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>> CHAIR KELLUM: As Chair of the Commission we will bring the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 5:05 p.m.

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At this time for the purposes of public record I will turn to the Michigan Department of State staff for roll call.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, and unless your absence is due to military duty, please disclose 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.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just one moment, Commissioner Curry. Juanita, it seems like we are having issues with your phone. Let me try to unmute you. Just a moment.

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Can you try saying present again and let us know where you are at.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: What is your physical location?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Department of State and Sarah Reinhardt and Commissioners.

At this time I'm going to give the floor to the Dean of Ferris state University who is going to come to us with opening remarks and a warm welcome, I'm sure.

So it's not necessarily public comment but you can step to the microphone, I don't know if you can take the mic off of the stand so you don't feel so formal whatever you are comfortable with.

>> Thank you so much.

Is this okay? Can everybody hear me? All right, so my name is Randy.

And I'm proud recently appointed Dean of the college of arts sciences and education here at Ferris State University.

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And on behalf of the University and specifically on behalf of academic affairs I'd like to welcome you to our beautiful campus.

Whether you are here in body or in spirit remotely you are welcome here.

As new to Ferris State and to Michigan I've been a Michigander for about two months now I'm delighted that Ferris is roasting this event at a pivotal time in Michigan history. The people of Michigan's momentum decision in 2018 to pass prop two for the work this year will no doubt impact the 2022 elections and by extension the national political landscape.

The work of the Commission's charge requires open and free change of ideas and our college and University campuses should continue as Beacons of such exchange.

The dialog here this evening is ultimately in service of an always improving Michigan. And hosting this event FSU thus contributes to the aye deals of its founder former Michigan Governor and U.S. Senator from Michigan is Woodbridge Nathan Ferris and never wavered in the perfectibility of the people in their institutions.

I'd like to take a brief moment to thank and acknowledge all those who make tonight possible a few names I would like to quickly call out professor Talkie, Shanna and the entire University center staff.

FSU public safety.

Chase Creative.

Edward Woods.

And the staff.

The Commissioners.

Ellen Worman with the campus project and students and community members and all of those who are here and if you are here and traveling home please do so safely.

Once again on behalf of the University and the college of arts sciences and education welcome.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much Dean Cagle for that wonderful welcome and introduction to the University.

We are very grateful to be here and I'm sure we couldn't have done it without your present.

So we appreciate you.

At this time Commissioners we are moving on to the adoption of the agenda.

As a reminder to the public watching you can view the agenda at [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC).

I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes.

Is there a second? Second made by Commissioner Lett.

Is there any discussion or debate on the motion, hearing none all those in favor, oh, I'm so sorry.

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Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I don't have a copy of that agenda.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Hold on Commissioner Lange.

It would have been received in an e-mail.

Vice Chair Szetela sent you the agenda.

Do you see it or just let us know when you see it.

And it's attached to the e-mail that was sent.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lange.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It has been put in the chat for you can Commissioner Lange.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I posted it in the chat for you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM:

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm sorry I'm good carry on.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All in favor of adopting the agenda please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it and the agenda has been adopted.

Without objection we will now begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting.

Hearing no objection we will now proceed with public comment pertaining to agenda topics.

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 you hear your number called.

You will have two minutes to address the Commission.

And please do conclude your remarks after when you -- at the end of your two minutes excuse me and when you hear the timer.

There will also be a visual reputation of a timer to help you keep track while you're speaking.

Public comment is number one.

>> Good evening my name is Betsy Ann I live in Remus Michigan and I'd like to make a comment regarding to encourage that these District lines are drawn fairly so that every single vote has equal weight, equal Potency equal power as any other vote.

It's egregious by shoving people of ethnicities and color in districts that dilute their vote. And chemistry you have an equation and every compound in the equation has to be equally represented so you know what kind of yield you will have in that chemical equation.

The same thing here you can't have a fair election when like any football coach or basketball coach would tell you if you can move the goal posts then it's really easy if you write your own rules to win a game.

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And this has been done by one political party to the have built it in election advantages.  
And that is not a democratic republic.

The biggest thing we have to make us a democracy is the vote.

And as the wonderful John Lewis said the vote is precious.

It is almost sacred.

It's the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democracy.

And we have you know, we have to depend on every person having the right.

That's the day we all have the equal power when we vote.

And we must not allow bias to get in the way.

We have to have -- we have to undo the gerrymandering of 2010 that was egregious and we are still suffering from that and there are many places in the country where one political party gets more votes but repeatedly has fewer representatives.

And in the case of the U.S. Senate, it's 50/50 but it isn't.

50% the democrats represent 40 million more people.

We need to have representation.

Thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much for taking the time to address the Commission.

We appreciate you providing public comment.

Michigan Department of State staff as for clarification I have that we just had one in person public comment.

But I just wanted to, okay, thank you.

At this time 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.

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.

Michigan Department of State staff will call on you by your name.

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

If your audio still does not work, you can e-mail [redistricting@Michigan.gov](mailto:redistricting@Michigan.gov) and we will help you trouble shoot so you can participate during the next public comment period at a later hearing or meeting. If you have signed up to speak twice during our live remote public commentary you will speak after all of our speakers have or all speakers that have elected to speak for the first time you will speak after that.

You have two minutes to address the Commission.

Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

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Michigan Department of State staff, I yield to you to facilitate our live remote public commentary.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you, Madam Chair. First in line to provide remote public comment is Kate B.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Can you see me? There I am.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> Thank you for allowing me to comment today and thank you for all of your hard work.

My name is Kate Borniski. I'm an elected board of trustees here in Wayne County.

I'm speaking to you today however as a resident of the Metro Detroit area.

As you know depending on which counties you include the population of the Detroit Metropolitan area has one-third to one half of the population of the State of Michigan and means we have very high population density here.

In addition to our high population density we have an area that is very rich with diversity and many communities of interest.

Which may make your work here more difficult than in some other areas of the state.

My ask is this: To please spend an equitable amount of time when mapping the Metro Detroit area as you do other areas of Michigan.

This does not mean spending the same amount of time but rather taking the amount of time that all the complexities of our region deserve here in Metro Detroit.

This area is most likely going to be the most time consuming region of the redistricting process.

And I'm hopeful that you will spend as much time as needed to ensure that you draw our districts in Metro Detroit and Wayne County fairly, equitably and responsibly.

I would also like to encourage the continued creation of competitive districts as elected officials are more responsive in these districts.

And they also improve partisan fairness.

In addition, they would go far towards undoing a historical gerrymandering of Metro Detroit which relied on packing communities of color into a smaller number of districts.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much, Kate, for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line for remote public comment is Willie. Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> Yeah, okay good afternoon Honorable Commissioners.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Good afternoon.

>> My name is Winnie-Dechavez.

I'm the president of API vote Michigan.

And I am a former Detroit public school educator.

And I've been working in the community for the past 35 years as a volunteer.

I have seen so many growths in diversity and the Metropolitan Detroit.

I would request therefore the Commissioners to please do not trust through making maps off Metro Detroit.

It needs some more time.

We need more time.

Because of unique groups, we need to pay attention, that's why we are doing this.

Kindly do your due diligence for this consideration.

Because of the complexity of diverse communities.

We need to ensure they are represented.

Thank you and good evening to all.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much Willie for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line for remote public comment is Andrea hunter.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Hello.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> Good afternoon.

My name is Andrea hunter.

And I am the president of the Detroit Down River institute and the president of united steel workers local 1299 I'm a Wayne County resident for 53 years.

I work in communities since I was a little girl and my community.

I want to implore the Commission to please take more time when it comes to mapping out the Metro Detroit area.

I have been involved in this process from beginning participating at different town halls, in meetings, and one thing I understand and truly appreciate the diligence I see in the Northern Michigan areas in the time given to the Northern Michigan areas.

I want to implore you to give that same time or more to the Metro Detroit area.

As tax paying citizens and people who strongly supported proposal P, we feel it's fair and equitable we have time to really search and implore you to look in our diversity of our communities and the need to understand our communities.

We perhaps also understand this is a ten-year commitment.

Whatever you decide.

We want you to understand that it's our great concern because in the past Wayne County and Metro Detroit has not been treated fairly.

We've pushed for proposal P to make sure that we are happy.

We want you to understand that all the all the density and the vast community is only equitable of interest if time is adequately given to do so.

I thank you for listening to me out and have a good afternoon.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much and, yeah, for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line for remote public comments is Mr. James Galant.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes, Mr. Galant.

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

And I would ask you to please take the steps necessary to make sure that a republican gets to be the Chair here.

And I seen some comments on your portal about that.

And I have been bringing that up.

And, as I was stating, I'm sure you got my e-mail because I'm working with the legislative Council administrator who is the one who is supposed to be administering this Commission. This is a legislative Council of the legislative Branch of Government. So she's required on her job description to be the supervisor of the administrator and staff for this Commission.

So we are working together.

We are trying to get a special meeting of the legislative Council to go over this and get with these, the rules of procedure.

Because, as I was saying, the house fiscal agency says, quote, the amendment would merely change the method by which Commissioners would be chosen and add unaffiliated voters to the albeit inactive Commission described in the Constitution currently.

That was the Commission on legislative apportionment.

So that's where this was supposed to start.

That is where I was saying right at the beginning of this when we first started this conversation, to codify the rules from before.

And then you start from there.

And you never did.

You started with Commissioner Lett's version of what he thought. I mean, it may be his working knowledge; but, you know, like I said there is real people and smart people and there is real smart people. So we really don't know his working knowledge and where he learned that from. Somebody maybe didn't know what they were talking about to begin with, you know, and gave him bad advice. So we should start over.



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And I would ask the legislative Council to look into this, have a public hearing, and then we can decide what the Constitution meant when it said that the Secretary of State provides technical services.

Not administrative services, technical services, and that would be for the random selection process.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Your allotted time has passed. Thank you so much for addressing the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line to promote remote public comment is Brenda Sanagustin.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Sanagustin.

>> Good afternoon.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Good evening.

I'm Brenda Sanagustin, a member of the APAl vote and currently the president of the USP for good governance. I'm a registered nurse in the Detroit area for the last 35 years.

And I have seen that how the demographic of this areas have changed.

There have been a tumultuous impact of the changes of the residents or the nationality or the ethnicity of this group.

So I am asking it is my privilege to address the Commissioners.

Thank you for your relentless effort and for unyielding dedication in doing this.

However, I would like to ask your indulgence in looking into and spending more time when you are looking into the Metro Detroit mapping.

It is a very complex area.

We ourselves as residents of this community is having difficulty in coming together and see what is our interest.

So we are asking you to please all lot more time and see that our needs are met.

Not only for the politician, not only for the chosen few but we are hoping that everybody will be well represented and our voices be heard.

Thank you very much.

Again, my privilege to be with you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much Brenda for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line to provide remote public comment is Spencer Calhoun.

Please allow a moment for us to unmute you.

>> I apologize can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> Okay, good evening and thank you for letting us have an opportunity to speak. I understand that we are on a tight schedule with the lines that need to be drawn.

We are already a few days behind the initial schedule.

But we have to remember that this is the first time that we've ever done anything like this.

And we can't go down on the responsibilities we have.

This is a huge responsibility to draw fair and equitable lines for our state and instead of focusing so much on getting things done quickly, the focus really needs to be done, needs to be on doing this right.

It's been brought up a number of times but the Commission has only it's given much less time.

One day just to give attention to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

It's almost half of the population of our state.

And it's only one day.

And it just doesn't seem right.

You know, other parts of the state have gotten quite a bit of time to make sure they were done right and that is fantastic.

And so what I'm asking is that the Commission would take some more time to make sure that these big Metropolitan areas are drawn correctly.

Because this is going to impact us for quite some time.

And as a community we really would appreciate that.

And we appreciate the work that you're doing.

And the time commitment you've put up.

But we ask that you give more time to the Metropolitan area.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much Spencer for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line is Judy Maiga please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Maiga.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes, Judy, we can hear you.

>> Thank you for the time to listen today my name is Judy Maiga I live on gross Isle a part of Southeast Michigan referred to as Down River.

As a community of interest Down River has traditionally shared not only recreation, schools churches and community events but also police and emergency support through the Down River mutual aid agreement that pairs local police, swat, hazardous spill responses and other emergency services among communities for over 40 years. We share the waterfront and access to boating, skiing, local rowing teams and share concerns about the development of the waterfront specifically the development of the former McLouth steel toxic polluted site which is currently being cleaned up.

But whose future may bring more undesirable heavy industry to the area.

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The community commonly referred to Down River has been described I believe that there was talk today about how it should be divided up.

So I'm sure that you're well aware with the 15 or 20 individual cities that are contained in that area of Down River.

Geographic proximity as well as the history of the community and support and shared interests and concerns make us a community of interest.

We dine work and travel between our local communities on a daily basis.

We live on gross Isle and own a business in Lincoln Park and we dine frequently in many of the Down River communities.

I appreciate any efforts to keep Down River together as a community of interest.

There was talk yesterday of including Monroe, Monroe is 20 minutes south of us and nothing in common with Down River frankly.

Other than a drive.

They have a big farming industry down there and they are really don't we don't share a lot of the same interests or community concerns.

Thank you very much for your time.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line is Oscar Renault.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

Renault.

>> Hello, good afternoon. Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: We can hear you.

>> Help how I would like to thank the Commission in their efforts in taking the redistricting in our state.

My name is Oscar Renault and I've been a resident of Oakland County for over 22 years currently residing in oak park I'm the founder and president of unity found of Michigan which is bipartisan organization with efforts to aid local and statewide LGBTQ candidates to get elected to public offices.

As a side note with approximately 5-6% of population LBGTQ has 0.0 positions nationwide making our community one of the least represented in politics.

Southeast Oakland County without a doubt is an LGBT community of interest as it holds the largest number of LGBT residents in our state.

It's home for many openly LBGTQ officials in Southfield and Ferndale and Hazel park and hunting ton Woods.

Many cities in this area are governed by LBGTQ and elected officials creating a sanctuary for our community by introducing LBGTQ residence and ordinances and it's home for many LBGTQ business owners with the LBGTQ customer base and also the area is home for many LBGTQ community organizations that provide vital resources for our community statewide including youth and seniors.

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We hope that you will consider our plea because our community believe that Southfield oak park hunting ton Woods pleasant Ferndale Hazel park should be united as community of interest in the State Senate District but having our community of interest in once a material District assures our representation because we hope to vote for LGBTQ in the future as we hope to have a fair representation state.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line for remote public comment is Anthony S.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Anthony it looks like we may be experiencing some, oh, never mind.

If you can hear me, please unmute yourself.

>> Hi, thank you Commission and thank you for your work good afternoon because anything you guys do will probably be better than what we've got right now.

But yeah, I'm from Down River and I just wanted to say earlier when you were drawing a number 19, I really didn't think it was a good idea to put Taylor with Dearborn up there.

I think and parts of Detroit.

I think Taylor should go with Down River.

And you know I know that might make the District too populated, so maybe I don't know

I don't think it's a good idea but rouge and Ecorse could go with southwest Detroit.

I don't know.

But that's just my thoughts.

And I appreciate your time.

Thank you.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line for remote public comment is Christopher.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Eveleth.

>> Hi, thank you very much my name is Chris Eveleth, mayor of City of Owosso nonpartisan and calling to offer observation about the proposed Senate map.

Shiawassee has been with rural Mid-Michigan in Senate representation and not with an urban area.

Shiawassee has also served as the unified primary population base for a house seat for several decades in combination with surrounding rural Townships and a neighboring County.

Shiawassee County is a rural agricultural community which has little in common with a larger City.

Lansing and East Lansing, however, have much more in common.

One of the Commissioners made the offhand comment describing East Lansing as a bunch of students.

So therefore no problem to assign with rural Mid-Michigan.

The work you are doing is far too important for such over simplified characterizations of what we know to be a vibrant dynamic community.

East Lansing should logically remain with Lansing.

And Ingham County for the purpose of Senate representation.

I was also disappointed that one Commissioner saw fit yesterday to try and diminish public area who expressed concerns on the flawed map saying it was contrive in some way.

I said earlier in written Township Shiawassee is part of a rural agricultural Mid-Michigan. Combining with East Lansing simply makes no sense.

Several Commissioners have guidance and personal knowledge of the rural small tone area here and I believe my constituents would be best served if their words were headed.

Thank you very much.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next in line is George.

Please allow us a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Hello we can hear you.

>> Okay this is George.

I'm in Clinton County a resident of Clinton County.

My wife and I have both signed up so I'm going to take the first minute and she will take the second.

We are calling in regard to draft map% of districts 32.

My concern is that Clinton County is a rural agricultural area.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. I apologize for interrupting and I will give you your time back and you and your wife both did sign up so if you both would like two full minutes, you're welcome to it.

>> Thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sure.

>> Okay shall I go on?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, please continue.

>> Okay, so Clinton County is a rural agricultural area and placing Clinton County with East Lansing, which is urban, is not a community of interest in our minds.

Totally different interests as far as needs.

And desires for representation.

So I'm just stating that.

I would like to put my wife on now so that she can continue.

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

>> Hi this is Elizabeth.

I'm also and I'm a resident of Clinton County.

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And I also have some concerns about the proposed Senate District 32.

My concerns are twofold.

I believe that when we are when Clinton County is partnered with some urban area individuals really will in essence not be represented.

Not be represented for every rural resident who has need acts there is going to be an urban resident in that same District who has let's say need Y.

Urban residents and rural residents would not be united in need or interests, there would be potential infighting within that one District, that would not be a community of interest.

Secondly, I think that we need to look at the person, the Senator who would represent, who would represent this proposed area.

If we align a very rural with an urban area, we are setting this potential Senator up for failure because how could a Senator represent in front of the entire state a District that is not united, a District that has you know 50% of this need and 50% of that.

I think that would essentially lead to perhaps 50% of the residents of this Senate District.

Not having any representation.

And I think that and that is an antithesis how our country was founded.

So I'm asking if you would please align Clinton County with another rural area so that we can have a united voice and make our needs known while people in urban areas can make their needs known.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you George and Elizabeth for taking the time to address the Commission.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That concludes our first rounds of remote public comment.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission for a second time will now be allowed to do so.

We will use the same process as the first round.

First in line to provide live remote public commentary is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

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

As we were talking about the Chair being a republican, you know, in six months, you would do it six months and revisit the Chair position.

And now that I've asked Madam Chair to verify whether you got my document that I sent to the Commission about, that I got from the, you know, the state archives about the...those are the codified rules of procedure for this Commission.

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You know, it was determined that this is just a re, you know, revived Commission. And we already had changed the name and it's not brand new. And in that it already says you have to have a co-Chair. So now that you added the unaffiliated, we should have tri chairs.

And they change every day.

It's already in the rules. You know, it was very close to what you're doing right now. But it is also it says Robert's Rules of Order with the exception that any motion doesn't need a second. So Commissioner Szetela, she got shot down because there was no second to her motion.

Oh, sorry about that.

A bunch of bad luck. But the rules of procedure and point of order, you can just bring that up codified rules and that is you get a vote.

You don't get to shut you down. And you get a motion and keep the vote, that is it and keep the vote.

Yeah, so I ask you to please consider that the Constitution only allows the Secretary of State to provide those technical services.

And it also says in the Constitution that you shall hire nonpartisan staff including attorneys.

Now, Commissioner Lett made it very clear, he said, no, these people have to be partisan, that is experience, that is how we will get the right people.

Dr. Nancy Wang wrote this amendment specifically for this person.

Sorry about your bad luck, but you don't get to have a partisan in the Constitution.

It says nonpartisan.

And including the attorney.

So I think it's inappropriate that this partisan, your litigation attorney...

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you, Mr. Galant, for providing public will comments.

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

Some of us probably check public comment too much, but I don't think it could ever be too much, so we appreciate everyone who provides public comment in whatever way you choose. And we invite you to keep sharing your thoughts, communities of interests and maps.

Next, I'd like to move to unfinished business agenda 5, agenda item 5A.

Without objection, we will continue the draft mapping of State Senate districts in Saginaw and Genesee Counties as well as Metro Detroit area.

I believe that we ended with Commissioner Clark.

And that means, Commissioner Eid, it would be your turn to instruct the line drawers.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I believe Commissioner Curry is now present.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You are right, I'm so sorry.  
So, Commissioner Curry, it's your turn.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't hear you, but I can read your lips.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you hear me now.  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, there is a delay but we can hear you.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It's very faint as well Commissioner Curry.  
If you could speak closer to you phone, I think that would help.  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Make sure your phone volume is all the way up if you can.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay we are going to be in the Detroit area.  
And can you turn, can you make that a little bit larger, the words? .  
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner, can you read it now?  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Good if you can turn it up a little larger.  
It feels very small for me.  
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know that I can make the text larger at this point.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.  
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With the counties.  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry if there is an area if you call out the City Or Street or something so we can have a starting point.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We will start near the Detroit area where river Rouge is and the southwest part of Detroit.  
Let's see if I can find my glasses.  
I can't see.  
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right where I'm pointing is river Rouge Township.  
This is Melvindale.  
That's Delray right here.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: All right, okay we need how many people in this area? That I'm trying to choose? We need what the District.  
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Senate District ideal target number is 265,193 people.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I see it, thank you.  
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a lot of people.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: A whole lot.  
I just can't read this map.  
Can I go get my glasses, please? See.  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Absolutely Commissioner Curry we want you to comfortably be able to see, yes.  
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.  
Hold on.  
A little bit better.  
Okay, we have river Rouge here.  
Delray because Delray is everybody is just about gone out of Delray.



Let me see.

Can you go up some more? Can you bring it in so I can see what the map looks like?

Can you bring it in some, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want me to Zoom in on a particular area?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I want you to bring it in so I can see the map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want to see more of the map or less?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: More.

Okay that is a little better.

Okay, let's do, let's start with okay if we start at the bottom down here with Ecorse, River Rouge, Detroit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so I'm going to highlight an area and you tell me if this is where what you're speaking of.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm speaking of Ecorse, river Rouge.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Detroit, and Delray has a do they have a number of population in it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That census block that is highlighted are precinct that is highlighted right here has 596 people in it.

This has.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, it's just about empty.

They are rebuilding over there though.

Okay, you can bring it back in a little bit so I can see how this map is looking.

Okay, my color is what purple? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay can you put Ecorse with that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here? Or south? I'm sorry.

Ecorse I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, make sure you keep the numbers with it okay Ecorse has 9,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 9305.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And then give me also river Rouge.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: River Rouge is in 15 now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Is it selected? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Ecorse, river Rouge, and it's.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Detroit.

And do you know what is happening? Move up some and go past, okay, to Detroit.

Now it's kind of strange but Hamtramck is near across the street like from Detroit.

So it's like Lincoln Park.

Allendale and Melvindale.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Curry you have hands and I know you don't like to be interrupted in your thought and do you want to finish your thought first and then I have two hands up.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I would like to see what it looks like together.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Include Lincoln Park?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Include Lincoln Park.

I'm trying to see what it looks like first.

And include Melvindale.

Okay and then all of Detroit.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Curry do you see that there has already been a District outlined where you are filling in that there is a blue area? Just as a clarification point.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I am just seeing the blue area now.

I did not see it before.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: What you selected and assigned is over the blue area so that is why I asked you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay I didn't see it.

I do see Lincoln Park so that is not in the blue area.

Okay.

So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was excuse me Commissioner Curry, Lincoln Park, Ecorse were in District 17 prior to you putting them in 15.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Are you saying I can't change it? Are you saying I can change it?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: You can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> CHAIR KELLUM: You can change it we had a lengthy discussion prior to about communities of interest and just keeping in mind the population Latino population in Delray and the things we discussed earlier but it's totally up to you.

It's your turn like Commissioner Eid will have a turn after you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And I want to go south of there and Delray has nobody.

Okay let's go up and pick Detroit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are you saying the gold lines are voting precincts. Are you saying to assign the area heading to Detroit, all this area?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I really don't -- is this part of Detroit right here? That is right next to river Rouge and Melvindale?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Is that part of Detroit? Kent cannot...I can highlight Detroit Township boundaries if you would like.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Would you, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is all of the Detroit Township.

And it has 639,111 people.

Which works out in the vicinity of well over two districts, closer to 2.5 Senate districts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The over population.

What are with we making here with Detroit? Is that going to be 14 or is that 19? I know it's not 19, I know it's not 15 but what is it? Are we on number 16 for the District? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're working on District 15 which is in purple, where my cursor is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How come it went yellow on me.

If I'm working in 15?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think he was highlighting the area you were working in.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was working in the purple.

Okay now Detroit can be with it, it should be purple, shouldn't it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Detroit Township is highlighted in yellow.

It holds you want me to assign that to 15?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay this, okay, we have to have a total of 265,000 population.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, Commissioner Curry.

Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So we only have 60 we are not there yet, right, and if y'all don't like it you can change it but I'm trying to see the way that I would draw it.

Okay, so that is the purple for Detroit.

You got Delray in there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Are you wanting Kent to fill in all the other spaces or just leave it as it is?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Fill in the spaces.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela and then Commissioner Clark please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So Juanita when he is using that select box it shows up as yellow.

So that's what he is asking you if you want to assign when he puts that select box out it will show the area he selected as yellow and he wants to know if you want to put it in the purple that is what he is asking that is where the miss understanding.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, in the purple.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You want that yellow area made purple, is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark do you still have a question?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do.

I completely disagree with what you've done in the southern part.

It used to be in District is it 17 in the light blue.

Because we've deleted population from them.

And now we've got to make it up for 17.

And, yeah, but that is a whole redo of everything we've done.

So we need to keep that in mind once we finish with the District, you're working on we got to go makeup the numbers for 17 to make that whole because, yeah.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm just trying to.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not that familiar with this area of the state.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm very familiar with it, I'm very familiar with it.

I'm familiar so much with it I know that Lincoln Park is pretty mixed now.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I appreciate that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Melvindale is getting very mixed.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just wanted to point that out that we have a deficit to makeup on 17 because of going to this direction.

Okay I yield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You all wanted me to go my view of what I wanted the map to look like.

Or I'll just pass and you guys can finish it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry what did you say I didn't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I said I will pass so you guys can finish it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay I mean it's your turn.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I thought it was.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, so it was just Commissioner Clark just made a suggestion.

You don't have to take that suggestion.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No honey I know it was just a suggestion but I thought that we all were putting in our suggestions and then somebody wanted to go back over and redo it that is fine.

But I wanted to kind of finish looking at what it would look like if I made it that way.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay you can do that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: But if it's something you all don't want to deal with then I can pass on it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would light to see what you have in mind for the District so please finish Juanita.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And just to be clear and I said it before Commissioner Curry prefers if suggestions are made after, but I would implore us to just take your turn and maybe those suggestions could be expressed in the turn you take.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

Okay, now can we kind of bring it in some? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Kent.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So I can see the larger portion so I can see what the map looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: More of the map.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: She wants you to Zoom out so she can see the map of Detroit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that better? Commissioner Curry I could overlay aerial photography if it would help identify areas.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can see Detroit.

I can see Highland Park.

Hamtramck.

I think the lady previously said she wanted Grosse Pointe to be in the Down River area. Or somewhere near Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Gross Isle.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I want to see what it looks like if you color it purple in what I'm pointing out and if it doesn't look right, I will change it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent what I'm hearing Commissioner Curry is mentioning can you fill those in with purple and you don't have to ask her, is she sure those are the areas she is asking and she will make adjustments after.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You want mill to bring it all the way up to Grosse Pointe; is that correct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Curry, this is Kent, I just need to be specifically told what to assign.

I don't want to be responsible for assigning it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm asking, I've been asking from the get-go if you will do Detroit in purple.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's still yell and looks like it won't go purple.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It takes a special Commissioner Curry for the colors to change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm doing it a piece of the time just to see what the numbers are.

Commissioner Curry we need 76,000 more people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay you guys put Dearborn with Taylor so far and Taylor is nowhere near Dearborn.

Do Dearborn Heights and Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 15 is 24% high or 64,000 too many people.

We need to.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take that off.

And let's go with Allen Park.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I agree Commissioner Curry I don't think Allen Park should go in there either I agree.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take Allen Park out.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Why?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I agree with the community we created before the District that we created before the Allen Park Lincoln Park.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I didn't hear you all earlier so I just want to know why.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So the blue is the area, there is an area that is shaded darker to the left of the purple, that is a district that says 19.

It's already been created.

And then right below that kind of brownish darkish shape there is this kind of light color.

That was District 17.

You have drawn in area 15 this kind of purple area that is overlaying and then shifting up the shore north.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I have not finished drawing yet.

I'm trying to see what it looks like in my mind, okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And I'm not saying that is my final thought on it.

I'm just trying to see what it looks like because where I'm sitting at now, I'm surrounded by Allen Park, Dearborn, Lincoln Park river rouge Ecorse and even Wyandotte so I'm trying to see how it would look on the map.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I totally understand I'm just making sure you can see what is on the map because I know some areas you can't.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can see all of it now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You see the brown.

You see the blue.

You see 1917.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Dearborn, Dearborn Heights in.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Rock and roll take your turn.

You got it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Wyandotte, River View, and Brown Stone.

I see that in the light blue and gross Isle.

Take off Lincoln Park, Melvindale and Allen Park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am okay it's unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It really looks like it's.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 15 is short of the 98,995 ideal District number.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How many.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 98,995.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let me see a portion of Highland Park and Hamtramck.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me I'm sorry I didn't hear all of that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Highland Park and Hamtramck.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highland Park.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I believe she said Highland Park and Hamtramck.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: She did.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Which is to the north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highland Park.

I see it now I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Those two.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is the population total.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: For now it's 70,000.

And we would need to make this District contiguous.

It's in separate pieces so we could join this.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Would you please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm sorry, Juanita, are you talking by phone and if so, is there a way you can talk more directly into it? ASL and myself are having a hard time hearing.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm bending over talking into my computer.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't get any closer, I will be kissing the screen.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Curry we are at 43,912 people short of what is considered the ideal direct number.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay now can you make it smaller so I can see the whole map? Please?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry this is my last bug this is Commissioner Kellom can you try holding the phone in your hand so that the speaker is next to your mouth? If it doesn't work it doesn't work.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: My computer is working now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The phone has been off for the last 15, 20 minutes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are we at the right scale Commissioner Curry for you to see what you need.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Kind of looks like it.

Can you bring it in a little bit more? No, bring it out.

Seems like it should be brought in though.

Bring it out some more.

Okay what is so 17 was already in.

You all had 17 already made up is that right.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes 17 and 19 were already completed.

And now 17 has an unassigned area, but it's still your turn so it's up to you whether you want to fill it back in.

He can easily restore 17.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm just trying to figure out why you put Taylor with Detroit.

They are not near each other.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: We put Taylor Dearborn and Dearborn Heights together because of what the communities in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights expressed and then in terms of my knowledge I don't see Taylor fitting with any -- I would not put Taylor with Romulus and definitely wouldn't put it with Lincoln Park and Melvindale but there are other Commissioners pardon me.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Go with Dearborn.

We are right across the street from Dearborn, Detroit is.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: So Detroit is now we are across the street from lots of places but that doesn't mean that those people in those communities if that would be best suited for a District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I guess Detroit.

I'm only speaking for my community.

I don't know I have heard what the people said but I'm trying to do what is right with Detroit.

So since I am part of Detroit too.

And I'm going to pass right now.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay Commissioner Curry can you provide some justifications for Michigan Department of State for District 15?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, because you guys have already designed it the way you guys want it so you can deal with it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Eid are you ready to take your turn?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, I am.

I'll just get my glasses.

So are we -- we have like a we have differing districts now so I think it would be appropriate to have both of them saved so we have all of the ideas archived somewhere.



So let's do that first just to make sure we don't lose what we had previously and make sure we don't lose what Commissioner Curry just did.

And then we can go from there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You can lose what I just did because it's a population is not even enough to make up for Detroit.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's okay Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Curry and Detroit is totally by itself more or less.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioner Eid is choosing to have a copy of your work and everyone else's so he is going to keep a copy and will continue to do his additions so it will be fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

Just give me one minute.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You don't have to keep a copy of my work because it's not complete.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Eid this is a copy.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, originally, I was going to try to examine if there was a way Taylor could be incorporated into a Down River community because I believe there is a lot of evidence that Taylor is at least a little bit more of a Down River-ish community than it is with Dearborn.

But considering our time restraints that we have today and the fact that I'd like to you know get a whole map done as soon as possible I'll instead go to my hometown of Orchard Lake and go from there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right where is that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So if you go to the little northwest, back to the suburbs. Yeah, right over there, you are right in the middle of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Orchard Lake right there.

This will be District 14.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And we have Townships up.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, so let's take West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake. Sylvan Lake, I'm sorry my frame my screen just froze for a second. Keego Harbor.

Wonderful.

All of commerce Township to the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commerce to the left.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Bloomfield, Bloomfield hills.

But no Wixom and not Walled lake who I believe is more closely associated with Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I will agree Kent cannot Farmington Hills?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No go to the right to Bloomfield and Bloomfield hills. And then that so we have just that top Township of Southfield right there. Not the entire you see how there is two Southfields just that part. And the right of it Royal Oak.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To the right is that what.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, Royal Oak toward the bottom right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Royal Oak? Eid aye all of Royal Oak.

Where does that leave us on population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 27, 712 people short which is approximately 10.4%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, what I would like to do is you know and I highlight originally, I thought of this District being was including Birmingham.

And I know Commissioner Clark just had Birmingham being with Troy but I'm wondering if we put it with West Bloomfield Orchard Lake Bloomfield, Bloomfield hills we can probably include a little bit more of Sterling Heights along with Troy and it might work. So let's go ahead and assign Birmingham to this District as well.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Berkeley would also work with Royal Oak because it's so very close to Royal Oak.

I can bike and walk.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let try with Berkeley then you won't have to change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will be about 10,000 over.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Curry? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With Birmingham and Berkeley.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Curry we can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: This is the clearest you ever sounded yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Good I'm sorry I didn't have the mute off.

But any how you are all talking about how close Berkeley is to whatever.

What is it Berkeley to Royal Oak

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is the only thing I was saying about Detroit it's sitting right next to Lincoln Park and Allen Park, River Rouge, and Ecorse. And to break those up you will disservice Detroit. And Lincoln Park, Allen Park, Allen Park and Lincoln Park are just about half the ratio for the Black and whites are half and half just about now.

And then you got the what is those people called that wear the black? What are they? But any how I'm just saying when you leave Detroit kind of by itself, you're taking away everything that is right across the street from Detroit.

You can walk I can walk across the street and be in Allen Park Lincoln Park Dearborn all those Townships.

I could be in them in a matter of minutes.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Curry I see what you are saying.

I just and I don't want to take away too much from Commissioner Eid's turn but to lump those communities in with the greater City of Detroit it would do a disservice in my opinion to those smaller Down River communities.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is only you.

That's not how we feel.

We shop.

We go we service we service one another.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Oh, no, I know that.

I have family in the Down River area and okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I've been there 70 years so you know I've been there all my life.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay Commissioner Eid, did you hear Commissioner Curry's considerations you are more than welcome to continue with your turn Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think both opinions are warranted opinions.

We might just have two different ideas that we debate later, which is why I put the clone out there so both are saved and we can debate them later.

As far as this District goes let's actually take out Berkeley since we are over population now.

And I see Berkeley as more as one of the public commenters said today, Berkeley is more associated with Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Ferndale, Hazel Park and Lathrup Village and the rest of Southfield.

So that leaves this District at what about.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 5899 under. 2.22%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: About 2%.

Removing commerce and removing Birmingham from the Detroit District but I'd like my fellow Commissioners to recall our Novi public hearing. Speaker 42 was a young man who had, you know, a very robust public comment was that day.

I think it was one of the most robust that day.

It was a young man who brought a big sign and was really speaking on you know the fact that in this ten years ago it was Bloomfield was split from Orchard Lake as a community.

He then went and posted that on our public comment tool.

And it is public comment number F1523 submitted on July 18, 2020.

And it's actually I think it has the most comments on his comment of any piece of public comment we've had so far.

His rationale was for a House District but I think the same rationale could be made for a Senate District of this type.

What we have here is a very diverse District and a multitude of facets.

We have I think most immediately cultural diversity.

This is an area where it has many Chaldeans and many Jewish people.

There is also a lot of Black people and a lot of Asian people and a lot of white people.

It's truly an inclusive community.

And I made a lot of friends there of all races and ethnicities growing up.

It has cultural centers such as the only Holocaust museum in the area.

It has the only Chaldean heritage museum in the whole world.

As far as I know.

I don't even think there is one in Iraq but there is one in West Bloomfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And one in Dearborn.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is an all the people in this District are serviced by the West Bloomfield school District as far out to commerce.

And as far down to Royal Oak.

They all use West Bloomfield schools.

It's kind of funny the school District the schools located in West Bloomfield but used to be call Orchard Lake middle school.

They since combined it with Abbot middle school to make West Bloomfield middle school but when I went there it was called Orchard Lake middle school even though it was located in West Bloomfield.

And I think a factor that I also think should be considered is different socioeconomic statuses of the people in these communities.

They are certainly all at least at middle class but have different levels of it.

You know you have Royal Oak Sylvan Lake, and commerce which are you know middle class to upper middle class.

You have Orchard Lake and West Bloomfield upper and middle class and Bloomfield Hills Birmingham and Bloomfield, which are upper class.

So I really think it encompass pretty much everything we are supposed to encompass going forward.

And, yeah, I think that's why I drew it this way.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I want to make a couple comments on this Anthony.

I got no problem with you moving Birmingham over there.

And Birmingham is linked to Troy just like it's linked to Bloomfield so it's kind of a flip of a coin on that.

But so you've taken population from the District I put together 16.

Can we take a look at as part of what you're doing Anthony take a look at adding the -- another row of Townships out of Sterling heights to see if we can get the population matched appropriately in a District?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think that's appropriate.

That would be the way I would go about it.

Since I completed drawing a District I don't know if it's still my turn.

But you know I'll defer to the Chair and to the rules for that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Is there something in your District you wanted to change Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What we wanted to change, Brittini, is adding on to 16, District 16 another row of Townships in Sterling Heights.

Because he took population away when he moved Birmingham over to his District.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay that change would be up to Commissioner Eid and if so, he can make that change and then provide.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: What I'm asking of Commissioner Eid is that he continue on to try to make that District whole as well.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I think add more of Sterling Heights into 16 until we get okay with population.

I think the rationale is exactly the same as when you made District 16.

Because of that you see the dots that we have there.

They are displayed on the board and are those still dots of Asian American ancestry?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir the Asian over 10 percent Asian right here says population total Asian.

And we can click on each one and you will see it's highlighting but let me change it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would as many of those dotted precincts as possible until we get to the population needed for that Troy-based District.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I think by doing that it also further supports what Bruce's comments previously when we talked about that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Eid are you requesting I assign the voting precincts to 16?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Don't you think you ought to keep Berkeley with Orchard Lake, Anthony? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me District 16 now is .25% over. 654 people with minority population of 28.36%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful to answer Commissioner Curry's question I wouldn't put Berkeley with it because that would put us over population and I see Berkeley as being more so associated with Southfield hunting ton and really more so hunting ton the Woods oak park and pleasant ridge and Ferndale and Hazel park than it is with Orchard Lake.

I mean I have -- I have gone to Royal Oak growing up many, many times.

There is a lot of activities for you know all types of people to do out there.

And people travel to Royal Oak frequently via Woodward.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

The next Commissioner is Commissioner Kellom.

Myself.

I'm waiting for Kent to get a swig of water.

You deserve some water.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm so sorry Commissioner Orton? She was before me Commissioner Orton you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I just want to say I don't really like the idea of that when it gets to a Commissioner that that's their District.

We are supposed to be doing this together.

And I think we should each be able to have input.

Some people like to have input after I guess but I think we should each be able to have input and put it together.

Because if we do it this way where each person owns their District then when we get to the next person and they change the other person's District we have to start all over again.

It just doesn't seem like it's very effective, efficient.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I agree.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I echo that and expressed that before we should not be taking turns or the you want to have or quote unquote ownership meaning you have more, I guess more of a demonstrative turn that is up to the Commissioner.

But I would think that it would be far better not to put Commissioner Curry on the spot.

But there was some confusion and it was left up to her.

And I feel like we should have chimed in and maybe added some assistance to that.

So I can only say that I agree.

But at the same time if there is a Commissioner that does not have something to say we also don't want to be forced to speak either.

Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I just wanted to ask Commissioner Eid you said that you took commerce because the school District was the same as Orchard Lake?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't -- hello, is this there we go.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You have to speak louder.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There are certainly many students in commerce that go to West Bloomfield schools.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm sorry go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know if it has its -- it might...I don't think it has its own school District. Wixom does, but I'm not sure if there is a commerce school District.

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The similarities between commerce and West Bloomfield and/or charred lake given that we need population because you can't have it be on its own because we are working on the Senate District, I think they should go together.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, well commerce actually has two school districts.

Walled lake schools and Huron valley schools which is also mill Ford and Highland. And White Lake has Huron valley schools also.

So I really don't understand why you took commerce out because now 18 lacks almost 50,000 people.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think Commissioner Eid is pretty satisfied with what he has drawn so Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I just kind of think that I didn't do it but it appears that way that we are saying this is when we talk about the different Townships and districts and whatever we are saying I'm only going by what I know.

And then when you -- what it appears to me now from what I know living in Detroit is that Dearborn all those little towns, Allen Park Lincoln Park all those places at one time were very prejudice.

Very prejudice.

And I thought we were trying to keep things where they were more contiguous or do we want to keep everything prejudice? Because that's what I was trying to do.

Not that I thought that just trying to add all those people would make everybody happy. It just seemed like when I go down my street, I'm seeing every kind of color.

Everything.

All kind of mixed people.

But the way it looked like it's going is that looked like you all trying to keep whites in white neighborhood.

And the Chaldeans in one neighborhood.

Or are we going to be kind of where we you know share the growth, the wealth, everything.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So Commissioner Curry I completely hear you.

If I was looking at what was drawn like what you drew for Detroit, I actually had some thoughts about integrating Ferndale with Detroit with some suburbs so you can get a mix of resources.

But it's such a stretched out area of 15 now so I have to kind of think about where would be.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You can do whatever with 15.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We have a copy of it and it's fine.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I did not finish it because I was getting so many and probably because I wasn't there earlier or yesterday.

But I'm under the impression that people were saying when we went to these meetings that they wanted to be more into who all went in there.

Like for instance you know you got Chaldeans in Detroit shopping and going places.

But Detroiters really not participating in the Chaldeans thing.

And so you got in Dearborn Heights.

I know they are all kind of set to their selves and Lincoln Park used to be one culture, one minority.

One they were all just about white people.

And in river Woods and Ecorse and Detroit they are mostly all Black people.

So I'm under the impression that people wanted to kind of be mixed a little bit since all these places are just a step over into another you can step over into Lincoln Park you can step over into Allen Park, you can step over in river Rouge you can almost step over to Wyandotte is south beach you got to drive a little ways and Taylor and the places are contiguous to me because I see everybody in all those areas and I just didn't want to separate them.

But if you all thought they should be separated that's just not my.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I respect your opinion and we just continue to take turns and get public feedback and continue to draft and remix and redo and erase and fill back in as we get feedback.

And we have to start somewhere.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's true.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I'm going to attempt to take my turn.

Kent, can we so we've made a copy, is there another question that I missed?

Commissioner Orton I'm sorry?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You can have your turn.

But I just wanted to add something I feel like we are having a couple different conversations here but to what I'm saying we are making a collaborative map so we can work together.

But if any Commissioner has a strong opinion or a better idea, they can make their own and present it and we can also discuss that one.

And present it or you know decide whether to present it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

Okay, hum can you go down a little bit, Kent so I can see the map.

Let's see what is happening here.

Zoom back in.

I'm stuck because I'm thinking of two things and I don't know how complicated it's going to be.

So we have a copy of 15 but if we were to just remove that altogether so I can just have a fresh look at what that area is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.



>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you Zoom all the way in so I can see like streets because unfortunately in Detroit like the neighborhood that I grew up Sherwood Forest, Green Acres, Palmer Park are things I'm looking for as two so I can work with it. Commissioner Clark, please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd like to ask a question of Bruce. I'm looking at what we got for Detroit at this point. And it appears to me as we are headed down the path of packing Detroit again with what's left. Do you see that as a potential issue? And if you do how do we avoid that?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I appreciate you, your question Commissioner Clark and your based on the conversation we had last week, your understanding of the racial bloc voting and packing districts and how problematic that can be.

I remember that one of the issues that Dr. Handley discussed last week is looking at other areas to -- that the areas that are packed, going into different areas to unpack them.

And of course those areas are at your discretion and as you consider moving. But I'm not -- I'm not drawing any early conclusion about packing because it's too early. And if you went down that path, I assure you I would let you know. And we would both let you know.

But what I would suggest is that I believe that some of the districts that Dr. Handley outlined last week were to the northeast in Detroit.

Looking where you can expand so that for example you are not just using Black population to achieve the population goal of one person one vote.

Did you go into other areas.

As you're doing now is you are exploring these districts.

So that you unpack what has been packed.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure, you're welcome.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And so this goes a little bit smoother I'm going to delegate Vice Chair Szetela for hands so that I can take a turn.

But Commissioner Curry I do see that you have your hand raised.

I don't know if that's intentional or not.

Commissioner Curry it doesn't look like you have sound so, okay, you have to unmute yourself.

Okay if you want to share just unmute yourself and then we will be able to hear you Commissioner Curry just stick your hand back up if you have something and then Vice Chair Szetela will acknowledge you.

So Kent can you fill the areas back in for 17 that were already assigned? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll do the best I can to recall what it was.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Lincoln Park Allen Park Ecorse and Wyandotte, Commissioners please do chime in and let me know if I'm incorrect.

Or affirm with an audible yes.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Looking at the one you drew, so Melvindale, River Rouge, Allen Park, Ecorse, Lincoln Park all the way down to the border. And in that little Section that is jutting out on the precinct level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Does that appear to be what we had previously?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Should be 789 off of ideal.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is where we are at 789.

We do have to go to blocks here and grab this block so that we pick up this island.

Can I do that?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Please do that, Kent.

It's slow when we are using blocks because you have to be zoomed in so far.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But that is the nature of it.

I think that is pretty much it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can we go towards Ferndale, so Zoom in.

I realize you're not from this area so it doesn't resonate in your brain the same.

Go north a little, north and go towards the east.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Ferndale.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Let's see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wow.

I will be back.

This thing you click on one spot and it takes off.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: This is challenging to work with.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 13.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I want to select Ferndale and Royal Oak and pleasant ridge and Huntington Woods.

Huntington Woods and pleasant ridge.

And I want to can you Zoom in some more? I need to have a different view of Detroit in order to try.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can bring streets up.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I can't see you and take a turn tap the mic and say Chair and kind of prompt me to call on you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Because we are in Southfield, there was LGBT community request to keep Southfield, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Ferndale, and Hazel Park together if possible.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I will pinch off Southfield and put in some Detroit in here is what I would like to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hazel Park, Berkeley.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Actually, that area by wood lawn cemetery can you select that? Can you Zoom back in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see it now.

This area in here.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you Zoom in even more? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes Pembroke, 7-Mile, assign this area?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Zoom in even more, please.

So for that area please select Kent cannot select this area?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.

The area to the left as well.

The area below that says 143 to the right in that greenish area, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm selecting whole precincts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Zoom back out because what do we need? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need 200,000.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Zoom out, please.

Can you if I'll in that gap and go to the left? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area hear that I'm...across like this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not like that.

Let's do precincts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Tisk.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shoot me.

That area?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, but can we go back to The Street view so that, not the matrix.

I feel like just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These precinct names take up and kind of blur things up.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Zoom out again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They have aerial photography.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Maybe you can try.

Zoom out again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's just turn it on and see if it's better or worse.

I don't know.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Commissioner Rothorn someone said Southfield oak park and give me the.

You could have read it to me.

Select Southfield and see what happens.

But I got that weird shape going down there.

But I'm thinking I want to fill in more of it.

I want to have Southfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This right here on the left.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thinking about it because Southfield should maybe go with Rosedale Park, yes, Southfield, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This whole area?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: We may have to because I'm trying to find all these neighborhoods and communities.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That leaves Berkeley on its own.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I know just go ahead and select it.

I don't want to put Berkeley but that is fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Grab Berkeley here.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: How much are we short still 195.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Adding 95,000 to it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are short 100,000.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay now come lower and let me see what is in this long rectangle area.

Can we Zoom in there? I might need to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me turn off the precincts because I think the presents are what.

Mary Grove college.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yeah, try selecting that area, 60911 I'm sorry I read the wrong number.

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

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Clarita and you can't see the street.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see Clarita right there.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That area and to the right.

And I want to see about University of Detroit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that representative? Commissioner?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Can you call on them Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just a quick question Brittini is your intent to stay west of Woodward as you do this?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or it's just the way it has gone so far.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That is how it's going but I'm playing and say more.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just wonder what the intent was.

Thanks.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And it's difficult because when you're from an area some of the things I'm looking for are not just there on the map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is St. Martin.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That is too far left can you go down please? What is that little? To the west what is that 12031612 can we Zoom in there please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Northwest activity center Myers Plaza and coop apartments and elementary school, Luce college of business.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: MS Schultz.

And is that Mumford high school what is that it looks like a track and a football field can you Zoom in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is already in the districts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I want to know what it is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: DPS Mumford.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It is Mumford.

Go east and let me see what is over there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: McDougall hardware.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: To the edge of the assigned area so I can see what is just to the right of it please and go north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the pay loss, PNC bank, SVS vision.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Select that, that is Meijer gas station, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I'm doing this whole precinct at a time but that's not right.

You just say so.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I will.

You are fine it's better for you to chunk it this way because I wouldn't be able to make it through the other ones.

Commissioners please chime in if you see something.

You can select that as well.

What was that 745797? Commissioner Eid, please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So that's just a very interesting intersection.

The one of 8 mile and Woodward because that I'm sure that you know this but you know when you cross that intersection that's when the cities of Southfield and Detroit really start differing.

This is a personal antidote but at the Meijer on that corner there is often a lot of people who suffer from homelessness at that corner.

And you know they are always on one side because that City, you know, doesn't evict them like on the other side.

So I do think that would be an appropriate place to maybe stop that District like you were doing.

So I agree.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Same.

I wanted to include some Ferndale in there to build community and also because Ferndale Royal Oak are walkable and bleed into each other and there is a historic if we think about the riots in Detroit and that there is still a you know a meeting going down 8 mile and Woodward that are still the physical representations of that racial discrimination of different communities.

That's my thinking when I look into that.

But I do see this kind of weird unassigned area.

What is that Moross if I'm looking correctly? And Shay, no.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Cumberland Manor Apartments and Palmer Park.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: You can select that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: You can select that, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, not that, I'm getting there.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: No, no, no.

We can have people step on my toes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, that is not going to happen.

These are fairly low populated voting.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Nothing over there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 834 people here.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Because you just added a palmer park area, that was another LGBTQ potential residential COI.

And the Hazel Park was I think, yeah, I don't know if you intentionally did not include it but that was the last piece that was sort of.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Hazel Park is fine it's not intentional I'm trying to keep track and see so, yes, I appreciate, it was not intentional.

Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me thank you.

I wanted to point out that the in Dr. Handley's study she identified packing in a handful of Senate districts.

They are not as significant in numerically as in the house.

But she did suggest, and this is something you know I'm sure we will be talking about the percentages are smaller so that if, for example, in a 54% current District majority Black District that she concluded that 5 voters can elect their candidates of choice under 50% and there's a fair amount of cross over voting in Wayne County.

So I think that that's something also to keep in mind.

And that also in a way I wanted to respond further to Commissioner Clark if that is okay. If you look at Dr. Handley's map, which is the last slide in her PowerPoint she identifies two I think three districts that are House Districts that are 90% or so Black population. And that is you are not in that part of the County yet.

So that's a good kind of marker, yeah.

When you get there, that's right.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: For purposes of the public I was doing a happy dance but you all can't see that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Too bad because it was a great dance. But that is an area in responding to Commissioner Clark, you could look at. So I would one of the suggestions that I would have is as the Commissioner moves forward with this particular District is think about the potentially lowering the Black population to be closer to what Dr. Handley concluded.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, all right, so we still need some more population, a little bit more right, Commissioner Rothhorn, please.

Hazel Park I'm sorry I thought he selected that.

Oh, no, it's dangling right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me Commissioner Hazel Park area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, please select that.

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

I did the precincts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Still not much.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that the Hazel Park you're referring to?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 15,000 people.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We should probably go what is just west to the side of what is the sign our drive that area can be included.

Maybe even that little.

So left of the area that is so the south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area, this area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Look over here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got you.

So want me to select all of this?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That continues down the highway route 10?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 17,500 you will be approximately 48,000 short.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can go on the other side of the James cousins and select.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: What is that a light the triangle that wants to be a triangle but it's missing the tip yes that area to the left of the freeway.

Oh, not below.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got you, I'm catching up, I'm catching up.

This area on up through here.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Actually go back to this area the Mary Grove college area and select that and to the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Universal Detroit.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That is intentional and select the area to the left of Mary Grove college as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This goes all the way down across.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That is interesting.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are precincts I'm highlighting so if we need to go in and remove census blocks you can do that.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Select that missing area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If we need to go in and cut out census blocks, we can do that.

It's a little bit quicker to do most of them.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: All the way then to the freeway.

I might leave this because I feel like I don't want to chew too much into I can't see the way that I want to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is south of 10 and these are the census blocks that are associated with these precincts north of them.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay so that little piece like the out liar that probably should be removed.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign those.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: And the piece that kind of goes around the bend and up towards.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I will go through these one at a time pretty much.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Actually you need to keep that because I would be slicing through a community.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: You can remove it.

Go ahead and remove it please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: It's delayed on my end sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, you know I had it highlighted and it was kind of like when I let go of the button it was going to do it.



>> CHAIR KELLUM: I'm going to stop there for my turn actually.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are still 35,000 people short, 13.5%.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I know.

And go can you Zoom in-to-the area that is to the right of University of Detroit mercy.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Because I think you will end up selecting that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a Magnet Middle School and Florence Grove.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes, you have to select all of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: About that.

Shall we continue south?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Please select that 932.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Select that yes.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: The 1133 and then yes that little area above.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those precincts cross over the route 10 or highway 10.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Take out 932.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take out the entire precinct.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: The census one.

Thank you for correcting me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still need 31,000 people.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: DPS-Robison academy.

Let me Zoom back in.

Zoom in please.

So that area, that is DPS, Robison, that neighborhood.

You can select I'm just going by what I can't read the Citgo gas station, the school, the streets that are around that neighboring that area.

So probably ending assigning the areas that you probably just took off honestly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll just put it back and then you can reevaluate.

That's the entire precinct.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I just need the block so from block eight and block 35, 37, 36, 13 is there a way to not take in that whole area and make it over? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sure so you want to remove these.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Am I over or under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have 30,000 people.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Then select 3253.

I'm reading the block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where are we at up here.

Yes, this whole area down through here? Shall we just take it down to the commercial.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That is fine and you can do the area to the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just getting the little unpopulated blocks up next to the highway so you didn't have little holes.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

Let me get it to precincts.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: 662 on 546 that one too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one up here 1197.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: And the one to the left, up.

>> Kent: This, we just removed these earlier.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is okay.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: If I say witness a smile maybe you won't be as angry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1069 this is Linden Detroit terminal.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Zoom in, please and go to the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the play field, ball field.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Can we have the one that includes Butzel and Zoom in so we can see 1458.

I probably won't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Warehouse and stone works.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That one and the one above and the one above that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This whole area.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Let me see though Zoom out Kent.

Take away the little oblong pieces to the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take out these pieces here.

You still have 24,000 people to add.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Jesus.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still want me to take them out?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: No.

Zoom out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will get a bigger vision.

This is.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay that is enough.

I'm going to stop.

I know that I have a difference of about 24,000 people.

But I want to stop because I want to come up for air and see what I have.

My intent was to take in consideration the patterns of the smaller suburbs that bleed into Detroit as well as the communities that surround the areas regarding 8 mile and Woodward.

And to also incorporate the comments from the public hearing and the COIs and analysis of that data for those LBGQTQ communities African/American communities, the

suburban communities of pleasant ridge Ferndale and Royal Oak that expressed commonalities in keeping them together so those would be my justifications for drawing District 13 this way.

And Commissioners please do way in even if you are not from the City of Detroit.

And I'm not in love with it but it's a starting point and represents a direction.

Commissioner Rothhorn, please?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So my question is do you see sort of like so there was a one of the ways so we want to make sure there is a not as much African/American packed into any District so with this one do you see loss a logic so to speak and should there are spokes in Detroit does it make sense to try to sort of, yeah, Woodward east and west right and just continue up the spokes is that sort of.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes, it does make sense.

But I grew tired of drawing so I wanted, I took a siesta of my turn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I just wanted to understand it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Orton please.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we take a five minute break and maybe we can finish that one when we come back?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Sure.

But don't put the pressure all on me.

Just saying that.

So we will take a five minute recess.

That means we will come back at I'm sorry Commissioner Lange? Please forgive me.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm concerned with taking a five minute break when we've got like 49 minutes left of the meeting.

It doesn't seem appreciate to take a break at this stage of the meeting when our concern is getting maps done.

I mean I don't know.

I mean that's what the Commission wants but I mean we are so far in and almost at the end.

And it just seems counterproductive.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you Commissioner Lange.

I personally have to go to the rest room.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's very hot in here and I need to step outside for a bit.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: We will take five minute and return at 7:16 exactly that is all you get is five minutes.

[ Recess ]

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I will bring the independent citizens redistricting Commission back to order at 7:19 p.m. will Michigan Department of State staff please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely, Madam Chair. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, announce you are attending remotely and disclose your physical location.

I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry. Commissioner Curry you are still unmuted. Can you unmute?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present. And I am from Detroit, Michigan, remotely from Detroit Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending from Reed

City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We will continue the draft mapping, please excuse me, of Senate maps in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw and Genesee Counties. We left out with myself, Commissioner Kellom. And I'm going to continue my turn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner, I'm prepared and ready.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That was me taking time to think.

Can you try filling in that left side just above Redford.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just above.

This area in here?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that approximately what you expected?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yeah, I meant the entire left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to highlight it and you tell me what to change.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

I see you shaking your head.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: This whole strip so it's not a jig saw just fill in the area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 53,000 people high now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, there is a delay.

Where it says Redford Township can you let's erase that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I have to use words because I'm using hand motions that have nothing to do with the software so the word is erase.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just want everybody to understand what we are doing.

You are still 40,000 high.

It appears like, yeah.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry please?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you take off some of that cemetery part down there and kind of keep this block, this whole long block together? Because I'm kind of familiar with that area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

And Kent that is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here is with unassign this?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No, okay are you talking about over to the right where it's kind of jig-jag.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The part that cuts out the bottom is that what you are talking about removing.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That piece on the other side of the freeway to the south of the freeway it looks like but I don't know if that is a freeway hold on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is grand lot cemetery you can take that off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Uh-huh.

I agree.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, and the little part that looks like a tooth.

Grand mall cemetery you can erase.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: .

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Redford, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Including this area here?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got one too many blocks and Commissioner Curry would you say the part that is outing out south of McNichols take that part out as well, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That was McNichols.

That is where my building is.

But yeah, it looks all right now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We are still over 38,000 folks.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What about this bottom line here? How to drive west and up under 7-Mile.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, and a little jig saw piece can you examine what that is too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take that off.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you intend to continue across this way?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And what would your rationale be Commissioner Curry, why would you take that part off what do you think.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think on the other side of John lodge they are all contiguous and all kind of knitted together and all have a lot of things in common.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: By six mile and lodge.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I grew up over there so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this region?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you Zoom in, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will put it back.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It may be okay it's unassigned honestly.

You can unassign.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take that off.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These census blocks here belong in precincts on the other side of the road.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We are going to keep those together and I think we are keeping this Section together.

And we are still over 33,000 so we will go to the west maybe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move westward.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No go to the south, can you go to the south?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You mean that 511 and 932 you would remove those because I was looking at that and 1133 would you take that out too? Okay same Page.

So yep, let's remove 1139, 932 and 511.

Thank you for being patient.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area is part of this precinct.

Shall I leave it like this or put these census blocks back into 13?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Say it again Kent please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12345 census blocks that are not assigned right now are a part of this precinct.

Shall I assign these census blocks to District 13?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't know if I want to yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You can change them because they are all on the right side this may have to go with my original shape.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 31,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Over.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: What is that triangular piece to the far, well.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Going south take it off near Highland Park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take this area off? Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would not remove Mary Grove college University of Detroit, University of Detroit mercy, no.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Is this all under here the other part of Livernois and separate from this side is like is this line here Livernois the street.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you Zoom in please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me change so it's more legible.

That's John lodge.

Puritan.

Memorial McNichols.

Where am I going.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: If you can get the bottom part off Brittni.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Of Livernois.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Down here how much would it be where it says John lodge freeway and Midland and Pilgrim.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The piece that is just south.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where my cursor is dragging across?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Did they give you your population? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It had very little effect.

They are only a few dozen people in each of those blocks.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Can you Zoom out, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Route five right across here.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Zoom in that area the far west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That is assigned.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Like that area in here.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: By west 7-Mile that might.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 7-Mile west 7-Mile here.

And then this I can't read it.

Still can't read it.

Fargo, St. Martin.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You can take that off.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Redford is included can you take off Redford 49504.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the Township.

We have already split the Township.

I'll put it back to precincts.

So this is 2600.

708.

That is if we take the whole precincts out which run all the way up to 192.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Say that again I can't hear you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 2659, 708, 2093.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I will take Redford Township out though.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The entire Township?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right.

That is that Section right up in there so we will do that.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Still over.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay I'm going to leave that here for right now and with the hope that someone will, it will be changed.



>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zoom in where.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I said I'm going to leave it as is I'm going to leave it where it is right now.

I have some ideas where people I would take things but for as the essence of time, I'm going to stop my turn.

Michigan Department of State, do you need any more justification than what I provided?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, I'm just going to go through just a few questions.

Can you explain why this District took the shape that it did?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It took the interesting shape that it did to account for the feedback we received in our COI analysis, public hearings as well as the perimeters that we have for our active matrix.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you be a little more specific about what public feedback or what COIs for example?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, as I've said before there is a lot of talk about the communities of Ferndale Royal Oak pleasant ridge having been walkable epicenters. Art communities.

LGBTQAI community friendly and those folks that share their opinions also expressed wanting to not only be together but also be with the Southfield community.

And these neighborhoods also so very closely border Detroit and there would be some nexus between those spaces and communities.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: The last question is a bit of a two parter, how did you consider minority populations in this area? And did you consider if this District is considered packed?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Well we heard from our good friend Bruce Adelson who provided some guidance, things to be careful of and this was not an area as drafted that at present should cause for great concern.

What was the first part? I think I answered one part but didn't get the first part of your question.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: How would you consider minority populations in this area and did you consider if this District is packed?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Right.

So the minority populations we used the data as expressed.

And those also those populations also expressed by those that share comments from the residents who live in the area and then we asked Mr. Adelson if this is an area of concern for packing.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The next Commissioner would be Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I'm going to have Kent if you would please Zoom out for me and I want to pick up all of Canton to the south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see it now, thank you.

That is 12 let me change the color so it does not blend so much with the adjoining districts one moment.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: While he is doing that Commissioners, I'm not familiar with Detroit, the furthest I have been is Livonia so I will welcome input as I go.

If something I'm doing doesn't look right let me know.

And Dustin I see your hand already.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And mine.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sorry Juanita.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was just going to point out that with Canton, Westland is pretty much a neighboring City that would go well with Canton, which is directly off to the right.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay let's try Westland then.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would actually say Plymouth is more closely aligned with Canton. They share a school district. The Plymouth Canton School District is one of the largest districts in the state.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent, can we try Plymouth up there too to see what the numbers equal?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Including Plymouth and the town of Plymouth with Plymouth you still have 48,806 people to add.

You're low.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: But wait a minute.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Should point out Garden City and Inkster at this point an isolated from any other District.

And we can move or add or.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can anybody tell me how does Garden City would they kind of associate with Westland?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, definitely.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay can you add Garden City.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 16,000 under and Inkster is 26,088.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: If you would go in a little bit closer to the I guess we are going to have to go by the block level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want to take a part of Inkster or remove or what are we doing here?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm going to remove just a bit of Westland.

I'm thinking I see a road there heading north and south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a precinct right here.

And I'm just going to assign it.

We can put it back.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is an entire precinct.

And now your District is 19,000 low.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: The City of Wayne is south of Westland and it might be a good thing to add in.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay go ahead and add Wayne then.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And Wayne and Westland share a school District so you would be putting their school districts together too Wayne and Westland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point District 12 is .84% low.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: My question would be okay let's leave it there for just a second.

My question would be to the Commissioners that are familiar with the area does Inkster because I heard there is a high African/American population, would that correlate with Romulus or something knowing that would have to go down, does this District look cohesive to you?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Rhonda, I would you know Westland and Inkster people kind of have some contiguous things together.

They have some communities of interest together.

Even Wayne.

I mean when I go through Inkster sometimes I wind up in Westland and so I think all would be somewhat contiguous if you added Inkster but that is too much to add all of it but probably do some blocks.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So I would say there is two ways you could go with this.

Either which is acceptable you can leave it as it is.

Or you could peel off Wayne Westland and combine Wayne Westland Garden City and Romulus together because they all have Garden City not as much but Wayne definitely has a fairly significant African/American population as does Westland.

And then you could combine Plymouth and Canton up into Northville which are also similar communities so you can leave it as is or reassemble things but either way I think it works.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I don't want to pack either.

So that's always our concern is I want to make sure that we are not packing any District as hazard been talked about.

So for this time being unless any other Commissioners have thoughts, I think I will leave it the way it is.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange can you just provide your rationale?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: A lot of input from other Commissioners.

Thank you they are telling me that these areas closely associate with each other Canton I did because the public comment.

Everybody I'm sure remembers the gentleman that gave public comment about hash tag keep Canton whole for the Asian American population, so they are not split up. And that's pretty much my explanation.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: How did you account for population in this area? And go ahead, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: How did I account for population as far as.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm trying to ask you the questions because I know Sarah is going to ask you the three questions regardless so I'm trying to help you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Population wise I mean if we are looking at population based off from VRA, we have our Asian population again like I said.

We had comment about them specifically wanting to keep Canton whole so their vote is not split up.

The others were on advice from other Commissioners because they are familiar with the area.

And said that shared school districts contiguous and all of that, I don't know if I can give a good explanation.

So if another Commissioner wants to help me, I would take it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You're on the right road.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You want to add anything Juanita to help me out?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think you did a good job.

The only thing that, well I think you did a good job considering you couldn't go up and grab that to make it because you are what 19 short, 9 what.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12 is 2200 from ideal, which is only .84%, pretty much numbers.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lange.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area is unassigned.

The districts surrounding it are -- have been built.

This is not enough population to build a Senate District.

So significant changes are going to happen around it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Should we do those changes right now? I'm looking at that too now and I didn't realize how can I get the Commission's Van Buren, Belleville

does that have...have we re -- I don't recall any public comment about those. And do they have anything that you know of where, Lord, I don't know what to do. Okay, here is what we are going to do, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was just going to say that Romulus and Belleville they have a big skating rink that they share that is very COI, they have that in common because we went to both of them and we used to skate with both of them all the time. But I don't know about Van Buren so I couldn't tell you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent, with question take off Westland and Wayne?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was going to say I used to live in Van Buren Township.

And we have received some public commentary, but I don't agree with it in the slightest having lived there.

I was actually sort of surprised at what was being asserted because they were saying that Van Buren should go with Sumpter where Sumpter is very rural and Van Buren certainly is not by any stretch of the imagination. But I would say you certainly could combine Van Buren, Romulus and Ypsilanti honestly.

I think those would all go together well.

They are all on the 94 corridor.

They all share...I can't remember what they call it, but it's like the industrial Parkway where you have Willow Run and the Visteon plant and all sorts of industry along there, along with some steel mills on the river. So those three counties certainly go together. You could also pull that up into Wayne, Westland as well, and Inkster.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That was a lot to take in, Rebecca.

So let me start with go ahead and pick Van Buren and Belleville.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You got to take Romulus.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need approximately 94,000 to reach ideal.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can do Romulus, Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Garden City.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 42000 and put you 52000 under.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: What happens if she grabbed Westland where does that put her.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Westland is 85,000, this is 26,000.

We can include that and maybe you could take these precincts to tie it altogether.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: What about the ones to the east? Like the superior, the ones that don't have a lot of population? Any thoughts on those? Salem, superior.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I mean so Northville I would say yes superior is sort of interesting because they are in between Ann Arbor and Canton.

But they are kind of anti-subdivision anti new development so they are very rural so it's sort of interesting.

I certainly think you could put them in if you need the population.

But they are kind of different in a way.

But I'd say in ten years they may not be so different because the reality is the pressure of development is pushing that way.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's take Northville.

Let's head north from Plymouth.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want to keep Romulus and Wayne in this group?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You can keep it there for the moment.

I kind of want to see what we can get with the Northville added in.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was thinking is it my time to talk.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was thinking I know I have family in Ypsilanti, Belleville, Inkster and they are kind of little shots right away from each other I don't know if you can keep Ypsilanti with that too Rhonda.

I don't know.

I know they are all close, those neighboring Townships or cities they are close.

Ypsilanti Belleville and Romulus are very close with Wayne.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I don't want to take Ypsilanti out at the moment though because that's a number 27 and we can revisit that one.

Let's.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner I was going to.

Commissioner Orton and Commissioner Witjes.

I was also trying not to interrupt Commissioner Lange in the middle of her sentence.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I feel Northville goes with Novi.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Where are we at here.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is what I was going to say Northville and Novi are.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So Commissioner Lange maybe try superior then.

No.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Superior, put in superior.

That would be my recommendation.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: If you want.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, Northville off because I'm hearing that they -- that would go more with Novi.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lange may I point out it was mentioned earlier about the Asian population in Canton.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Northville is 18% or it's the Township Northville is 18% Asian.

I just noticed that.

So that's add superior.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Add superior.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Then Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think that there is probably also a large Asian community or population in Novi area.

So if we look more into that.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You want me to take it north again to Novi.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No I'm just saying I don't think you will be able to do that but I do think Northville definitely goes with Novi and if we save all that area to be together that will be a large Asian population.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton that is a good point.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay can we take, I thought I would breeze right through, you guys.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Also flagging that we are supposed to stop this process by 7:45. I don't know if this is still a hard stop, if I can get a nod or a wink from someone.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton are you suggesting she include Northville and Novi in this one District or are you saying break off Northville?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Don't use Northville just because we would not be able to add Novi and Farmington Hills.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It appears to me there is two parts to the Northville town, the lower half is a sign the northern map is not.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Part is in Wayne County and part is in Oakland County is what you are seeing there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right now it's split.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes thank you for raising your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Northville and Novi should be together but should not be together with Van Buren Township.

I don't believe that that is a fair assessment of a District that should be that they should be a part of it superior Township would make more sense in my opinion.

Also having lived right around the area.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Superior would make more sense with Canton?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: With Canton.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, let's add superior and I guess we are taking off Northville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, .97% low.

I will remove Northville now.

Now you are approximately 37,000 people low.

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>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can we take Salem?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are 30,000 low.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can she add in Inkster and that sliver of Wayne would that bring her up? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Inkster is 26,000.

The green number you see under the total pop is the Black population or Black alone.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's almost I think it's like 80% African/American.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lange I'm waiting for your direction.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Do you know what I want to try something completely different and let's go up north one more over what we just once the map moved, I can't see where I want to go.

By the south Lyon area is that two different Townships areas? I see one that has like 23.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's a City and a Township around it and it's also one of the most rapidly growing new subdivision areas, so it would be a good match for Canton for sure as well as Salem.

But you probably would have to take off part of I think you have Wayne still I think you would probably have to take that off to add south Lyon.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's add that whole thing there if we can and see where the numbers are and if we have to take off part down below, we will.

I apologize we are running into another color.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1.85%.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's keep it there for the moment.

You may want to change the color too because I see the one above by Kent Lake has the same color.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner you are getting accolades and she thinks that's good and I said, uh-huh.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Any other Detroit area people think it's okay?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I really think that South Lyon and Lyon Township also go with Novi.

I mean we are going to have to make a compromise somewhere. But they that's why it wasn't used in the District 31 because it really associated with Novi.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: For the moment I'm going to leave it, and then if Commissioners want to change it, I'm fine with that also.

Like I said I'm not super familiar so I'm just taking input from everybody that is from around the area to kind of help guide me.

So for now I'm going to leave it and if somebody chooses to change, I understand.



>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange I think you did a wonderful job even to back up Commissioner Orton's place or a point we will have to do some fixing somewhere but I think what you have left with Wixom Northville Redford Inkster all of that is work able and it's not like it's a horrible choice left to work with.

So I think you did a good job Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Never mind I'm good.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Kent please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I quickly did the little check plan for errors, there are some discontiguities.

They are small.

And have minor or no population changes.

I just want to point that out.

At some point they need to be cleaned up.

I don't think there is any hurry to do it at the moment.

Since we are looking at mostly 0 population.

Maybe before we start tomorrow, we can clean these up or Monday.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I was going to say Kent you are going to be here tomorrow.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioners we are at the stop of our process.

And that would bring us to number six on the agenda which is new business.

And there is no new business for the Commission's consideration at this time.

Moving down to review and approval of minutes.

There are no minutes to approve.

And then we move to number eight staff reports.

We don't have any staff reports for today.

Is there a Michigan Department of State report?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No updates.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We have no updates from the Michigan Department of State.

Correspondence was received in advance of our meeting today and was provided along with the written public comment to the Commission in our meeting materials.

It's also my understanding that there are no future agenda items to share at this time so do we have any announcements for the good of the order? Hearing none, seeing no hands, there are no more items on the agenda to complete and the Commission has no further business, a motion to adjourn is in order motion made by Commissioner Witjes is there a second? Second made by Commissioner Lett and Commissioner Curry I see your hand.

All those in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All those opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it and the meeting is adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Thank you.