those fully created districts that people can look at.

So there is some benefit to what you have done clearly at this point.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioners, it seems we have done a lot of talking and I know we kind of want to get back with the mapping so should we -- can we stop here and move to the Senate and we will begin with Commissioner Wagner because I keep for getting that she is back and we skipped her earlier.

So can we continue with I mean, that would...we can jump to Commissioner Wagner and then we can go to Commissioner Eid after.

Are we fine with that? Don't all shake your head or indicate, okay, thank you.

Commissioner Wagner we are going to start with you for the Senate.

House I'm sorry, house, house, house. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

I'm just waiting for it to come up on the screen.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> MR. MORGAN: And again before I put the layers on do you want me to put the layer on or not put the layer on? As you said you basically know what region you're dealing with.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It doesn't matter to me.

I know where the west side of Michigan is.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Gosh, and a blank slate to work with, go figure.

And Berrien is the bottom left County, correct, on the west side?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, this was drawn in yesterday's session I believe with House Districts.

So I think you might be considering starting with Allegan or another place.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Van Buren and Allegan we heard often associated with each other so I guess my question would be where did we end yesterday specifically? So I can see where M -- marrying the maps would be appropriate.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will bring that up.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay just a moment.

I need to work on the software for a second.

Okay this is what you had worked on yesterday with I believe the endpoint of Commissioner Eid's lakeshore District.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay, so I guess we will start above number 5 then.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm pretty sure this was the alternate map that was provided by Commissioner Eid.

I don't know if this was the one that was actually finished yesterday.

I don't believe it was.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, let me find the other ones.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would also recommend once we look here and figure out where to start, we do go back to a blank house map and start in the west as that is how we have been doing it thus far.

That is just a personal suggestion.

Okay so take two.

This is not the alternate version.

This is the version that had more districts completed, that was not the alternate lakeshore District.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So there is some of this District 6 that has a portion of Allegan County.

And I think that's what you were questioning.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, thank you.

Hush Cooper.

You can bring up the other map now, John.

Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, here is a blank map as instructed and this shows the populations by County for the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay, if you could Zoom in a little because on the last map, we were three Townships in on Allegan County for the first part.

And two Townships in from lakeshore, the second and the third part before Holland.

So if you could Zoom in a little more so we can get Townships.

>> MR. MORGAN: I wasn't sure if the previous map went all the way to Saugatuck or not, it might have.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We started and Casco, Lee and Cheshire and then Ganges. And I don't know how y'all are pronouncing that. And Clyde with the next two up.

>> Ganges and Clyde.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So if we get starting with Lake town and the problem is once you Zoom in.

>> MR. MORGAN: While I'm doing this if someone is able to reference the previous map that I put up and tell me what the boundary was that is great. If not, we will get it in a minute.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I think lake town and fill more are not on the other map but Douglas and Saugatuck and Manlius are.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I put lake town in this starting District.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And we are going for 91,000.

I would say grab park and the Holland.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want both sides of the County, the Holland and Ottawa and Van Buren?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, and Fillmore.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want Holland Township or are you waiting on that?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No Holland Township as well, Fillmore.

And Park.

And if you could go north a little, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay which do you want the Zeeland? Do you want Overisel, port Sheldon?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I was thinking port Sheldon to keep with the lakeshore.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay it will put me about 3,000, 3100.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is actually quite a bit over.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Oh, wow, is it further than port Sheldon? All I see is the 5206.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think it just didn't update before we clicked in the additional Township.

So I will take that back out and then you can look at where the population sits.

So at this point with this set of Townships it's 8300 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay, gosh, well I guess take.

>> MR. MORGAN: The Holland area is pretty populous.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Take Fillmore out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is 5500 over positive 6% on the deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Maybe take Holland Township out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Holland Township is 38,000.

Lake town is 5900.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: What about the 7730?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is Holland City in Allegan sorry in Van Buren, no Allegan.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And south of lake town, John, wasn't that on the other map yesterday? So the Saugatuck area?

>> MR. MORGAN: I think Saugatuck was on the other map. So you were talking about either taking Holland out or Laketown.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Right and Laketown would probably be closer.

>> MR. MORGAN: And that would probably be -- there you go that is very close on the deviation so it's Holland, it's basically it's primarily Ottawa seat and then it unites Holland across the County line.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Well shucks and it doesn't do anything for the lakeshore districts.

>> MR. MORGAN: There could be other districts to do that if you wanted to.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yeah, yeah, but we have lake town kind of stuck out in the middle between two maps so that doesn't really connect it to a lakeshore District at all.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then in that case.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And it's lakeshore.

>> MR. MORGAN: In that case you would probably look at adjusting the previous map to include that one Township and making adjustments on the District. That might be one way to resolve it.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And just if you could Zoom in for a second and let me see what is north of port Sheldon there. That's.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you are getting into Grand Haven.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Right, all right, I guess I will keep it there, but I thought Zeeland was part of Holland to be honest.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Wagner, did you provide your justification?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I did not but I was thinking to keep all the lakeshore together but Holland is a big tourist and I figured if I could connect that with part of the lakeshore that might be also a tourist community that would help that situation. So mainly it was population and trying to give a starting point for our map now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay is that sufficient? Yep, that is sufficient you got a thumbs up you can't see it in the room but there was a thumbs up for your justification so at this time Commissioners if you don't have anything for Commissioner Wagner, we will proceed and move to Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Eid, you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, well, let's move into the Grand Rapids area. Now can we put the population overlay? There we go. So we have these Metro six cities and there is too many of them obviously to keep in, any one District. There are too many to even keep in one Senate District which is why we split it up earlier. So I have an idea on how to make five House Districts out of these Metro six communities.

So I'd like to start trying to do that as far as you know keeping them, you know, having the voice that they deserve.

And so what I would start out is I would start with East Grand Rapids.

And take and add to it the rest of Grand Rapids, that's to the right of it, yeah, that whole.

>> MR. MORGAN: Grand Rapids Township.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

And then pretty much along the same line that we drew earlier for the Senate map I would take from the eastern part of the City of Grand Rapids.

So I'd just draw, yeah, take that precinct that you're hovering over.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just going to bring up the map back that has the streets a little clearer.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So let's just go by precinct here and we can take basically all of those.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just going to Zoom out slightly.

Okay so fill in this area basically?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and do you want me to take up to the river?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that's what I was thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Division as you get further south as the river bends to the west division avenue south becomes the east-west divider in the City.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I was not going to go that far south for this.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is Fulton Street here so you want to take these three voting precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just about.

Yes, let's do that.

Can we Zoom out a tad? Okay, yeah, so to make up for this population I would actually take a little bit of the southern part of the County that's to the north.

Instead of breaking in more of Grand Rapids.

Yeah, take that part right there to make up for this 5,000 population that we are missing.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay selecting by precinct near Comstock park?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sounds good.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will probably be too much there but maybe no, that is too much.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's take off a little from the bottom.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a moment.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry, did you have something you wanted to say?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Maybe a little helpful I don't know but in my notes Anthony it was saying Grand Rapids, keep Wyoming and Grandville together and if you

want to split you can split Grand River down the middle, so part of my notes if that would be helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are not in Wyoming or Grandville yet.

However with this plan if y'all allow me to continue to draw like the pairs that go with this it does keep Wyoming and Grandville together.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One thing you might consider Anthony, is the two you just highlighted Comstock park and north view instead of going that direction go west. I think you get more population there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So if we go west, we can combine the rest of the eastern part, I'm sorry the west of the western part of Grand Rapids with Walker and that allows us to keep all of those Metro six communities with parts of Grand Rapids.

Because we have Walker, Grandville, Wyoming, Kentwood, East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township.

So how I'm seeing this, that's six counties, there are enough people to split them into five districts where all of them are with themselves and part of Grand Rapids and then I think you know I think that is the way to go.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: There was also a comment and I see Commissioner Lange's hand that says the Metro six concept disenfranchises smaller districts so I just wanted to throw that out there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree that was said.

I think the over veiling comment that we heard though was for the Metro six.

So we can, you know, that is going to depend how we Judge communities of interest because we did get many significantly more people that talked about keeping the Metro six communities, you know, able to have a voice.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Please forgive me I actually wasn't going to say anything about the map.

But I think to stay with consistency each Commissioner should do one District to a time.

No offense, Anthony, but I think that's how we have been doing it.

So I think everybody needs to take their one turn, one District to a time, if you don't mind.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't mind at all.

I was just saying it's whatever you guys want.

But I would take out of this I would take a little bit of that area right there, yep.

Take it off to make the population work.

You know take off that little piece over the river.

>> MR. MORGAN: You will probably have to put back in something.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that works.

Wonderful now let's just Zoom out real quick.

A little bit more.

Now, if whoever is next wanted to continue with this experiment what you could do is have the rest of the City of Grand Rapids below the river, below that dividing line that Commissioner Rothhorn was talking about.

You would have that be its own District.

You can then have you can then combine the districts of Wyoming and Grandville and then you could have the northeastern I'm sorry the northwestern part of Grand Rapids with the rest of Walker.

So that's just an idea for the next person to ponder.

But I'm good with this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any thoughts or comments for Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Eid, please restate your justifications.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The justification was to keep the Metro six communities as a community of interest as we heard at our public hearing.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I agree the only thing I push back on is I didn't hear them say they wanted to be combined with Grand Rapids.

But it's your turn.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The part that you just unassigned, if you reassign that and got rid of, I think it's Northville up in the northern part would that have gotten you your 10,000 that you were looking for? What is the population on north view?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's mainly to make the numbers work everywhere and it's also below that river Section that's there.

If we Zoom on it you will see a river.

So that southern part of that County while it's a little bit more suburban it's more associated with the City than the parts on the other side of the river which could probably go into a separate District that more supports the values of those people.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any other thoughts for Commissioner Eid? Okay, if not, then we will move on to the next Commissioner, which is myself, Commissioner Kellom.

Commissioner Kellom are you repaired to draw? Yes, I am.

So got that taken care of.

John, can you advise based upon the so we don't have the same issue like the where we started before, can you do you have a suggestion on where I should start here? Or Commissioners as well, not just John.

>> MR. MORGAN: You mean in the Grand Rapids area? Continuing or somewhere else?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Somewhere else.

It doesn't have to be in the Grand Rapids area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well, let's see, so Muskegon would be an area that has you know a small metropolis or you could build on the Holland area or go back to Grand Rapids so those are three areas to consider.

If you wanted to look at starting in another place you know you could go back to the Township Laketown that we left available and fill out Allegan County more.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Let's go to the Holland area and let me see.

And Commissioners, please do support me as I do this because I am not from the Holland area.

And I don't want to disrespect any community or area.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you have Grand Haven which has some population up to the north.

Zeeland is not I mean it's closely associated with Holland as we discussed earlier. But there was not enough population potentially to include it with the Holland District and to the south you have Laketown and a good portion of Allegan County available which was not in the previously drawn plan from the other area.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: By Allegan County what is already drawn like if I were to start there?

>> MR. MORGAN: I believe we said it was Saugatuck, Marius, Clyde down to the three Townships along the border with Van Buren.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I want the path of least resistance.

So I will maybe Grand Haven, go back up there and see what is happening and we will start there.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you will if you take some of the Grand Haven area you will build up to a substantial portion of the House District if you were to select those.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Say that part again.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is substantial population here so if you clicked in you will be a long way towards filling a house seat.

There is a lot of population here.

18,000, 11,000, 15,000.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Let's try that and see what happens.

And there is a delay on my screen so if I start filling in faster and this happened yesterday, I realized that I was over populating space because it's going slower so yes you can select all of that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is about half a seat.

And then these are the Townships in Ottawa County and then there is also Townships on the border in Muskegon.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Maybe we take the Townships in Ottawa, the surrounding ones.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

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>> CHAIR KELLUM: What do we think Commissioners? I don't want you to wait until after chime in now.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is about 20,000 so that would get you to about 75% of a District.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: What about port Sheldon? Take that?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: And Olive and there is nothing lower than that, right? In the southern space, no?

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a moment.

Now you are.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: What about Robinson and Crockery.

Let's see.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that leaves you with 75 percent of a District and needing about 23,000.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: What about Allendale?

>> MR. MORGAN: Allendale is 26,000 by itself.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Polkton will give me a strange.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is much smaller so it will cover 7500 of the 23,000.

So either these two and more or Allendale and stop.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Maybe Allendale by itself.

I'm not sure about that choice.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that should calculate in at 3400 over so you might consider taking one of the other Townships off if you wanted to.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Orton, yes, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, oh, it's delayed on my computer so I'm just thinking if we are thinking lakeshore, if you went up a little bit because I believe I'm not sure but the population of Muskegon is going to be too big to come clear down so maybe that would be a community of interest there.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: So go up north, yeah, okay, I just didn't though how far.

That was my other choice and I don't know which way to go.

Okay.

Norton Shores are we thinking?

>> MR. MORGAN: So taking out.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Allendale.

Yes, please.

Now John I didn't say undo all that.

Look at you.

>> MR. MORGAN: I know, surprise.

Well, okay.

Just a moment.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: John skipped my turn.

No, I'm kidding.

>> MR. MORGAN: Norton Shores you want to see what that does.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, and Muskegon Heights and is that Roosevelt?

>> MR. MORGAN: Roosevelt park it may be this is an island.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Sorry I was not looking at the number Commissioner Witjes, please.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Keep in mind Muskegon is comprised of Muskegon, Muskegon Township Norton Shores, Muskegon Heights and I can't remember the other one off the top of my head but they pretty closely align. And if you had to go somewhere to grab population, I would say Norton Shores would be better chose but measure heights they tend to be there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I won't snatch Muskegon because I think I'm over.

That is what it looks like on my screen.

Commissioner Clark, please.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I could not hear what Dustin said but I've got a map here provided by somebody out of Muskegon community.

And north shores area as he identifies it is commercial and suburban.

The tourist District is north of Muskegon.

Muskegon so I don't want to mislead anybody.

That's not the shoreline that I think people are talking about.

I think they are talking more the tourist area.

Yeah, that is my opinion from looking at this.

I'll bring it over so you can take a look at this Brittini.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We are in this together so I don't have the answer, I don't have the expert opinion.

I look forward to the public, the folks in this area to like you know weighing in, okay.

What would you suggest? Leave it like how it is? Wonder if I can get it down a little bit more.

I mean are you all fine with me leaving it here? Yeah, I don't want to because I would feel uncomfortable gouging our adding in either direction so my justification is many things.

Population is one, it's closer to a happier medium and our target.

But the other is the information that Commissioner Clark brought to me, the municipality and Township catheterizations where they are identified communities of urban versus recreation so keeping the north shores and not digging too much into that shore area but keeping those communities together and not going too far out are the justifications for my current shape number three.

Thank you.

If no Commissioners have any other input or anything like that, we are going to Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have got one other map here that I don't think encompass the area you did.

But it's a heat map of the African/American population of Muskegon County.

So I think that may come in useful whoever goes east of Muskegon.

I'll run this over to you.

You can take a look at it.

This came from one of the citizens in Muskegon.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark, I appreciate that.

Not just show the map, chime in with your comment too whenever that person takes their turn.

Next, we have Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I'm going north.

And I'm going to go by County.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay ready.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm going to have you grab Mecosta, Osceola and Clare.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And I'm good with that. And the reason for that is because Mecosta and Osceola, as I said early, have things in common like the transit authority and we have got public comment about Clare and Osceola County being a community of interest. So I'm trying to listen to the public also.

Is anybody talking?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No one is talking.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It got definitely quiet and I didn't know if our audio went out or not, I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm sorry Commissioner Lange I thought you were thinking all of that time so we were just waiting.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No I was giving my reasoning and I was done. I'm sorry I should have said I was done.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any comments for Commissioner Lange? None.

Okay moving on to Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Go over and take a look at Muskegon.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have the City the Township and north of Muskegon and Laketown and to the south is Muskegon Heights and Roosevelt park.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's do that area all around Muskegon Lake, up to the blue line.

>> MR. MORGAN: Starting at Roosevelt Park?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, just go right around the lake.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm waiting to see if the software is going to update so I think that is it.

I think that is where you are.

So about 10,000 off.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Pull up Lake.

>> MR. MORGAN: Out, Laketon out?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that will be about 16,000, 17,000 off.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just a minute.

Okay, let's put that back in.

I thought I was misreading it.

>> MR. MORGAN: So putting Laketon back in, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now it's back to 10,000 under population.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's go up to put fruit land in.

It's right north of Laketon.

All the Commissioners who have done a deep dive into the comments, I'm looking for some assistance on combining Muskegon with Montague and White Hall on the lakeshore.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What I'm looking at Steve like what you have drawn is good and I know you are within the boundaries.

I've seen a couple maps that have been submitted that look like what you have drawn. And combining White Hall yeah, they are not suggesting White Hall and Montague should be included.

So not going in that direction.

Not going further north.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: They are or are not?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Are not.

What you have is recommended and then, yeah.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any other thoughts for Commissioner Lett? Commissioner Lett, are you satisfied with what you have drawn?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No, I'm not done.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you scroll down a little bit?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I asked if we could scroll down a little bit.

District 3 is over some people, so you could go down into there if you wanted to and maybe take out some of there and maybe go into Fruitport.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And meet in the middle.

I'm fine with that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Commissioner Lett some of my notes said that Muskegon said they wanted to be drawn across and not down.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: They wanted what.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They wanted to be drawn across and not down, Muskegon.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think that would be a compromise, they are definitely drawn across.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Doing good.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Are you on Townships or voting precincts right now?

>> MR. MORGAN: Changed to voting precincts in anticipation taking a couple precincts out of that District.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Good, do that, right on the shore.

Which one is a parking lot?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that was maybe that was too much.

Good for five, bad for three.

I think we might have identified a District that we thought was overpopulated here, District 4, but District 3 which was the adjacent seat was not overpopulated.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What about that area that's hash marked on the west side, yeah, those areas.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I'm going to back up one step to show you the state of things because I think we were talking about, yeah, okay there it is.

It's 2% over as well.

Hum.

One moment.

Okay I think this might be a place where we should stop for a moment and let me save the plan and reopen it.

Because I think there may be something a little off with the population calculations here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, John.

Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

Are we waiting for you John until we get started again?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes. I think give me a moment and see if that clears up or if I was just mistake because it appears we took 2900 people out of the district that was overpopulated and it ends up being 3,000 underpopulated. So I feel like there is something in memory here that is an issue.

>> Commissioner Kellom so we are waiting on a justification?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We are waiting for John to check something with the software and that will let him know if Steve can continue or not continue or have his justification.

>> Just wanted to be sure, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Oh, no problem.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Michigan Department of State please you have the floor.

>> Commissioners while we are waiting if you would pull your mics a little bit closer to you, some of you are sounding muffled when you speak, it would be more clear if you pull your mic a little closer to you when it's your time.

Thanks.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is the starting point I thought we were at.

So when we looked and we originally said that, I'm sorry let me turn on my screen.

One moment.

Okay when we looked at a District being over, I think we thought that the adjacent District 3 was overpopulated but, in fact, it's not overpopulated by 2%.

It's under populated behalf a percent.

So that suggestion would actually make District 5 closer to the ideal but make District 3 go away from the ideal.

But you still could do that if you wanted to.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can we go back to voting blocs?

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to take from 3 or unassigned?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I want to look at the two coastal, that, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so that is 2700 people.

And then the District you're drawing right now, District 5 is 4,000 under and bring it closer alignment to the ideal but as I said it will make District 3 go away from the ideal, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's see what it does.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

All right so that analyzed District 3 population to be 3100 under and District 5 is 1300 under.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You can undo that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Undo that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, looking for unassigned population, you talked about to the north there is White Hall, there is Dalton, Egelston, Fruitport.

Or you could trade I think the last move you made was Fruitland in which was 5700 and then Dalton which would have more population if you swapped those two.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's look at that.

Do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, and that should put you right near the ideal 463.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay I'm done.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Any final comments on this part of our mapping?

>> Commissioner Lett if you would give a justification for your mapping, please.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I will in a second.

>> MR. MORGAN: I just wanted to comment on the coastal area here basically these unpopulated water blocks would end up being assigned to one of the districts that borders the shore.

And at this point it's assigned to Muskegon because this is probably part of the City of Muskegon as far as the geographical boundary so that is what it looks like.

But it might be possible to assign it to a different District.

But this is where the default is.

As Kim said this is like the territorial boundary of Michigan as posed in the Great Lakes, in Lake Michigan.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do you know how many lake trout are out there we can assign?

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: My rationale is that I wanted to keep Muskegon, north Muskegon together.

Did not want to split the City or north Muskegon in any manner.

Considered it a lakeshore community.

I took a look at the heat map which will be included with our public comments.

And then balanced the population.

>> Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And continuing on we have Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can you Zoom in to that area, yeah.

I think I'm delayed still.

So.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which area?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, that's good.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can I keep going up the coast?

>> MR. MORGAN: So up the coast being north of Muskegon?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

So I have a question for whoever might know.

When we have people talking about lakeshore being community of interest, but then someone pointed out that south of Muskegon wasn't really like Muskegon and north of Muskegon.

So this part of the lakeshore that's north of where we just mapped, do we feel that that's like lakeshore tourist type lakeshore?

>> I would say yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I remember Commissioner Lange talking about Newaygo and Oceana as sort of a similar I'll say vibe.

Does that sound right? Do I remember that correctly Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You do I could still see going up the lakeshore if that is the goal is to do lakeshore districts.

I just wouldn't take it too far into Oceana because when you get in Oceana and Newaygo again you are looking at commercial farms, orchards things of that nature.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm going to have to move because I just lost Zoom on my computer so just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Also in my notes it said that Muskegon and Oceana are fishing and tourism places.

Short term rent.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes, please?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would also agree.

Going north would be fine.

Paying attention to the lakeshore because once you start going up north on the west side there of 31, you're going to start seeing dunes and a bunch of other things especially near Ludington so Ludington is going to be a big tourist type town and going south this would be a good one where we could potentially divide the county and just focus on the lakeshore but that is my thought.

You could put Mason and Oceana and then try putting the rest of Muskegon County together, the northern part.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is kind of what I was thinking.

So, John, will you choose Oceana and Mason Counties, and then those Townships surrounding them, the District that we just made.

>> MR. MORGAN: You need additional 20,000 people, continue down through Muskegon.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The two that are up at top, yeah, those two.

Okay, and then can you Zoom out?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> MR. MORGAN: You're looking for about 15,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So up, please, so there is quite a line of Townships that goes straight up from where the District boundary is.

Can you just take those to the west of that line.

>> MR. MORGAN: So into Manistee County?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Clear up to the County line to see what the population is.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it looks like Manistee itself will be a large part of what you need right here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay choose those for now.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then probably a little more to the north or to the east.

Or not.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, Zoom in just a little.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want one more Township or stop where you are?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm thinking.

Can you Zoom out just a little so I can see what is around there? So Zoom in a little but center so that I can see up above, yeah.

I don't know that area and I have not seen any public comments about that area specifically.

So I'm not sure whether to add that last one in or leave it with the upper parts.

Anybody have an opinion? Okay let's leave it like that for now.

And my rationale is just trying to preserve the lakeshore together and population.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much Commissioner Orton.

Michigan Department of State did you get her rationale? You did and moving along we have Commissioner Rothhorn next.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay, I'm going to I think I'm going to try the sort of the northwest part of Grand Rapids.

Yeah, Walker, and, yeah, let's do the balance of the City.

And see where the numbers are.

>> MR. MORGAN: For selection purposes I will Section this off to do the west side of the river first.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That sounds great.  
Number 7.

And then all the way over to District 2?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please.

Okay so at this point you are 4500 under and I have to get these two that are unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that will probably take it just about to zero.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: All right, let's call it good.

And I believe my rationale really is it's the northwest part of the City and staying within the County yeah but because of population and it's the northwest part of the City.

That's my rationale.

And keeping it contiguous.

Done.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioner Rothhorn I think that satisfies your rationale and any thoughts from my fellow Commissioners? Doesn't look like it.

MC, it looks like, Commissioner Eid has a thought for you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I like it, that is all I'm going to say about it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Next, we have Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you, thank you.

Can you make it larger? Thank you so I'm going to start with lake and the County below it.

Or, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay lake and Newaygo.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The Section below Newaygo, over to Muskegon.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so this is the portion of Muskegon on here, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

You want me to take the balance of the populations?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: This will be over but I'm going to finish the assignment then you can make adjustments if you want to.

Okay so that is 9,000 over with the balance of Muskegon.

So if we, well, there are several different ways to do it.

These are the last three that I put in.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, take out that Section, the bottom two, Sullivan and Fruitport.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That will be too much.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will be too much.

You take out these three, six, seven, will be pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay take those out, Moorland, Casnovia and Ravenna.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay there you go.

That is 1800 under, over 2%.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm still over.

What is that square right next to the five?

>> MR. MORGAN: You could put Cedar Creek in adjacent District like six maybe.

Okay, so the issue here is you might then want to add Moorland back in.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which will bring you closer to population equality.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay then do that.

This is 333 over as drawn.

And then you put an additional Township in six.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I don't like the way that looks.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Anybody got any suggestions? Do you have any suggestions?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn? Sorry Commissioner Vallette I was thinking but Commissioner Rothhorn had his hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Lake and Newaygo are rural and Muskegon you have suburbans so if you don't like the shape of it what you might look at instead of going sort of west and into the Muskegon suburban area Montcalm or further north, north of lake instead of trying to go south into Muskegon just to keep your rural if that is what you are trying to draw with Newaygo and lake.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You suggest I take out the three.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The suburban area I think you can, it feels like it's not quite the same.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is 2530 about 32000 you would take out and you would look to replace that with something of equal population.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So should we take those out and look to go maybe north or.

>> MR. MORGAN: Probably do it in two steps so take these out first and then look again and see what makes sense to you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, let's take the three out.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Commissioner Lange I'm going to have her jump in. Keep going, Janice, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I was going to second what MC was saying. I think a better fit as far as what the community looks like would be to go north possibly Wexford.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So what did you say MC would you repeat it?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What Commissioner Lange just said Wexford is the County to the north and pretty rural.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think it's about 30,000 from memory and it is so if you take all of Wexford you will be over a little bit but it will put you very much in the ballpark.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, let's try that.

Put me over.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Janice you are getting thumbs up but you can't see them from your Commissioners.

I know you are in the weeds working but we are supporting you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so you would consider taking off possibly a Township from one of the three counties depending on where you want to take off.

Or you could leave it as 4.5% over, 4100 over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's see if we can take something out.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Janice Rhonda knows this area pretty well.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm sorry, what?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I was going to suggest that Rhonda knows this area pretty well and may be able to help.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Rhonda what did you say I should do?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange Commissioner Vallette was asking your suggestion?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sorry I forgot to unmute.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I was recommending the Wexford County because of how much it interacts, how the County is kind of the same as Lake. I think if you were going to take some off you might be able to shave some off on the top of Wexford County.

Once you get heading towards Grand Traverse.

It's still really rural but I think there is enough other areas up there that it would fit in to if you have to take away Townships from a certain area.

That might be the way to go.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so the north part of Wexford?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are looking at 4,000 so let's see what the Township populations are.

Yeah, they are pretty small.

So you wouldn't take call of them but you probably would take the first tier.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, we can do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's pretty close to what you want if you take the first tier.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That's good.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Vallette, can you provide your justification? I know.

It does seem like you have been talking all this time but just in case.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well again I'm looking at the population.

I had it down there at the bottom and I didn't like the way it looked.

It looked kind of weird.

So on the suggestion of MC Commissioner Rothorn and Commissioner Lange I went north and then we just took a little bit off to get the populations in line.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Sounds good to me.

Any other thoughts before or for Janice before we move on? Commissioners would you benefit from a five minute stretch break or, oh, that wasn't, bigger, much longer, 15? Bigger or 15 minutes.

Okay, if there are no objections, or without objection, we will take a 15-minute recess.

Hearing none, we will reconvene at 3:30 p.m.

Thank you.

>> We are going to continue with roll call Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present remotely from Reed City Michigan.

>> Commissioner Lett present Commissioner Orton present Commissioner Rothorn present Commissioner Szetela? Commissioner Vallette? Present.  
Commissioner Wagner? Present attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> Commissioner Weiss? Present.  
Commissioner Witjes, present.

We have a quorum, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much for taking roll and we are continuing on still with new business.

The drafting of the State House maps for the west region and we left off with I believe who was it? Is it Commissioner Wagner? Did I get that we had Vallette and who was after? I thought Commissioner Vallette finished.

So Commissioner Wagner.

>> Commissioner Vallette was last.  
>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, I did this one.  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: She finished and gave her justification. And by my records we were on to Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: That is correct.  
Can you Zoom in, John on the southern portion of Grand Rapids, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: South of Grand Rapids there is available population in the City that has not been assigned and Wyoming and Kentwood and you can adjust as needed.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: What I want to do is they said the southern portion of Grand Rapids Wyoming and Kentwood all comprise Grand Rapids Metropolitan area. And I know and they also said there was like 200,000 so we should have enough for two districts.

So if you can go the southern portion of Grand Rapids and Kentwood and let's see where we are there.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I will put in Kentwood in first and add Grand Rapids portion if that is okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, proceed, please, thank you.  
>> MR. MORGAN: That is Kentwood 54,000.

So that is 60% of a District.

And then you wanted precincts in the City next?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.  
>> MR. MORGAN: So I'm following the City boundary here and not going into Wyoming Township; is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.  
>> MR. MORGAN: So those five precincts bring it up to 26% under 23,000 under.  
>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, can you capture those, please?  
>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, the sorry the next grouping here?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would start from 1653 to your north and come down.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so these are the voting precincts on the border here. And then it's 5900 under at the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Will you grab 3059 that one? And 3071 with the 2064 in there, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so that is 1100 under.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: 1871, 3068, the one to the north there.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it would be about 700 over then.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm okay with that.

Anybody familiar with Grand Rapids aside from what I've got with the Wyoming Kentwood and southern Grand Rapids as a District? Any words of wisdom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid and then Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, I think you kind of boxed yourself in here because if you are to combine Grandville and Wyoming to one District next then you have what is left of Grand Rapids, which since you've cut Grand Rapids now from by adding it to Kentwood, that area that's left of the City of Grand Rapids isn't enough to make a House District by itself.

Whereas.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I wouldn't have done that though.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If you start with the border of Walker, Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids and go out to get that southern part of Grand Rapids, that is enough for a District. Then if you do that you could have Grandville and Wyoming in one and then you can put Kentwood along with Cascade and Ada Counties, Townships, then I think everyone is happy.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: The only reason I did it that way Grandville was not a portion of what they said was southern Metropolitan Grand Rapids in the public comments.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I got to I mean what we heard was the 1234, we heard at our public hearing in my opinion was Walker, Grandville, Wyoming, Kentwood, East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township being the Metro six communities. And I mean we heard that over and over and over again.

And, in fact, we had one comment that specifically asked for Grandville and Wyoming to be in one, give me some time I can find that.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: A few say Wyoming Kentwood and southern Grand Rapids as the Metropolitan southern Grand Rapids area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark? Sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No problem.

I think it's logical based on what Anthony just said to take Grandville and Wyoming and make that a District.

And then the pink area where you are working right now, I would start from the top and come down to the south on that.

Because if you add up Grandville and Wyoming, you're at almost 91,000, 92000.

And which puts you in the right range.

And the comments did indicate that those two wanted to stay together.

That they are glued to the hips, I guess.

And so then I would assume that that would be a District.

And then I would work from the pink from the northern part of the open area in Grand Rapids down toward the south and see what we got left.

I yield back.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

What do you think about that Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It's fine.

That's fine.

So, John, you want to back out all of that, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John, you took part of the green.

You might want to undo.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Grandville and Wyoming will be 92000 and that puts you just over 1%.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: How much does that leave in just to look at the population, everything that's left in that area in Kentwood, southern Grand Rapids, how much is that?

I just think that will put that Section over.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, so it will probably end up being too much population for all of this in Kentwood.

Certainly it will.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: That's what I thought.

I guess let's leave it this way.

And go from there.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay, Michigan Department of State are you fine with Commissioner Wagner's justification?

>> Can you repeat that Commissioner Wagner, please?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Good because I had not given one yet.

I guess this will be keeping Grandville and Wyoming together as a community of interest.

And still be within the population.

>> Thank you, Commissioner Wagner.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Our next Commissioner to continue the mapping or draft mapping process is Commissioner Weiss.

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>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right John get your colored pencil and your eraser ready.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Which one does he need first the pencil.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I would like you to Zoom out a little bit so I can see where I want to start.

I'm not so sure I want to go.

I'd like to try to fill in between 5 and 8 and 3 and all that in there.

I just don't know what the population is.

So I guess get your pencil ready and then your eraser.

Just in case.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm ready.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Start with Eagleston, Fruitport, Sullivan, Moreland, Ravenna and then come across.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then there is one additional Township in Muskegon.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We will add them.

Just keep going across I think is how I will go with that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me Zoom out so you can see where you are.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is Ottawa Township and this is Kent County here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: If I go straight down, towards Grand Rapids from the last block there, that's, yeah, go up from there, how many are we dealing with?

>> MR. MORGAN: The big population center here as we have talked about before is Allendale and Georgetown 26,000 and Georgetown is 54.

And you're looking for 55 total.

So this would be 34.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Got to be pretty close with all of them.

Yeah, let's take them all down Allendale down to Georgetown and see where we get.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it looks like 7900 left and there is our friend Blendon again.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Looks like you are just trying to blend in there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Very good.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 800 and 4200 less than 1%.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Put your eraser down and your pencil. I'm sticking with that.

>> MR. MORGAN: We can turn in our test now.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well I was trying to fill in the districts there between you know we had kind of a hole there an alleyway so I thought if I could fill that in it might help finish up the rest of the area.

And it looks like it might have worked.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yeah, I think you did a good job Commissioner Weiss.

Do we have any other thoughts or questions for Commissioner Weiss? All right, next we have Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, I'm going to go north and we are going to start off where, yeah, Townships would be fine.

We are going to grab the bottom, let's see, a little bit further north.

Underneath District 4 grab the.

>> MR. MORGAN: Montcalm Township.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Grab the eight that are directly below District 4.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Grab the two to the right of that as well.

I saw the names for a second.

Let's grab the balance of Montcalm.

>> MR. MORGAN: The rest of the County?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So 24,000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's grab the eight before that and Ionia, the City of Ionia and Ionia Township I mean Ionia County.

>> MR. MORGAN: Belding as well?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Ionia City?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: I may have grabbed Berlin.

Okay so that's considerably over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, I can't see the population here anymore.

Scroll up a little bit.

>> MR. MORGAN: 13,000 in Ionia and so you would probably.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's leave Berlin actually.

Go back north.

I will take Lyons and north plains off.

Let's go north some more.

Take off the left I'm sorry the right most three Townships on the border of Montcalm County.

>> MR. MORGAN: In Montcalm up here?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so looks like Carson City and Bloomer and crystal.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay let's see the if we can go north a little bit more.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it's 1900 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, try and get it down to zero.

So let's I will take a look at the northern region of Montcalm again.

If there is another Section.

Once it decides to play nice.

>> MR. MORGAN: Spoke too soon.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Are you serious?

>> Did it delete is that what is happening? Just to make that clear.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: For the purpose of the public watching John is simply recreating the districts that Commissioner Weiss drew before we had a tech the glitch and Autobound got very tired of this draft mapping.

He is not acting on his own.

He is recreating what we drew.

>> MR. MORGAN: Back to District 11, I am a couple moves behind you here, and are looking at some of the Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Add Ionia back this and the Township directly south of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah, that one.

And then the two most right Townships of that -- of Ionia County.

We will take those out.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Dustin, can you scoot the mic closer.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah.

Okay and then north plains and Lyons.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Dustin speak a little louder.

You are using your thinking voice.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I feel I'm yelling.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: When you start to talk it out you start to mumble but feel like there is a whole bunch of confidence behind it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Oregon so the red boundary is not the District line, it's the shaded theme boundary there and that is 1300 under.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Is there one that's close to 1300 up in Montcalm County?

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to add north plains back in that you just took out?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, let's do that.

That's what I meant, I'm sorry.

Wait Ionia is not in there.

>> MR. MORGAN: No, it is, no it's not, I don't know, let's see.

I think it's not.

Let's find out.

Now it will make more sense.

Yeah, now you have to take out.

Now we are back where we were, I think.

Yeah, now you are 11,000 over.

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay so take out the next -- all the districts north on the right side, just take all those out.  
Okay now let's see if there is one close to 2000 that we can add back in somewhere on the ones that we just removed.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry I'm back at the hourglass again.

>> It's a sign.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think it's a sign.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It is tired.

And then it's working with Zoom and it's working with all the other technology so that is what I can imagine.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Figures when it's my turn it decides to stop working.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Get little post it notes and block it in the area that you want.

>> MR. MORGAN: So when I bring the program back up hopefully it will save more and I won't have to recreate everything again.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Looks like Ionia was just taken out again and the rest of the counties and Township.

Let's do it in reverse this time.

How about we take the four on the top right of Montcalm, get rid of those and add Ionia and see if we can get around the glitch that way.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I'm going to save it again.

Hang on a second.

Let me reshare my screen.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right, so now let's add Ionia City.

>> MR. MORGAN: After I save it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: John do you mind changing the color?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I won't ask for any more things because I don't want it to stop working.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now you should be right about where you want to be.

Wait, we have a problem here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Take that piece out too.

>> MR. MORGAN: You will be looking for that 2000 again.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine.

We will see if there is something close to 2000, we can add on the ones that were just removed.

Check Montcalm County first.

So I'm short.

>> MR. MORGAN: 2000 Richland in.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Keep going down.

>> MR. MORGAN: 6000, 2600, 1300, 26.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's go back down.

>> MR. MORGAN: 1200, 3500, 12000.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: South a little bit more.

All right top the let's go to the one at the top of Montcalm County the 2600 one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Richland.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 2019 or 2646.

Let's go with Richland.

Perfect.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes whenever you are finished with what you have drafted, just include your justification.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So my rationale here was just trying to close out the western region of Michigan here what we are working on.

Getting into Mid-Michigan and south towards Ionia with population, equal population that is it.

I feel that would be combining some rural areas as well into a District altogether.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any thoughts for Commissioner Witjes before we move on?

Good job Dustin.

>> Can we repeat the justification, please?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was closing out the west side northern west side of the state to stop getting boxed in when we start working towards the east.

And then also going down south to some rural areas that are close to Ionia.

>> Thank you, Commissioner Witjes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And we will continue on with Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: John, let's go back to Grand Rapids and between 7 and 2 there is a white space down below it.

Let's start filling that in.

All the way to Kentwood.

And see what the numbers are.

>> MR. MORGAN: Of course I picked green, green, green, just above it.

Yeah, sorry.

Okay so continuing the balance of Grand Rapids.

Okay that will be the balance of Grand Rapids.

And it's a District.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I'm only 1400 short.

That's not bad.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That would allow Kentwood to stay as whole.

Let's do that.

That's good.

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>> Commissioner Clark can you provide justification, please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, we focused on completing the City of Grand Rapids into districts.

We didn't accomplish that 100% but we were able to get a good portion of what was left to form a District that was within 1400 of the tolerance.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay I think I'm going to go right, close to Commissioner Clark and that 54304 has not been taken, has it?

>> MR. MORGAN: No, it has not been taken.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, let me have that.

So what do I need 91,612?

>> MR. MORGAN: That's right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You are 37,000 short.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I had 91.

John, do you have any numbers under...what is that? Well, that is the airport.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure, there is let's see so going up to the top Ada Township is 14,000 almost 20,000 for Cascade, Caledonia 15, Gaines is 28, almost 29 and over here is Byron at 27,000.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry I'm going to have Commissioner Eid jump in and pardon me too John.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So my advice would be to add Ada County and Cascade County to Kentwood.

Those are both you know suburban parts of Grand Rapids.

And we did that the numbers would match up and it would achieve the original goal of having those six Grand Rapids cities all have a voice.

I think it would actually work out pretty perfectly.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I would really appreciate after you jump in after I get a thought through.

I'm almost blank again.

Where was I at? And thank you, Anthony.

My mind is a little shorter than yours.

>> MR. MORGAN: Short by 37,000 and Commissioner Eid was saying these two Townships would give you the right amount of population if you went that direction.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, let me go there.

Is that what you were talking about, Anthony?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so that is within 3200.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I like to get a little bit further in my thoughts before y'all butt in.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I will take note, Commissioner Curry.

Are you fine with that? Okay would you like to give your thinking, provide your line of thinking and turn your mic on quickly.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How would you like to think Anthony.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Share your thoughts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm teasing now.

Because it is within the population that we need somewhat.

And that it kind of rounds off the contiguous, it's contiguous in nature so that's my view on it.

It's complete.

It really completes Grand Rapids.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioners we are at our time to stop mapping for today.

So at this time we are going to move on to agenda item 7.

There is one set of minutes from August 19th for approval today.

Are there any proposed edits to these minutes? If not, we will move on to the vote.

So any edits or suggested edits for the August 19th set of minutes? Motion made by Commissioner Lett.

Is there a second? Second made by Commissioner Witjes.

All in favor of approving the MICRC meeting minutes of August 19, 2021, signify by raising your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

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

The ayes have it and the meeting minutes have been approved.

Per agenda item 8 there are no staff reports today.

And moving on to the MDOS report without objection I will ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State if she has a report.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No report.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: There are no objections but also Ms. Reinhardt has no report for today.

So we will move on to correspondence.

Correspondence received in advance for our meeting today was provided along with written public comments to the Commissioners in our meeting materials.

For future agenda items, it's my understanding there are no future agenda items to share at this time so we will move on to announcements are there any announcements for the good of the order? Hearing none as the items of the agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business a motion to adjourn is in order. May I have a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Lett, second made by Commissioner Orton.

Any discussion on the motion? All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, yes, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So you all are going to hate me for this.

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>> CHAIR KELLUM: You better not say it then.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would like to continue.

We are not done with the region.

If you all are willing to stay to 5:00 with me I would like to continue going a little bit longer.

Do you know what, I yield.

Never mind.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My only addition to that particular conversation is I believe we have some people that need to run to Flint for a town hall.

That's what it's called.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay, all in favor.

>> This is the interpreter. If there are other conversation happening in the room, I can't hear it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: We apologize, Toi. The only voice you need to hear right now is my voice. And Commissioner Eid said never mind to his comment. So we will move forward with a vote on adjournment.

All in favor please raise your hand of the motion on the floor is for adjournment. All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Nay.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: The motion is approved and the meeting is adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Thank you, everyone.

Thank you so much to your interpreters for your patience.

Thank you so much.