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For the purposes of the public watching and for the public record I will now turn to the Department of State staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 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.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> 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 from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You can view the agenda at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

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

So moved. Motion made by Commissioner Witjes.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Rothhorn. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Hearing none it is moved and seconded that we adopt the meeting agenda.

All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Curry has joined. And if you are able to unmute yourself, can you tell us where you are attending the meeting remotely from?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: This is Juanita Curry. I'm attending the meeting remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much.

All right. So hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the public comment pertaining to agenda topics. Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide in person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. Please step to the microphone when I call your name or number.

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

First in line to provide public comment is number one.

>> Good morning. Thank you.

My name is Shelly.

I was born and raised along with my husband in the heart of Shiawassee County. We have five children, five grandchildren we just found out we will be grandparents again also being raised in the heart of our county in Shiawassee County.

I grew up as a child in the southwest corner of Shiawassee County playing on my grandparents farm which is ten minutes north of the Perry 69 corridor.

I grew up knowing our community was very different from the Lansing area as a child we would take a trip to the City if you will to Frandore a couple times a year with our grandparents to shop at the Sears store and then again have lunch after at the big boy locally there near Sears.

Remember stories of my grandfather talking about learning how to get to the City and grandma always loving to go shop over there a few times a year around Christmas and school clothes shopping.

It was an interesting culture from where we grew up in the rural area to Greater Lansing area.

I know growing up from our community that we do not have much of anything in common with the Lansing East Lansing urban Metropolitan region.

Our region community has been aligned with other rural communities that best represents like eat on Clinton and Gratiot County.

Who have similar ideals and resources.

We are a small farming community with very different needs from the large Lansing region area.

The core of Ingham County including Lansing and East Lansing should remain tonight with the Senate seat in Shiawassee County should remain with the dominant population base for the house and the seat that has been with us for almost approximately 50 years.

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I hope you will take the time and consideration when drawing the lines of our community of interest, our small farming rural community.

To take into consideration our population.

Thank you very much for your time.

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

Number two?

>> Thank you.

My name is Steve Meijer's and we live in the City of Owosso and my son graduated from Michigan State so as a matter of fact we came to Michigan State a lot even while we have two children while our children were small.

And we really appreciate the East Lansing, Lansing community.

I was reviewing the requirements of this Commission and redistricting general one of the requirements one of the hardest ones the easy ones are contiguous and equal population but it's much more difficult to do communities of interest.

So I want to speak about communities of interest.

And we have interested we are interested in Lansing, East Lansing.

We've been coming to East Lansing from Owosso basically well thus 25 years.

At any rate, we I was born and raised on a farm in Indiana.

And my wife also was raised in a farming community.

And so these are our values, our goals.

And we lived in the City of Flint after I finished college.

And we lived there for five years or so.

And then we chose a rural community because that's who we are.

That's our interest.

We like the independence, the people who feel agrarian and feel the ownership and responsibility for their everyday life.

And so this is our community, this is our goals.

And I really feel like with our knowledge of East Lansing and Lansing we appreciate East Lansing, all the resources, we chose where we live because that's who we are.

And my fear is that by redistricting we will be overwhelmed because of the population density of the areas.

Thank you.

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

Number three?

>> Hi, I'm Rose Hooper. I'm from Owosso, Michigan, too.

When I was single as a speech therapist I lived and worked in Madison Wisconsin Los Angeles and on a November hoe reservation of Utah.

As a family member we also lived then in Seattle Washington, I lived in Flint, Michigan.

And after all those places I've chosen to live in Shiawassee County as my place to raise my family and retire.

About 17 years ago.

I like that we know our shop keepers names.

I like that we know each other and greet each other when we walk around in the streets.

I like that we prefer campfires bonfires smores and corn mazes for family activities.

And I like that when you're in a small community you get close knit and commit.

This is why I chose that kind of community to live in.

And I can see absolutely nothing in common with Lansing and East Lansing.

I was rather shocked to see that a tentative map was putting us with East Lansing of all places totally opposite of our interests, our desires, our community and our way of life.

So I'm asking the Commission to fulfill the job description that you have and keep us in likeminded communities.

Shelly mentioned several of them and it does not matter to me which direction we go as long as we stay rural.

Agrarian and small town.

Thank you.

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

Number five.

Did I skip number four? It's number four sorry.

I thought I might have done that.

>> It's okay.

Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to address the Commission.

As the Commission continues its important work, please consider that it is more than just District lines which affect our competitive an area is.

Shiawassee County has historically been rated as a toss-up with the House District having been similar for the past 40 years or more.

The County was also a national bellwether county in predicting Presidential outcomes for decades.

The present State Senate District of Shiawassee client ton and Eaton was also considered competitive when drawn in 2011.

Recent elections have seen more of a move towards Republicans while in the lines remain similar and the population has been static or in decline.

The reason is not the lines.

It's the parties.

In order to be competitive in rural Mid-Michigan a democratic candidate historically had to run as pro-life and pro second amendment.

Recent years have seen the party largely abandon such positions.

Democrat candidates have become far left wing socially and fiscally.

They have lost their race in my area before they even began.

And we are seeing republicans struggle to field socially moderate candidates in the suburbs in a similar fashion.

The solution is not shoehorning urban areas like East Lansing with rural small towns like those in Shiawassee.

The parties themselves have to answer for how out of touch their platforms are and make some changes to ensure their candidates are relevant to our region's communities of interest.

In Mid-Michigan the lines and people have changed significantly in decades.

The parties have not changed the parties have.

Shiawassee should not be combined with East Lansing and thank you again for this opportunity I appreciate it.

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

Number five.

>> Good afternoon, Commissioners.

As you know my name is Sarah Howard.

I'm the attorney for the AFLCIO's fair maps project it's nice to be here with you again today.

Today I wanted to talk with you a bit more specifically about the fair maps project.

As you know we were proud to publish the maps and supporting documents on our website and on your portal almost three weeks ago.

For your convenience today we are presenting enough copies for you and a hard copy of the fair maps full report which has been updated with the 2020 census data.

We definitely do not claim that ours is the only possible fair map you could come to.

And it's by no means perfect just like there is no perfect map.

But we are not aware of any other individual or organization that's been as thorough or transparent in the process of presenting a map to the Commission as we have been.

Both checking the maps against constitutional criteria, publishing those maps to you, the Commission and to the general public.

As you all know this is a complicate and challenging process.

I'm not sure there is a greater under statement to be made.

And our mapping team encountered many of the same difficulties that you also have been coming across.

We are aware of that.

We hope that by showing you our example of what a fair and constitutional map could look like you can use what we have done in the process you are going through now.

We want to see you succeed.

In coming to a fair and constitutional map.

We think the process you're undergoing is incredibly important and we thank you for your service.

We encourage you to review what we've suggested with an open mind.

And again thank you for your time and consideration.

I'll leave copies hard copies of the maps with the staff for anyone who is interested.

Thank you very much Commissioner Szetela.

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

Number six.

>> Hi, I'm Chris Andrews from Haslett.

I take ownership and responsibility for my life and I live in a close knit community.

I've heard people call your job a thankless one.

And I think that demeans the process.

Thank you.

It's noble work that you're doing.

There are millions of us who are grateful you have taken this time out of your lives to strengthen our democracy and create fair districts.

And the stress that the republicans who are launching attacks on the independent members of this Commission, there's nothing in the Constitution that prohibits an independent voter from giving money to a candidate or to a prochoice cause.

And I'm disgusted that there have been attacks on one independent Commissioner for some tweets that he apparently made when he was a teenager.

That's not what this is about.

So please stay strong.

My second point is that fair maps are the ultimate measure of your work.

In a republican year, republicans should have a good chance of winning the legislature and the Congressional delegation and in the democratic year it should be the other way. And unintentionally drawing lines is unacceptable.

I really think you guys should already be looking at the partisan nature.

It's impossible for me to comment on the districts if I don't know whether they lead to fair districts or unfair districts.

Finally people didn't vote for proposal two because they wanted the best possible squares.

Most people didn't know what communities of interest are.

Please don't let communities of interest be the enemy of fairness.

I live in Haslett.

Half of Meridian Township you can divide us up however you want if it leads to fair maps.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commissioner, number seven.

>> Hi, my name is Ellen. I'm of Eaton County. And I'm sorry I'm in my shorts and sandals I was on a job when I heard about this and off to another job after that sorry about that.

Thank you for your work.

This is not a fun thing.

But it's important.

And thank you for doing that.

Like I said I'm a lifelong resident of Eaton County.

I'm a country girl and I just really want to say where the country people are on their own and the City people are on their own because there's no way if Eaton County gets grouped in Lansing, then I will be represented by a City person because of the sheer numbers.

Any way I'm just requesting you guys will keep the City people with the City and the country people with the country.

Thanks a lot for all you're doing.

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

Number eight.

>> Hi, I'm Connie.

I'm from Delta Township in Eaton County and I also don't want to be grouped with Lansing because I feel like I don't think I've heard of one mayor or just one mayor that has ever been republican.

It's always been democrat.

And I think that the numbers would be against anyone that I would vote for.

And I just feel like it needs to be separate, the more I love Eaton County.

And I run around over there.

But I need to have that separation, so I would appreciate that.

So God bless you all for what you're doing.

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

All right. That concludes our in person public commentary today. So at this point we are going to move on to our remote public commentary.

Individuals who would like to provide live remote commentary to the Commission will be allowed to do so. I will call your name and our staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak.

If you are on the phone a voice will say you can speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute.

I will call on you by your name or last four digits of your phone number. Also please note that if you experience technical or audio issues or we do not hear from you for 3-5 seconds, we will move 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 email redistricting@Michigan.gov we will help you troubleshoot so that you can participate during the next public comment period at a later hearing or meeting.

You will have two minutes to address the Commission. And please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer. The first in line to provide public comment is Mr. James Galant.

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>> Can you hear me now?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> Thank you.

James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition.

And these are my opinions.

And I would first like to say that I sent an e-mail to you folks saying I don't appreciate you holding out on not doing the public notices.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Galant, I'm sorry, you just cut out there. Can we start his time again? He kind of cut out.

You just cut out for a minute and couldn't hear you, so they will restart your time.

>> Okay. Thank you.

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

And, first of all, I'd like to say I sent an e-mail to the Commissioners outlining your violations of Open Meetings Act and posting these meetings 18 hours before the meeting.

They are supposed to be three days after you change the notice, the meeting schedule. And please address that.

But also yesterday or the last meeting in the collaborative mapping process your attorney said very specifically members cannot make a motion during the collaborative mapping process under the policy.

That's exactly what is happening here.

You are using a policy to override the rules of procedure and the Constitution.

Because under the Federal...under the Constitution, you know, and the fundamental principles of parliamentary law, members have the floor for any legitimate reason and a purpose for all legitimate reasons.

And then Commissioner Witjes went right back and said oh, okay then, I guess I'll just make this motion, make that motion, and you did and you approved the motion when your attorney...she didn't recommend to you. She instructed you that you cannot do that under the current policy.

And you just went and did it anyway.

That's the part about we can't really trust you folks.

I mean, you folks can't be trusted. So let's please get the Attorney General opinion.

Let's get the Commission for legislative apportionment, which you are supposed to have here.

You've got to remember this, what comes first, your rules of procedure or Robert's Rules of Order? Because Robert's Rules of Order has been used for a hundred years. And when the oldest members of this Commission parents were born, we used Robert's Rules of Order. So your rules of procedure, you say well, we just don't have to do this,

that, this and this. By not following the rules in the first place, that is illegitimate decisions.

I read about the lawsuit that was filed against the state.

Of course, there is a citizen representing himself. And I will be representing myself. I'm just going to tag along on some of these, you know, hearings that they are going to have and proceedings. And then I will just do my own and talk about these things. And we will talk about the rules of procedure and why you haven't really addressed it. You don't even do what your attorney tells you to do.

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

Next in line to address the Commission is Mr. Vitale, please wait for our staff to unmute you.

>> Can you guys hear me? Vitale.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> Hello, everyone. My name is Brian Vitale and I'm working with a vote machine.

I wanted to take this time today to highlight how important the Detroit Metro region has become and will continue to be in the future to emphasize that the Commission revises its redistricting efforts to spend more time on the mapping plan to prioritize Michigan's most populous region.

Southeast Michigan has the three most populous county of Wayne Oakland Macomb and had strong growth with a net population increase of almost 10% within the last ten years.

It's evident the Commission should allow more time to study and revise the roadmap in this region considering that more districts are needed.

In addition it's worth noting that Metro Detroit is easily the most diverse region in Michigan and contains various communities that historically have been unrepresented. Because these diverse counties contain more than a third of Michigan's population this translated into a higher volume of community of interest submissions in the Detroit region with the reallocation of remaining time to prioritize District road mapping within this area.

That's all I wanted to say today so thank you for your time.

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

We will now move on to Anthony Skenell.

>> Anthony sorry about that good afternoon, Commission.

I just kind of want to agree I guess with Mr. Galant and says it all the time and does seem like the Commissioner is playing fast and rules with the rules and Norms of procedure and I understand it's difficult because this is a real collaborative process and a lot of input needs to you know be made in a moment's notice.

But just I hope you guys can make sure to dot your Is and cross your Ts as it comes to you know motions, votes and open meeting compliance.

So any way thanks.

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But in terms of partisan fairness, my opinion is you already know it's not going to be fair because almost half of the eligible population doesn't vote.

And the other question I have is how can you distill ten million Michiganders opinions and down to two parties.

I mean the political competitiveness and partisan fairness are myths in this situation because we have two parties who have brought us 20 years of endless war plunder of the public coffers with the sad state of our infrastructure and our manufacturing basis has been sold off to overseas interest and our population is in decline so that is what you know partisan fairness is going to bring you.

I think there is too many, many democrats and republicans on the Commission to begin with but it's whatever vote for what you like.

Lastly, I would like to say keep Down River together in all your maps thank you.

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

Next in line is Mr. O'Keefe.

>> Hello, Nicholas O'Keefe Detroit Michigan.

I just want to start off by thanking you for your where hard work and gratitude to the people of Michigan for taking this matter seriously and understanding allowing the party in power to draw District lines is the quickest way to undermine our democracy and our democrat is at stake here.

You are 7 duties bound by listed in order of importance. The first two are just that you don't break Federal law. The third is that you consider communities of interest.

Do not defy Federal law. Your next responsibility is to make sure communities of interest are considered and that their voices are not drown out in our democracy.

All of us who have been paying attention have seen this duty served already.

You gave yourselves one day to draw the maps in Northern Michigan which has a population of 800,000 and most of those folks are white.

You gave yourselves that same amount of time, one day, to draw the maps for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties combine. That is four million people and it's by far the most diverse portion of state with more pockets of communities of interest than the rest of the state and it's not close.

Giving one day for 800,000 people and one day for 4 million people. This is a basic map. It tells the story of where our priorities are. It tells a story of which communities of interest we care about and which communities of interest we are willing to accommodate.

This comes directly at the cost of a free and fair democracy.

Those of us that have been paying attention and seen Detroit consistently disregarded not only by the state but also by this Commission. You may remember me as the guy who was woefully upset that y'all decided to give Detroit one community of interest meeting while giving multiple meetings in communities of a population of 5,000.

Detroit is continuing to be neglected.

We need to do better.

I do not believe any of this was done on purpose.

It's our conditioning that allows us to look past Detroit. So we have to consciously be making sure that Detroit and the surrounding communities get the attention they deserve and get a fair chance at representation, which cannot happen with the current schedule. Thank you so much for your time and thank you for your hard work.

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

Next in line is Judy Mega.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Hi. Thank you everybody for all your hard work.

This is no easy task.

That is very obvious.

And for the record I do trust all of you.

I think that you're working hard to do what you have been tasked to do.

And I appreciate that.

I live on Grosse-Ile Down River and you discussed last Friday and part of Thursday and I want to say the proposed map you came up with on Thursday looks like this which is much better than the State Senate District which was this.

Grosse-Isle is here and extended all the way up to Detroit.

It was obviously a partisan they were trying to lump every liberal vote, every democratic vote into one area by doing this.

This is a true community of interest.

State Senate District 17 which is the one that you guys had tentatively come up with on Wednesday and then there was a little bit of talk of changing it on Thursday.

I don't know if that happened.

But I appreciate this, which is these are the communities that work together, share police forces, share concerns about the environment and who State Senate representative would be best served.

Not having to stretch themselves between almost to the Grosse Pointes all the way down to Grosse-Isle.

This whole District was just complete insanity.

So I appreciate your effort on that.

I do believe that you should address the partisan makeup of these as you're going along so that we can have information on what the makeup will look like when they are done.

And I also do have a question.

When a person goes to sign up for a comment it says that the deadline is 9:00 a.m. the day of the hearing.

But then when you click on it and sign it says 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing.

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So if somebody could just clarify that either on the website or at one of the meetings, that would be greatly appreciated for the future.

Thank you for everything.

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

Next is McRoberts Lucasky.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For purposes of the public record, that participant is not currently present.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We will move on to Sarah Molenaar.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

Molenaar.

Hello, can you hear me?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hi, Sarah, it looks like we are experiencing some audio issues with you.

If you have the meeting audio on in the background, if you could turn that all the way down and that will stop the feedback that we're hearing.

>> Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We are still getting a lot of echoing when you are speaking.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It appears Sarah is still experiencing some audio issues so we can move on to the next participant and return to Sarah.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay let's move on to Jason Behr.

>> Hi, my name is Jason Behr.

I am from Lincoln Park, Michigan of the Down River community of interest.

I was with Voters Not Politicians in 2017 as a precinct captain so I certainly know how difficult all of your work is.

And I certainly respect all of the hard work that each Commissioner is putting on.

And I would certainly echo the in person's previous sentiment of staying strong in the midst of the criticism you are facing.

I would strongly encourage you to include partisan fairness metrics and statistics in the maps that you draft and come up with.

I no longer want to see one of the two majority parties in this state needing to get 6% more of the popular vote in order to get the most seats in the State House, the State Senate.

I do appreciate your State Senate drafted maps whereas Judy pointed out makes much more sense for our Down River community to be grouped as one.

And I also appreciate how you have already decided to split up Grand Rapids and Lansing in your State Senate draft maps and I would like to see Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor also be given that same benefit since Washtenaw and Ann Arbor are also very diverse communities.

And I thank you, thank you for your time and I wish you luck in all of the hard work that you have coming up.

Bye.

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

Andy Shaver.

>> Hello, Commission. Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> Okay thank you very much for giving me just a couple minutes of your time.

My name is Andy shaver I'm the lead pastor of real life church in Charlotte Michigan in rural Eaton County.

I have some concerns that the draft map for Senate districts 30 and 32 are not arbitrary or capricious in respect to comments around communities of interest.

The City of Lansing and rural Eaton County which I've been a resident of for the last 43 years my entire life, in fact, I'm 7th generation here so I'm very deeply seeded in this County.

The City of Lansing and rural Eaton County don't share any community interests.

As far as a representative District that would respect the fact that Eaton County becomes much more rural the further west and south that you go.

And so living in Chester Township where I live, I really don't affiliate with downtown Lansing.

And I do not want to be represented by someone in the City of Lansing.

So Lansing and East Lansing as far as my opinion, however, are both very much more urban in their composition and keeping the core of Ingham County together with the communities of Lansing, East Lansing, Okemos and Meridian Township is a far more honest arbitrary community of interest.

These communities share a health department, their school districts run continuously. Our community shares a health department as well as a lot more of interest with Barry County, there could be other counties we could be coupled with as well but keep our rural interests in your decision.

Thank you.

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

We will now move on to mayor Patricia Podette.

Podette.

>> I think I'm unmuted.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We can hear you.

>> Okay, hi I'm Patricia Podette mayor for the City of wood haven and I want to say I totally support the proposed state District map.

Keeping Down River communities together is what makes the most sense for us.

And under this proposed District map, Down River will finally have a real opportunity to have our voice heard together as one.

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So I also appreciate the time you're putting in.

I totally trust your Commission.

I can't thank you enough and please consider keeping Down River together because finally we can have one voice and be heard.

And thank you and God bless all of you, thank you.

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

We will now move on to Mr. Thirdgill.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the purposes of the public record that participant is not present.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you.

I did notice that Sarah Molennar who was having technical issues put in the chat she is having audio issues and she will e-mail her comment in for us and wanted to note that for the record.

The first opportunity has concluded without objections we will hear from individuals seeking to provide a second two minute public comment.

Hearing no objection we Mr. Proceed with individuals seeking to provide a second public comments.

Individuals who signed up and would like to provide in person commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

I see you are already at the microphone you can go ahead and once again you will have to minutes to address the Commissioner.

>> Thank you very much Madam Chair again my name is Sarah Howard I'm the attorney for the fair maps project thank you again for hearing from me.

Your General Counsel is correct and in saying to run mathematical of the partisan fairness until you completed a full statewide map.

We would remind you and encourage you if you use publicly available partisan data, it's possible to do rough checks as you go.

For example you can ask yourselves how many districts have we drawn so far, what is the approximate historic popular vote.

Are we very off base or are we close to having partisan fairness.

If we are off base is there enough population left in the state to correct an accidental partisan gerrymander.

Or do we need to make changes.

Because of Michigan's political geography, it is very unlikely that blind folded you could achieve partisan fairness.

I know you've heard from many, many citizens in this state about a variety of things that you must consider.

But ignoring partisan data which our objective numbers, things that can be measured is leading you down a path where you're going to end up with an accidental partisan gerrymander.

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We strongly believe that the only way to draw a fair and constitutional map in a timely matter is to have all of the data in front of you as you go.

And to consider all of the seven constitutional criteria as you proceed.

We are very concerned that if you don't do that as you go along you are going to find ourselves in an unintentional accidental partisan gerrymander and you won't have much time to make adjustments to fix it.

We absolutely want this Commission to be successful in drawing a fair and constitutional map.

And we think it's very possible to do so in the time that you have remaining.

Thank you very much.

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

At this point we will now move on to our second live remote public comment.

Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote commentary to the Commission will be allowed to do so.

We will use the same process as the first round with two minutes to provide your comment and the first in line for remote public commentary is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

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

And I would like to say that, you know, it looks like we are moving towards a consensus now. We heard at least one other person who said there are a few rules and maybe you should follow those and ensure on that.

One more person in the state signed up for that. There is a line going now. But there is a couple more people that signed up said, oh, yeah, they trust everything you and have absolutely no idea what the rules are.

It's all a matter of perception here.

I do believe you have violated legal rights of the members under the current rules of Robert's Rules of Procedure by scheduling a final vote at the end of September. And you got final votes coming oh, no, no, no. You promised, you said, you already agreed you are going to vote on this day when they are going to get shoved down somebody's throat. And what they are going to be is probably fair maps of Michigan project, which I don't think should be trusted at all really.

Because they have already created the maps. And she just said that, no, you can't do it.

You can't do a political fairness analysis at all, yet they already had them done for a long time and are still advocating for these specific maps. And I don't know if they are changing them over time.

If they are changing along with when they get the information or not, but I guess I have not been following them. But I would ask this Commission to specifically request of the

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fair maps project to issue a written report concerning the rules of procedure. What do they think? This lawyer takes time out of her life to get up here and talk to you folks all about stuff and you know other stuff.

How about the rules of procedure and what this means about the reviving of the already in the Constitution Michigan Commission on legislative apportionment, which the Supreme Court decision in the Voters, Not Politicians cross complaint determined. This is not a new Commission.

This is a reiteration of the former Commission on legislative apportionment.

And it should be considered as such.

And the consolidated, the codified rules of procedure from 1980 should have been moved forward by Mike Brady.

Mike Brady is moving stuff forward without you asking for it.

That is how the staff is directing this.

The business is not being created by the Commission.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the committee. That concludes our public comment for this afternoon. However I would like to mention that all mailed and e-mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting and the Commissioners also review the public comment portal on www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website on a regular basis.

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

At this point I'm going to hand the meeting over to our Chair who has arrived, Brittini Kellom, so that she can continue with our agenda.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Next, I'd like to move to unfinished business agenda item 5A. And, without objection, continue with the draft mapping of State Senate districts in Saginaw and Genesee Counties as well as the Metro Detroit area.

I believe that we ended with Commissioner Lange in our previous meeting so it's Commissioner Lett's turn to instruct the line drawers.

Commissioner Lett I see that smile under the mask, yeah, I knew you were smiling.

It was in your eyes are you ready? Okay, Kent are you ready? Commissioner Lett you have the floor and Kent you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Give me one second to change the colors of District 13 so we can see it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Please take your time.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lett I'm ready when you are.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: These are faint today.

Is there something I'm doing differently or you are doing differently? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What is faint?

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Muted, it's not crisp.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, let's see.

Can it be brighter?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's better.

Zoom out, please.

Not quite that far.

Go back in.

All right.

All right, I want to deal with up in the Novi, Farmington Hills area because if we don't, we are going to lock ourselves into a box in my opinion.

So let's take Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did I just...let me undo what I just did.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Maybe that will answer my question.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So there is already a 12.

We need to do a 11.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That answered my question.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There you go.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can barely see it.

I can change the color so it's more visible.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right, take the next block below, south, immediately south.

You are doing voting precincts? Or Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Townships but they are just tiny.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are right at the halfway point.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Any of the southwest Commissioners pipe in with any comments at any time.

If you see that I'm I didn't mean that soon but go ahead.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Are you looking for where to go next?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm going to Farmington Hills unless there is some reason I shouldn't.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No I think you should.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Dustin?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would also suggest we potentially look at 12 to see about including Lyon and south Lyon with Novi.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to say the same thing the more I thought about it in the weekend I was thinking south Lyon and public comments put south Lyon and redraw 12 for Westland and maybe even Inkster rather than have south Lyon be in that District.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay let's put Lyon and south Lyon I'm hearing.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: South Lyon is kind of in the center.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take out the 12 and put in 11, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need 100,000 people approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's see what Farmington Hills does for us.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And the Farmington?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Together they are 95,000.

So you are 2.2% low.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner MC?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think we want districts that are lower because we have been so higher, how much higher with I think our general count but I wouldn't want to, yeah, I just want to offer it might be good to have it low.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

What about including Salem? 7,000 people.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela please?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would recommend keeping it with Plymouth Canton or splitting it because it's in the Plymouth Canton so maybe split the baby rather than put one or the other.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do we though P where that takes place at?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It would be the southeast portion of Salem is part of Plymouth Canton schools.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That would be a problem taking the southeast portion.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I think you could take the bottom precinct and leave it where it is but maybe take the upper precincts.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well that is the northwest.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right put the northwest with 11, keep the southeast with Plymouth Canton.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I thought you said put the southeast in.

Let's try the northwest.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are at 1.04% under.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the next, that one.

How many is that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: .24% under.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If your goal is to try to respect that school District, we may have an overlay of school districts that may be able to help guide you. I'm not sure if that is true but.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I do have the shape file of neighborhoods that was given to me.

Want me to set it up there? I don't think we have the school districts.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Then, no.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It's one of the other ones I sent you but we can talk about that on a break.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm accepting of this at this point in time, subject to whatever we do with 12 in the future.

Do we want to deal with 12 now? With me? Yeah? Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The consensus is yes, Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well then, I think we've got to go over into the Westland area.

Is that what the southeast people are thinking? All right, let's.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need approximately 35,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well that certainly is not going to be all of Westland.

Let's take the voting are these voting precincts I'm seeing on the lines? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's take that the voting precincts immediately north of Wayne.

Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those? That contains just under 11,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And let me change that number.

You need 24,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Are we wanting to consider Inkster down there?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lett I was going to ask you why not pull into Livonia only because I'm thinking about Westland and Inkster kind of being together in with garden City.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

Let's go up to Livonia.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And it's totally your choice.

I'm thinking if you chip too much into that area, then that won't be an option.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It's not totally my choice because I don't know this area, okay?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Meaning it's your turn.

You don't have to just listen to me.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I've asked for and will certainly give significant consideration to our southeast Commissioners intelligence on this.

Rebecca.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm wondering where Hannon Road is on this map if there is any way we can Zoom in and see it because Hannon is where the school District ends on the eastern border.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Where.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It runs nothing south through Livonia and Westland and it might be that green line.

I'm not sure, I thought it was further over than that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Schoolcraft right there, that road, that is 5 mile.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: She is speaking of a road that runs north and south not east and west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So you have the freeway then you should have lots and then you should have Hannon and then new burg is after that so I would be between new burg and the freeway.

So Plymouth Canton.

So volume down a little bit so we can see further in.

98, 275 and then you have Hannon you have lots.

Hannon and new burg and east up to Hannon is Plymouth Canton schools so it might be easy to pull those.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If you know where we need to go tell me. South or north? South?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It looks like the green line is Hannon so that won't solve your problem, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Back up north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where now?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, to the southeast Commissioners I'm looking in Livonia at the northwest quadrant bringing in some of those precincts.

Is that out of.

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

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't think that is a bad choice.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's take some of the precincts in starting, yeah.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's do precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 95 might be a little high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a shade.

That area there is 21,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay let's take that area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will put you slightly over or somewhat over.

.66% over.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm good with that on 12 for the changes if everybody else is.

So 11 and 12 would be done as far as I'm concerned.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay and Commissioner Lett whenever you are wrapping just give your justifications.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: After you went up to Livonia and did that, do you still want to keep that small Section in the southern part of Westland that we put in? Or do you want to take that out and keep Westland whole? Down there.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I'm open for what does everybody think.

We can take that out and put more in up north.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well my thought was take that out so it bumps up against the Wayne boundary, but I'm vaguely familiar with the area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Say that again Commissioner Clark what were you suggesting to take?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take down in Westland.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We have four or five precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That row right there take that out and add more of Livonia is that what you are saying?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I am but want some advice from people.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think that is a good choice.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I thought you were raising your hand Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was saying we don't need to break Westland up.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay take those out, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3.46% low.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's take that area around Plymouth road.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct numbering naming convention kind of clutters the screen.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, make it 12.

Okay, yeah, let's come down the east side there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That precinct?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, no, but let's see what it does now you have done it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 2800 people.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And it puts it at 1.55% low.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Rothhorn? Do we need more or less?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Rothhorn thinks we are good so I will stop.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lett be prepared for your three questions coming from Michigan Department of State.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Ask away.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Could you describe so we will start with District 11. Could you describe why your District 11 took the shape that it did?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, it took the shape that it did so we didn't box ourselves in.

So starting from the western side of that District and moving east, giving us room as we get closer into Wayne County, Detroit and the other counties if we are still in them.

So that was why we started there.

I started there.

And 12, I'll do the same question that we started when we started with 12 was because we made some changes to it with 11.

So we had some changes with 12.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good thank you.

How did you consider communities of interest when drawing these districts? We can again start with 11 and then proceed to 12.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, the communities of interest as I understand it from the other Commissioners were that these are natural communities that would normally go together, have gone together and continue to go together.

In addition there were several comments regarding school districts, which we tried to accommodate.

And the same would be said of 12.

Whatever the comments I don't recall what the comments were on 12 previously but the same comments would apply to the changes I made in 12.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you and Commissioner Szetela I know you provided some help to Commissioner Lett as he was drawing this, do you have anything to add to that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We received a lot of public commentary over the weekend about south Lyon not being as much affiliated with Canton Plymouth area and more so with Novi in the corridor between south Lyon and Novi they have a bike trail

and all of those things that join those communities together so I thought it made sense to sort of honor those comments by putting south Lyon back with Novi.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: My final question for you write -- how did you take into account the state's diverse populations?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well the populations as I would know them down in this area, and I don't know them all that well, so if either Commissioner Kellom or Commissioner Szetela or Commissioner Eid or Mr. Witjes could address those, I would appreciate it or Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton? Commissioner Witjes looked like he was thinking, so I was giving him time. So Commissioner Orton and then Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do know there is a large Asian population in Novi and I believe Northville and somewhat Farmington Hills. So keeps them together.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And then Commissioner Wagner? Thank you, Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I was just going to reiterate what Cynthia just said we heard there is a significant Asian Pacific islander community in Novi and Farmington Hills.

So I think you did a great job there, Commissioner Lett.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Wagner. I will also chime in and say we worked together with Commissioner Lett to make sure that we weren't cutting into areas where that population's diversity would be affected if taken or if too much was taken into another District.

Vice Chair Szetela did you have something you wanted to add?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: No I'm not going to add anything more. Actually I do want to mention Canton does have a very large Indian population. I think it's actually one of the highest in the state.

But they wanted to stay together so we are keeping them together.

And again we are taking into account the Plymouth Salem Canton school District as well as the related areas around there that support those areas.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Excellent thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: For purposes of my final comments, and for the public, public should realize that we as a Commission act as one. We confer with each other and as I started out with my turn, I asked for input from all of the Commissioners who had better information and knowledge in this area. And all of that is taken into account with each Commissioner as we draw these lines. Thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Well said Commissioner Lett. No further questions.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

Our next Commissioner to take a turn would be Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, I guess so that we don't paint ourselves into a corner I better take this Inkster Westland Garden City area and I will need input of course.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: She didn't even say anything Commissioner Rothhorn.
Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It's about an overlay because we are going to be approaching the Detroit City of Detroit and Kent said he has the overlay for the City neighborhoods it might be useful as you draw to understand when you are getting into Detroit.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: There is no my but will be because it doesn't have any of the markers any place else.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you take care of that, Kent, the overlay? Law.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela please.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't know if you will make it to Detroit with the populations and once you add in Livonia and read Ford if you need to go in Detroit. You might need to be I don't know if you will need to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There are the neighborhoods and they are over in Detroit so there is a ways to go before we.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so can you starting there with Westland, Garden City and Livonia can you choose all of that?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton you may not have to choose Livonia we will end up with an awkward shape but I would kind of bend the corner and stay low and come up to read Ford but go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What else could Livonia go with?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We could have to go back and do some other things.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Orton are you saying assign this area to ten?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

If you click Township, I think it will select all of Westland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was thinking Wayne was in there but it's not.
And you need 126,000 more people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, I'd like to see population of Townships, I guess.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All Livonia is 95,000 a fair piece has been taken out of it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, I think we're going to have to take that unless somebody has an idea of where else we would be able to use that.
So Commissioner Kellom are you thinking that Garden City and Westland do not associate with Livonia?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: They do.

But I just think there is more association thinking of the Inkster area and where it kind of although Bruce is not here thinking of the VRA standards and all that.

So I don't have a fix for Livonia.

I just have an idea of what to include for ten.

So I don't have a nice tidy answer. I was just thinking of putting Redford at the lossier area in with Garden City, Inkster and Westland, thinking of the communities. But Vice Chair Szetela has a hand.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Livonia is a big area and the way I think of the Metro Detroit area, sorry I will take this off so you can hear me better the way I think of the Metro Detroit you have Detroit and what I call first ring suburbs which are houses from the 1950s, that are in subdivisions that are relatively close together with like 50 foot lots. The southwest portion of Livonia is very much like that.

So it's very similar to Redford and Garden City and Westland in terms of the style of houses the type of houses and the communities and built around parks and older bungalows and older ranches from the 1950s.

As you go north in Livonia you get into newer subsidy version type areas that are what I would call second ring 1970s housing is more spread out more colonials.

So I think although I don't necessarily want to see Livonia carved up into three pieces, I think it might make sense to take Livonia south of 8 mile potentially or maybe 7-Mile and combine that with read Ford and then or just I mean depending on population maybe just take all of Livonia and combine it with read Ford.

You have to see what your numbers are because you have 95 in Livonia and there is quite a bit already off.

But if you segregate, I would say north, south you get in the first ring versus second ring and the first ring are more like Garden City Westland Inkster, Redford.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: MC?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm thinking about the data you could show. Like the dots we get with some and so maybe some demographic help might, yeah, might be helpful.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I will also say there is a population for I mean this is a lit bit anecdotal African/Americans lives in the City of Detroit the City they could be most likely to move into would be a Westland or a Garden City area.

Least likely to be northern side of Livonia if that makes any sense that is why I was thinking of when I think of Redford, there is no possibility of where I will put Redford anywhere else or Redford Township but that is just my guess.

Like it would not be appropriate to put it with 13 and thinking of the work we have to do with the neighboring districts.

So we've just done something awkward with the Livonia the suburban area and that is why it's like that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Keep in mind if you take all of Livonia you will have to fix 12.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think since we took off quite a bit of Livonia with 12 you might actually have the population if you put both the rest of Livonia and Redford in here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Anyone else? Lots of good tips.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree with what Rebecca said.

You know, you go north to 7-Mile you have by Centennial park and then you get the newer parts of Livonia build up where it's south of 7-Mile or by Centennial park. It's the older districts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So would that be that line right there where the word Livonia is on? That road?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That's the freeway right there.

The white one is the freeway that is Jeffreys then you have 5 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You're talking about below there Szetela sed I would start there and put in Redford and see what your population is at.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent would you start there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area I have.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, all that area and then to the right, same area but Redford.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To the right.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Redford Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just to the same height as.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not all of Redford.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right, first let's just try this.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need about 85,000 people approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we have that neighborhood overlay again?

Seems like it was about there that it started.

Perfect.

Okay, then how do you guys feel about the rest of Livonia and Redford that is not included in those neighborhood lines? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm not assigning them, I'm just highlighting it to see what kind of numbers we have.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area contains 43,000 and you need 84.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would say that is reasonable.

I think with Anthony he recommended a few minutes ago.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area all of that you would still be light.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well assign all that please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: See if you can take it to green field and see what happens and you might not be able to see That Street.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So into Detroit.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Take that whole puzzle and line it up where Dearborn is.

Just even it out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need about 12000 and you are running right down the edge of these neighborhoods.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What area are you talking about Brittini?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All the areas that are empty I would just fill in because.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It will be too much.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Now this is a community that I would not break up because if you take bright more, this is a huge community so that is why I was encouraging to take this on before you chipped into Livonia.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You're talking about just Brightmoor?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would have taken Redford Township, Redford Brighton or Elijah would have taken that all the way to Greenfield.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The idea that the northern Livonia Section could fit with 11, 11 is under populated and therefore to keep the community together as Brittini is suggesting may work.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, that is the area he is talking about and down further.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 24,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can you choose what you did but fill in clear down to the straight line? I don't know what roads these are.

Further.

Yeah.

Square it off.

And then I think even further was it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 33,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so can you assign that to or unassign it for right now, I guess.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where is that in relation to 7-Mile road? Can we tell in Livonia? In my mind that's still the should be the cutoff.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: 7-Mile is that line that's, you can't see.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we expand that so we can see the names of the roads.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the main highway.
That is Lynden.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Go a little north of there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two miles.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is five mile.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Five mile.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Six mile and seven mile.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is that a good place to choose for now? Or should it be north of there?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know where we are at population wise.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassigned area has 33,000 people.
Keep in mind it has to go somewhere.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know that is the problem.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How much do we need in 11? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11 is .24.

10 percent of the District is about 26,500 so you are closer to...

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We can put some in 12 too.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well for right now Zoom in a little bit to just the edge of those neighborhoods.

And can you select a chunk of that? Are you thinking the southern chunk of that? Is that what you're talking about Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Zoomed in hold on the southern chunk of.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The neighborhoods that are highlighted.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I mean this is jumping ahead I probably need to make additions to District 13 that I created too but any who.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: District 13 is overpopulated at the moment.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yeah, so she can take.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think we will be able to take much of that.

I think the population is going to be quite high.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.

So you can take some off of 13.

That little tail to the right.

Not that, east right there, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That won't work for ten.

We won't be able to get there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, sorry.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just am not sure which of these areas by Redford where the neighborhood outlines start.

I'm not sure which ones associate with the area that we are putting in ten.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can select that area.

That's fine, Brightmoor, Elijah Howell, Castle, Rogue. I was trying to talk. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not sure I would put any of that in 10. I think I would be more concerned about the blank space over in Livonia and splitting that up between 11 and 12.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Should we fix 11 and 12 first? And then see what we do?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess we can always come back to that. Well, the reason I suggest that is because we may not use all of that blank space and we may want to assign some of it to ten.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So when we are saying fix 11 and 12 it looks like 11 is okay.

12 is a little short on population so it's within 2%.

But then 13 is down 25,000 people.

So.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 13 is over 24,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Never mind.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay well.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I honestly would just say keep Livonia in ten.

Were we over when we had that other area? No.

We were still short.

How short were we? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: About 12000 people.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: About 12000.

So we could potentially take some off of 13 on the other side, that is Grand River, right? Is it Grand River diagonally?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For right now Kent assign that to ten.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take a little part north of Grand River and maybe assign that into ten.

Yeah, that little part up there.

It's very densely populated, so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That one precinct has a 1500 people in it.

These neighborhoods dissect as you would expect voting precincts.

So if we are going to really stick to the neighborhood lines, we need to use census blocks like right here.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So where would you cut on that? Is Commissioner Curry on? Commissioner on? Commissioner Curry, are you familiar with this part of Detroit? We can't hear you if you are talking.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I'm somewhat familiar with it, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Which of the areas do you feel would best go with the Redford the ten, District ten that we are creating?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you take any of the upper part of Dearborn Heights and kind of mix it with Redford? I can't hardly read the words to.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We could do that, but we are over population over population in 13 whereas 19 is pretty good where it's at so we were looking a taking some from 13 because we are 26,000 over in 13 and we are under in 10.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What about those first three? Can you choose those? You can't see where I'm pointing.

Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 5.7. This area here or this area?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The three, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select an area, you tell me if you like it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That would go good with Redford.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Unselect five points.

Deselect or add to ten.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But do the whole neighborhood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I am.

We have to do it by.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: By blocks so we go in here.

I'm going to Zoom in now and get the census blocks.

Assign this to ten.

And then get the area all up in here by census blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are still a long ways.

You need 10,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you go ahead and choose that south? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, clear down to where it's District ten again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay that area?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes. And the one below it as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think I need to remove that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was wondering how precise these neighborhood boundaries are because it looks like it crosses a precinct or a block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a highway here. And I think this is just a median. And I may be wrong.

It's a median.

So all it does is make it look oddly shaped, more than anything.

You want to assign five points.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And the one below can.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have already done that.

This little guy here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 2.23 percent low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay can you Zoom out a little bit? And we need to be low a little bit to even out.

So I'm good with leaving it here unless somebody sees something else.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Looks pretty decent.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, I'm ready for the questions.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Good job Commissioner Orton I know it's not easy.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner or ton why did this District take the shape it did and include the areas within it?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent after you are able to save would you Zoom out a little bit so I can see the shapes it took eventually.

Well, I didn't want us to get boxed into a corner and so that was that southwest portion. And then we added for population in areas that we thought that Commissioners felt associated together.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: How did this District take COIs into account?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I haven't -- I don't remember a lot of COIs taking about these areas except Westland, Garden City and I think Inkster associate together. Anyone else?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They do a lot of business together.

Businesses.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We talked about also south of 7-Mile and Livonia being associated with the Garden City and Westland.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Excellent thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

The next Commissioner to map is Rothhorn, okay, Commissioner Rothhorn are you ready?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: May I ask a question before he comes on.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Absolutely Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can't all of in the letters that is in this pinkish and yellow part, is there any way you could make them black? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, but I think you will have a hard time seeing what is under it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't see them now is the problem.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: He is trying to change it the other thing is they are not zoomed and large and they look the same to us and he has not zoned in on an area to make it more clear.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm really mentioning the ones that I can see but I can't make out what letters they are so.

It just seems like a strange color for that part of the map.

That looks a little better.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn when you are ready to begin you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

So Kent what I'm going to try to do is create I'm going to try to split Detroit from Woodward so also where 13, number 13 I'm going to try to take some population from it. And build a District so I guess it would be what number would we be? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Nine.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Number nine okay so I'd like to start on the western edge here but what I'd like to do is fill in 13 that oak Grove I would like to square it off so that is 13 and we will just I think that is McNichols.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It is also known as 6 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, that dark black line so everything north of McNichols north of 6 mile Kent we will assign to 13 and then south of McNichols we are going to assign to 9 at this point.

And we are going to have and go up to Highland Park.

So what I want to try to, yeah, yes take big blocks you got it.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, just a point of reference, if you're going to go east west from Woodward, Woodward goes right through Highland Park.

So you may not want to go that far east.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What I'm looking at is I think so when I was doing this at home what I think, I think the state, not the state of Detroit but the City of Detroit.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It feels like it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The City of Detroit has enough population for 2.5 Senate districts.

I think what we have with 13 right now is about we have half of it taken out. So there is about two districts left.

And so the question and it makes sense right to sort of have an east-west Detroit. And considering the COIs and I'm looking for help here but I'm trying to help you with my rationale essentially, right? The idea we are south of McNichols and staying west. We may find that we hit the population.

And where the east-west divide is downtown Detroit.

I don't want to necessarily divide up neighborhoods if the neighborhood crosses, right, so Highland Park is an example.

Awfully big neighborhood and a City so I'm trying to keep east-west without necessarily breaking up neighborhoods.

So Kent if you would fill in as best you can starting in the upper northwest corner of the Detroit, this District number nine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are census blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I see so let's do precincts first then we will go back how about that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is precincts and I inadvertently took part of 13 and put it back in there.

This precinct was previously split, that's why it's like this.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay so I don't mind splitting precincts.

I like to keep neighborhoods intact rather than precincts at this point.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And let's say the precinct level and take large to get sort of an idea of the population that is yeah fill in from the northwest corner south and head east, please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Kent could you open the population tables?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Sarah that is what I was looking for.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Detroit starts at 8 Mile. And some of that is already in 13, which is good because we have 2.5 Senate districts, so a chunk of it is gone.

So we are starting down at 6 Mile or 7-Mile.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 6 Mile.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I think that is good.

The only other thing I would suggest is we move east is keep Hamtramck open because if we need population we can go up into Warren where the Bangladesh people.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, that is definitely what I'm looking at.

And, Kent, back to what Sarah was suggesting, what I'd like to see please if you can put the population numbers, I would like to see population total and then the non-Hispanic white population.

So sort above and below.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is the total population of well where we are going with it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Non- Hispanic white and Black and so on.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm sorry I'm looking at a theme if you could put it theme on the bubbles.

The theme would be the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I assign this area?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please to number nine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And we have holes throughout that need to be cleaned up.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We will fill in at the census block level and maybe we are, maybe it's time for the census block level after we get the theme on.

Population total at the top and then non-Hispanic white.

At the bottom.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I've got to get the fields right here.

Population total.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like to say pop top.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pop top.

And non-Hispanic and NH, Native American.

Non-Hispanic.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: White alone I think that is it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Non-Hispanic white combined with everything and anything.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm looking to see the diversity and guessing if I see like the difference between a non-Hispanic white and the total then I can assume there is more diversity or, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me make sure this is I might have them flip-flopped.

Yeah, they must be the other way around.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think I did tell you to put a theme.

It was the bubbles, the circles, is that the theme? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay thanks.

There you go that is what we want I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's go to the block level and also fill in at the top from the northwest corner of District 9 and fill in again moving south and then east toward Woodward, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The census.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, thank you.

And Kent I'm noticing we have broken up a neighborhood here with 19, District 19 what I would like to do Commissioners is sort of understand if we should, oh, this is, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That was done to add there is a very high Arab American population that is why it was added down to Dearborn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What I'm hearing it's appropriate to split the neighborhood, okay, thank you.

Great.

And Kent, it would be useful for me after you assign that please to I'd like to try to see those bubbles and see if we can sort of.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark, please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just need to get a reference.

Rebecca indicated that, that one Detroit neighborhood was kept there because of that high American or Arab American population.

Is that the one that was just below Warren and Pearl streets? Off Southfield freeway? Okay perfect, thanks.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here's the precincts and this is, it would be 90 per cent non-Hispanic white alone.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Interesting and that jives because we have Native Americans marking white so if you would, Kent, just for me, the western edge of the District nine where 19 and 9 intersect, that southwest corner there, what I'd like to do is just try to get just numbers so to speak, the dots help me see what.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Down in here it does not appear to be like this precinct here which runs up there, it's 22% non-Hispanic white alone.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right, okay, so I guess we just have to trust it. Okay thank you.

So let's go further we are going to head east in District nine and we are we still need looks like about 82000.

Okay so let's as we go east let's make sure we are filling in the southern part.

So yep, Midwest so let's go I guess what I'm suggesting Kent is if you head furthest south to make sure that we don't neglect areas, yes, so Delray.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Down in here.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Correct we want to start.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Underneath District 19 Commissioner Rothorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent, can we Zoom out, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And Commissioner Curry I know this is your neighborhood.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Delray is not my neighborhood but it's really not that many people in Delray at all.

There is no one there hardly.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Spring well.

Help me know does Oakwood Heights, Carbon Works, Delray Spring Wells in this District as a Western District.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, they would go together, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay, thank you.

Let's do that, Kent, please.

And then just head east.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Kent, these letters on these on the map that you're showing us it's driving me crazy.

I can't hardly see it.

It's making me have a headache because they are so light.

They are so light I can't hardly read them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I understand, that is the way the application is set right now.

It does a white outline of the letters.

I was playing with it for a couple hours this morning and could not get rid of it.

I just wanted plain text.

We can see what we can do in the next 24 hours.

I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you for trying, Kent.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And what I'd like to do here at this point, Kent, is let's see District 13 is still over but it's better.

We are within range we are about 3% over.

So I like District 13 where it's at in general.

So what I'd like to do is, yeah, continue heading east with District 9.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Along this line?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Rothorn I don't know if it will be too much, I was going to say you could extend it to Hamtramck but I don't know if that is your thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yeah, this is where it gets tricky.

So I do want to try to honor that you know a Senate District that might allow Highland Park, excuse me, Hamtramck and heading north towards the, yeah, Warren, Sterling Heights area so I'm going to try that.

What that means is but I do want to honor Woodward also as sort of a divider where we don't break up the neighborhoods, so what I think you just did there, Kent, I'm not sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where we are at is 1.84 under.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: When I say Woodward do you know which part I'm talking about when I say Woodward? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No.

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>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm not quite sure either, but it bisects Highland Park.

So we have taken off, so North Campau and I want to take those out.

I only want Highland Park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And Piety Hill is a divider.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't want to have you out here like that Campau, Bangla Town.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Campau is Bangla Town.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this one neighborhood?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: No it shouldn't be.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is what we have.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's two political Highland Park and Hamtramck are their own political entities within the broader City of Detroit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And in that vein these are two precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We want to remove from Section 9 or District 9.

Thank you.

And I do see, yep, so yes, your cursor is along that and take Piety Hill but not north end. Do you see the name I'm referring to? You got it, Kent, your cursor was closer.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see it so you want Piety Hill .

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thanks Kent so we will try Piety Hill.

Yes, we will add Piety Hill and looking at the percentage of minority we are at 94%.

And I'm not happy with that.

And I'm not sure what to do.

So I'm just sort of acknowledging putting it on public record that this is it's your yeah looks like we got to do something different and to respect sort of public, yeah, the way that Detroit making sense of its 2.5 Senate districts trying to keep it together as much as possible this feels like I'm going to draw this until we get you know voting rights counsel or something else that feels like a better way to draw it.

So at this point, Kent, yeah, let's Zoom in again, sorry.

We are going to try to keep neighborhoods whole and respect that and we are still at the precinct level at this point, yes.

And we are just, yep, we are heading south to midtown.

South and I guess it's southeast, right, you got it.

And we will clean it up at down into core City, Wayne state.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothorn you don't need a disclaimer keep going.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I would say the further -- I really like what you did so far by the way but I would say I would kind of caution against going further south.

I think once you get into the new center, Woodbridge area, those are you know places that are much more associated with the Wayne state University and the medical center and midtown as a whole.

Which I would say associates more with downtown than where this District starts.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So what I'm hearing you say since we are about 4,000 under, maybe but so, yeah, so can you -- let's try the undo button, Kent, and just see what happens there.

Because what I'm thinking about is keeping Corktown, North Corktown, in that area because I do recognize there was a community of interest that was 482917, 48217 proposal that was given to us and, yeah.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I'm going to jump in I see Commissioner Clark and sometimes I steal my turn or I will never be able to have input so I apologize.

But I hear what Commissioner Eid is saying.

I just wouldn't know where else to put that where it would make sense because I know though it is identified as midtown, that area is still largely responsive to both the east and west sides of Detroit in terms of like services even the hospital center being there. So I don't know.

Those are my two cents I will be fine with you extending it all the way down.

Because I can't see it reasonably going somewhere else. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I want to comment on what Anthony said.

The medical center you're talking about is where the VA hospital is.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: They use people from Wayne state.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wayne state medical so I see the two even though they are on other sides of Woodward I see the two being associated.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes, my grandmother swears by the hospital so that is the only place she goes all the way from 8 mile and Woodward that is where we take her in the ambulance.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can see where it's used on the east side the hospital but I think it's associated with Wayne state a lot.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm happy to try to entertain that.

Leaving it out of the west side District if you will.

And so Kent what thank you for that undo and I think we are what -- let's start at the southern portion of this District 9.

So Corktown so west so we are not going to take into downtown where it says downtown Detroit and I'm looking for guidance here because I think that is right it's either the western or the eastern side.

And I think what Anthony was suggesting and right I got other Commissioners to sort of sounds like they were corroborating it we could associate downtown Detroit, midtown,

Wayne state with the eastern side which is also where we are going to put Bangla Town at this point.

But I want to recognize that we did reduce our minority percentage just a tinge when we had it in there.

And now we are right so I'm looking at this VRA District and so I just want to watch those numbers.

I'm looking for help, help me watch those numbers as we add districts.

And see what the difference is between east and west otherwise we make it so Kent thanks for listening but I'm going to direct you to do, yeah, west and to Corktown, north Corktown, core City.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, no, I agree 100 percent with what you said MC.

I don't really know what to do about the you know the very large minority population we have in this District.

But I also.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is okay Kent keep going.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know a way to get around it unless we start drawing these districts into the suburbs.

Which you know might be an option.

But wait I want to get something done like how you are doing and wait until we have our VRA counsel critique it, I guess.

I don't know either.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Commissioner Rothorn I was going to quickly say I think this will be the last District that feels more like expansive like the next one I do agree should go start in Detroit but go up the northern like take shape in a northern direction.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Got you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That is what I'm thinking and we will have the benefit of Mr. Adelson when he returns and we can ask him tons of questions but I would hate for us to feel disempowered in this area and not try anything.

I think we do have some information to work off.

Commissioner Clark then General Counsel?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I really like the approach the only problem I see with it is the high percentage of minority population.

And the only way to resolve that is to go into the suburbs but that is not what the people want.

The people want their nabs to stay together and be part of Detroit.

That is what I heard in the two town halls or public hearings that we had in Detroit.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Also say this, there is a spirit of community but then we also heard and then being you know a part of the City of Detroit a need for access as well. So I am less afraid of us pushing as you can see with 13.

What I drew pushing into suburbs to accommodate the VRA, the concerns I heard for access, the concerns I heard for communities.

And there was another, a fourth thing I was going to say.

I don't remember but General Counsel you have the floor.

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

Yes.

The districts will do not appear to be able to be unpacked unless you go in the suburbs. And while go outside of the City limits excuse me is how I should say it.

And while I certainly acknowledge and respect the public comment received, the Voting Rights Act being the first criteria is going to need to be respected and adhered to.

One of the issues I know with the higher percentages is when you create expectations in the community to then have Mr. Adelson will have the benefit of him present via Zoom tomorrow for the full day.

And I believe that Mr. Brace will be outlining the data set that's been loaded that will help support your VRA analysis so the Commission will have the benefit of both of those things tomorrow.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much General Counsel.

Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Is it possible to sort of Zoom out a bit so we can see what the District looks like.

It's zoomed in tight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Rothhorn this is highlighted and not assigned it yet is that what you had in mind.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is and we will take pieces out of the block level after you assign it but yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Kent at this point is it okay if I go, Rebecca? So Kent I am thinking about these bellwether elections and wondering if they can help us at this point as a layer or if -- I'm not sure what it looks like but if you can is that possible? At this point? To help us see how we might look at the, yeah, the election results?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And can we turn that on with our software yet? Or we need to do another update.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You have it there I see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The state has to install it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay so what we've got for District 9 here, yeah, this is where anyone that can help me read.

So I think what we are.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: What do you need to be read?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Sorry, so it's sort of this idea that we want to I think what we're looking for is looking for cross over and influence if I remember correctly.

So yeah, I'm just not sure how to read this, these numbers to help predict if we include you know Highland Park or not include Highland Park.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm not sure either because I remember from Dr. Handley's mini lecture, she did present numbers like this but it was against the racial numbers as well so I don't think there is a way to extrapolate what to do by looking at just this data set alone.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: At this point I will wait for tomorrow and just draw an idea close to population looking at demographics and we will get into this hopefully tomorrow and try to understand it better.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: She had the whole table remember and it was these percentages but what percentage of Black vote and what percentage of white vote.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Kent, at this point if you would just in the southern corner of Detroit downtown area if you would take out that so we are going to go at the block level and basically assign it to the next District. We don't have to unassign it.

We can skip a step here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have to go in and lasso them again. So I could just flag it with the number eight and then we can go from there.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is what I suggest.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If that is the idea behind it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yeah, and the river walk.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Kent, can you zoom out so we can see what the southern, southwestern, thank you.

Great. That looks good. And temporarily assign that to eight.

And district number 9 is still over.

4,000 but it's not too bad.

And let's go further north, please.

In District 9 we will have to stay zoomed in pretty good.

Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a matter do you want to add this into here or take this out?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's take out the Wayne state portion for the moment in the western, yes.

We will add that to eight please thank you.

Assign it to eight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry, in this area here?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Elijah and McCoy with we are over in District 9 if I take that out part of me wants to keep Elijah McCoy.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is the population.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What is the population of Elijah McCoy.

That will be hard to get.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are getting it right now.

That area right there is 350 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm tempted to assign the whole neighborhood and the one north the park community I can't quite read it.

So keep new center.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Virginia park community.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, Virginia park community and Elijah McCoy I'm tempted to keep that into 9 and frankly Piety Hill I want Piety Hill also on the western side.

But then new center commons on the western side meaning District 9 and then new center commons, new center tech town, Wayne state and midtown, assign that to District 8, please.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want all this area here in.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What you just selected as nine, please.

And then the remainder of Piety Hill and Britini, sorry.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No, I was just I think affirming that decision just thinking about like when we meet in Cadillac place for example, of course grand Boulevard everything behind even though you are passing new center as you are traveling back behind us is the area that you've just drawn whereas if you are going, you know, northbound Woodward that is when you get to new center so yeah that would make sense and are different communities.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Home away from home in Detroit is Piety Hill. I bike in there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can go across to new center so yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just trying to cleanup some of these little pieces that will be left over.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you appreciate that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's going to be like this all over the City.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I recognize and what I'm hoping to do Kent is just ask you sort of delegate you to clean up the dis-contiguities after this but fill in Piety Hill.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The thing about it some of the areas what about Virginia park?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's add Virginia park.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: To District.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: To the Western District to the 9th.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now this neighborhood splits census blocks. So do you want basically one side of the neighborhood is over there. Do you want.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What do I want.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: New center commons over or over here?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We will leave it here until we get public comment and help us decide and now it seems in a good District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Gate way is split.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Gate way neighborhood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Neighborhood.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So let's add gate way and fill in gate way to the 9th please and then we will call it good.

The 9th District good.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothorn be thinking of the answers to your three questions.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This neighborhood line splits census blocks.

It probably goes up an alleyway.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So let's leave it where it is, Kent. So I think we are about 7,000 over, almost 8,000, which is about 3% over.

And that will allow us to get Hamtramck. I'm trying to answer the question.

Oh, I see a hand.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The only thing I would look at is maybe taking Woodbridge out of it and assigning it with you know whatever comes next if we are over. Because I think it's still in 9.

To me it's not this area isn't really about east side or west side because I think generally there is a sense that okay you have an east side of Woodward and an east side of Woodward.

It's a common joke that is passed around Detroit all the time.

Are you east side or are you west side.

But this community to me you know we are getting into the University and the you know the financial districts and the medical districts.

And that part of it really does serve both sides.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Which one is Woodbridge? I see it there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Upper left, you have it next to eight right now.

I would not want to split it up.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Does it say Jeffreys? Should Jeffreys so Woodbridge and Jeffreys which is a smaller one just to the east? And smushed between the west bridge and midtown, that Jeffreys neighborhood, should that also be in eight? That was a thumbs up right?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It could be.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Assign Woodbridge and Jeffreys neighborhood to eight and then I'll try to answer the questions.

I will actually while you're doing that, I will answer the questions.

So I think looking at the demographics, well, the reason that it took the shape in an effort to try to recognize 2.5 districts.

Senate districts within the City of Detroit.

And then recognizing that a common divider is route one first highway which is why am I blanking on the name of it? Woodward.

Thank you.

And then trying to stay west of Woodward and I guess south of the McNichols to create, yeah, a region if you will that is sort of the, yeah, western Detroit.

And then demographic data.

So the demographics at this point are troubling frankly.

And recognizing that it's drawn mostly with sort of community of interest and regional understanding but the demographics do not work well and we have to sort of wrestle with that later but at this point the, yeah, it's where it's at.

And the third question is no.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That's all I have.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Great, thanks.

I think we are still taking out wood bridge and assigning it to eight, correct, Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, all of Woodbridge, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Woodbridge is an odd shape so you will have to tell me what is Woodbridge and what isn't.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I guess the neighborhood of Woodbridge as defined by those dark purple areas, yeah, those census blocks that are, yes, you got it. You got it.

The polygon is the perfect thing.

Love it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See how the census blocks are broke?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think they are broke.

Let's just see what we got here.

No, they are not.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Continue along that line there.

Yeah, fantastic.

Assign that to eight and Shazam.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There may be more up through here I'm not sure, pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Is it okay on public record to say please check for dis-contiguities afterwards and we will move on to the next person? Is that good? Looks like it's legit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These neighborhoods in here you see these neighborhoods are in 19 and split between 19 and 9.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I do and those are split with the understanding that there is a significant Arab minority in District 19 therefore it's appropriate to split the neighborhood.

Thank you.

Yeah, sorry, thank you for correcting me it's the northern region of 19.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothorn, I know I stepped out for a minute for the rest room.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I did and the one thing I'm noticing now is District 13 I think palmer, that little corner north of Highland Park that o, no, that is after. Never mind, never mind.

I see it.

I just wanted to, yeah, the state fair.

And pen raise and pen rise.

Penrose, is that right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Penrose right there.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Those three neighborhoods are east of Woodward so I just wanted to recognize that that could be we could shave off some more of 13 there if we wanted to.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, Commissioner Rothorn. Our next Commissioner is Vice Chair Szetela.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right, so nine is 4,000 over right now, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so can you Zoom in a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: To the center and I want to look at Highland Park in particular.

A little back out.

Highland Park and Hamtramck.

I'm trying to see the lines for Hamtramck.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hamtramck would be this area.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right.

Can you volume in so that Hamtramck is central? And lift it up a little bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want to go up ward?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Zoom out a little bit so I can see the areas around it, what are the dots we are seeing? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is non-Hispanic white.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Of the total pop of an area.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, what happened to all our little dots? Where did they go? They were there a second ago can you Zoom in? That is better.

Okay so I'm just going to start there and pull down to the shoreline.

So I want you to select everything along there to the shoreline.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, shall this be District eight I take it?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, because we already have little bits of eight down there so.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Just to help Kent out is he grabbing bell aisle too?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I want you to grab bell aisle and the airport sub too.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent, that is not what we said.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So if you could grab the airport sub now stop, back up a little bit, sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want all this area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I don't want you to grab past the diagonal see where it says Gratiot leave that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can do that.

So you want airport sub.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Airport sub, Gratiot Township, and then McDougall Hunt down. Elmwood Park down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this area.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Including this area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Grab those and throw them in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is where we split gate way I'm going to go ahead and assign at the block level.

It's a little tedious but it gets it done.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You can take Lafayette park too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is going to stay in eight?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That whole area everything unassigned Lafayette park.

Yep.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, what is the logic here you're following not going below that one line? Going further south sed Szetela you will see as I finish.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What about this area in here.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I want Greektown.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is one pink dot, just District 9, Kent, close to just to the left to where you are working.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right so if you could, Zoom out a touch there we go. So I want to start moving east from Woodward where you are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Elm wood park.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So I basically want to you see the strong line right above east village running.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Down further, right there.

That line so I want you to select the whole thing and go out to Belle Isle. Yes, that whole thing.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What about this area here?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just fill in that whole area.

So we are just following the existing eastward line you have and filling up and we will move north from there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: From here you want to go up in this area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, but fill the few white areas where it was east end.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, the east end.

We are going to grab that little triangle basically.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: From right here.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: From there down to there and across.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Looks like a melted Hershey kiss.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Or candy corn.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Candy corn.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's almost Halloween so we have to go about that, you know.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This crossed over the line so we go in and unassign it? Sed Szetela just leave it for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now I want to go north from there.

I want to like pull up all the way past, yep, so all of those areas. Nolton, Farwell, Mount Olivet, Grant, Buffalo, all that, Bangla Town.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see what is happening, aggravating me. Do you want this area?

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, but you accidentally grabbed part of Highland Park so can you put that back to nine? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I did, didn't I.

Don't want to do that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And just continue to follow that diagonal like you are doing.

And then, yep, whatever that little guy that is sitting there missing, Franklin.

All right, so now let's look to our northern boundary.

And we are going to start going up into Warren.

Yep.

So I would just start with the southern part of Warren up to the top of centerline and cut across and see where we are at for population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to turn the label on that is 140,000 so you can get most of Warren or go across here.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Weiss?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Then Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I just noticed and I don't know if you noticed but he has nine tied up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Isn't that nice.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That was Commissioner Orton.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Eagle eye Orton.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The catcher.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So everybody knows what I'm thinking my thought process is I'm trying to pull the Bangladeshi community and Warren in with Hamtramck that is the whole point of this District we are pulling down to the shoreline then we are going to go up and try to bring in the rest of the Bangladeshi community.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How far up do we want to go? Sed Szetela go to the top line of centerline see how centerline is sitting there go up to there and see where we are at population wise.

It may put us over and we will see where we are at because we can take off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That right there is 68,000.

So that will take you 10,000 over.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so take out centerline and I think it's got one more little divot down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That puts in 56,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you will be like a thousand under.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, go ahead and do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are well, no, evidently, I looked at it wrong that is 19,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Scroll back in a little bit.

So I want to rebalance this a little bit so I want to go west of centerline and go up. But I want to take off those Townships that are all the way on the east right now. So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So, right, my east see where we have centerline and come up and go, yep, that those two corners right there take those off. Is that part of east point you said?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I was saying you're talking about the area that is close to east point and I was shaking my head like yeah take that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now I want you to go on the other side of centerline and we are going to go north of there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will add in 17,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And how far are we under with that, 25?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 5360, 2.02%.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So we are 5,000 under.

What were those the areas on the other side?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Corners to take off sed Szetela yeah just curious.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8500.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Centerline will give us too much.

So can you grab centerline and we will take off a couple districts on the eastern border. No, no, keep what you had.

So add centerline.

So now we are going to go over.

And now I want you to go to the right of what you just added, yep.

And I want you to start chipping away.

So take that upper Township or upper precinct.

I'd rather you start north and kind of come down around centerline but that will work too.

Why don't we...we are supposed to take a break at 2:30 anyway. So why don't we just stop for a second.

If you want to do that or we can.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Are you sure? I was going to let you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: How much am I off? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3192 high.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So I want you to take off that one little cube that is 1163 and then we are just going to stop.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: 4109 up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 2000 over.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So 2000 over so let's just leave it right there for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I mean that is .76%.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark you will be our final comment before we take off for recess go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can comment when we come back from recess because we may get in a discussion on what I'm going to bring up.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All right at this time Commissioners if there is no objection, we will now recess for 15 minutes.

Hearing and seeing no objection we will stand in recess until what do we think 2:50, let's just do 2:50.

Okay 2:50

[Recess to 2:50]

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I call this meeting of the Michigan Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:50 p.m. will Michigan Department of State staff please take the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely Madam Chair.

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

I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

Commissioner Wagner can you hear us? I can see that she is physically present but maybe having audio issues so I will move on and come back.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Wagner can you hear us? I'll reach out separately and mark her as present and we can resolve audio issues offline.

13 Commissioners are present and there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much.

MDOS.

Without objection we will now resume item 5A unfinished business.

Hearing no objection we will now resume mapping State Senate districts in the Metro Detroit area as well as Saginaw and Genesee Counties.

I believe we are continuing our mapping with Commissioner Vallette.

Commissioner -- oh, I'm sorry, we were finishing with Vice Chair Szetela then we were going to move on so Vice Chair Szetela you have the floor.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I just want to know that northern boundary in Warren that we have drawn right now, can you tell me what mile road that is? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: East 12 mile road.

That is east 12 mile road.

This is Van Dyke Avenue.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We are going to go we are going to revise the District a little bit because I want to go to 14 mile and if I need to, I can take stuff off from the other side so we will try to go up to 14.

Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is Chicago road the same as 14 mile?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No it's not.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's all the way up Sterling Heights.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Go all the way up to there and you can, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What are we going to do with Madison heights?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That's going to be problematic.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: A big problem.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, what's the population of Madison heights? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Seeing 28,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so I want you to add in Madison heights.

Add in Madison heights.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To eight.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We are just going to take the first strip of Warren up to 14 mile road so just that little yep right along Madison heights just a little bit, not the whole area across just a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Not the whole area just the first strip.

The first precincts there.

That is still too weighed I want the eastern border right along Madison heights.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That's right sorry if I was not more clear.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was just looking at it different.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So now we are 30,000 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 38,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now we will go back to the eastern edge I had drawn near centerline and we are going to take off those yep take off over there and then see what the population is.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Add in centerline.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 29 or 30,000.

That's 30,164.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay remove those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, I did it just wrong.

Shows District 8 as being 11,000 over.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Continuing taking away those precincts under centerline, just keep going over until we get to where we need to be.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 897 under.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now I'm going to leave it where it is.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, so here is my question.

There are some Detroit neighborhoods that are still left unassigned.

And the only way you're going to get them assigned is to group them with Grosse Pointe.

And those neighborhoods specifically have said during the hearings that they don't want to be associated with Grosse Pointe because all the money tends to or all the influence tends to flow to Grosse Pointe because they have more money.

And they feel like they get shorthanded.

So that is the environment that we are setting up by having District 8 going north.

I don't see anything wrong with District 8 going north because that is how we are dealing with the Bangladesh people.

But we've created another problem by doing that.

So I want to bring that up for point of discussion.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I appreciate and I did give it some thought but I'm trying to balance the Voting Rights Act against preferences because Voting Rights Act is our number one so I'm trying to make sure we don't get concentrated populations like we have in District nine where we are spread out and we have back and forth with Hazel park what is right next to Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods not Hazel park we received public commentary saying they did not want to be with Grosse Pointe and it's kind of mixed but doing it this way will give us a more balanced from a voting rights and secondary is communities of interest then again we can focus on more of a concentrated Grosse Pointe area, House District instead of a Senate District where we need more population.

So it was something I thought about but I just was trying to balance that Voters' Rights Act because I don't want to have a super concentrated District which we would have if we just kept this in Detroit and we would not include all the Bangladesh community.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Commissioner Clark to follow-up Kent can you do me a favor and Zoom in with the neighborhood names? I want to make sure what I'm about to add is actually true, Commissioner Clark.

Okay I think so.

It is true.

So there is a choice here, right, and not just for Commissioner Clark but for us all.

It's basically looking at do you stick east village you know, that part of the east side in with a Grosse Pointe or east English village cornerstone morning side or Harper Woods.

I think just basically echoing with what Rebecca said I think these communities will have I know what their concern is especially being familiar teaching in that area and driving through that area.

For right now because of the VRA this is the best shape unless we completely redraw some of the suburbs.

And put east English village, morning side, cornerstone village with eight and then you could put Harper Woods with east point Grosse Pointe and those areas.

But that is just talking it out, Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Look at the percentages of African/Americans in District 8.

It's just below 50% so it's still a minority majority District based on Dr. Handley's reporting but it's not packing people in which is exactly what I was trying to accomplish.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, what I realize here is we have a conflict.

We are either going to go supporting the up north supporting the Bangladesh people in a District, Senate District.

Or we are going to go and protect I don't want to use the word protect but.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Support.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Support the Detroit's wishes on the east far east side of not being associated with Grosse Pointe.

So maybe we can adjust that when we do the House Districts.

And take care of it then so.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Commissioner Rothorn, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And I mean I know it's a narrow Section there but we can just sort of draw the Grosse Pointes and keep the shoreline if you will sort of a draw St. Clair shoreline District that has been offered as a community of interest.

And then Harper Woods and sort of the Detroit neighborhoods up with east point and up to centerline so we can even that little Section again it's I'm not advocating for it, I'm just offering it does not have to be one District that we draw.

With the remaining folks.

There is ways to yeah there is different communities of interest we with can take into consideration and I think looking at VRA is probably our most guiding, that will guide us the best.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Before we move on from eight, it just now that he put the neighborhoods up it looks like we do have one neighborhood kind of split so I don't know if you want to take that out or no.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Is that part of a precinct is that how that happened? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so pull it out you're pulling it out of the precinct.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have to do it by blocks.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

Okay take those out.

All right I think that is good.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela you are about to answer your three questions are you ready.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Did I answer them Sarah or do you need more.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's never enough for her.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I have recorded a lot as we have gone.

But just a few more questions.

Can you describe or detail I guess how you took communities of interest into account?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Sure so I was trying to strike a balance between the Voting Rights Act and not packing the African/American population in too tightly and trying to get Bangladesh community and tying Hamtramck and those portions of Warren that are very, very high in the Bangladeshi community together.

To balance out those two different interests while maintaining a District that complies with the Voting Rights Act.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you that's all I have.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Michigan Department of State and thank you Vice Chair Szetela.

Our next Commissioner is Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm not going to finish Detroit because I know nothing about that area.

So can you see up north? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How far, where are we going?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Until there is someplace that needs to be drawn.

Can you go south? This is not? So above 18 in Oakland County.

Back out a little.

Back out a little bit more.

Can I see the Townships? Okay I'm going to take Orion Township, independence. Clarkston.

And then 18, 18 is short, right? Because they removed commerce.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 is 41,000 short.

Did you want to put that area into 18?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will start in a new District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I wanted you to start a new one and that is my fault but put it in 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it in 18.

18 is 34,000 high.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Great.

I can't read independence what does independence say? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Orion, independence anvil of Clarkston, independence is 36,000, Orion is 38,000.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark, please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can I make a suggestion.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We have District 16 going into Sterling Heights a little bit.

Maybe if we eliminate that and then move District 16 into where Orion lake Orion is and a little bit of Orion Township and see if that will balance out.

I think that is more appropriate.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so you want to put Orion Township into 16?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What I'm saying is part of 16 that is in Sterling Heights eliminate that.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay go ahead and do that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then move more 16 into where lake Orion is because they are more associated with that part of the county.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: When someone asks a question, I give the other person time to respond and engage.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I apologize.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Before you do that look at the Asian American population and make sure you are not undoing something that we may have done because of Asian demographics.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay can you show that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

Yes, this area of Sterling Heights appears to have a fair number of Asian 10%.

14 and it gives you an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So go ahead and put it back.

So 16 is good.

Okay can I take out lake Orion? Orion Township and put in Springfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That right there alone you are .25% over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So put in spring field.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With spring field it says .25% over.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm reading 4.2% over Kent on 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sorry looking at the wrong District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Should we leave it? Anybody have any suggestions? Dustin? Anthony? Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think Commissioner Orton has something for you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Take a couple of the precincts off of maybe independence.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay can I see the precincts? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The gold lines are the precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take the top corner one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

You are 3% over now.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And take the next one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 2461.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are less than 2% over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take this one out.

Take the 3403.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are less than 1% over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay that is good.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark, please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Kent, can you make that Township that we just suggested bigger so I can take a look at it? Yeah, I was just making sure.

I think what we did, which I think is good, is we took things that are east of I-75 going north.

And avoided this village of Clarkston and where the schools are and everything when we are out in the farmland area.

Which I think is appropriate for that area.

So I think we did the right thing, thanks.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

Commissioner Eid, please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Could you put the African/American population dots up there real quick? I just want to see something.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

So the secondary number is the African/American population.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The top one is the population total? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This doesn't really solve the question I was wondering.

But you know my only concern with this area is Pontiac being a majority Black City but the minority population in this District being I think if I'm reading that correctly it's 28%, so that's just something to be aware of later if we come back to this.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I've seen a lot of public comment about that recently. However, I think the areas all the way around it are not majority Black. So I don't know how to solve that problem.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me Chairperson Szetela se yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Black number you are seeing there is Black alone.

If you add in it probably would be higher like any combination.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: This is where I'm wondering, Kent, one of the things I found useful was the population total and non-Hispanic white, which is sort of like then we have people of color if you will or like sort of and there is a we can get a quick reference if you will.

Like if there is the population total and the non-Hispanic white total is pretty close then we know there is very low people of color. And we might be able to predict crossover votes, or things like that, that. Yeah, demographics I think are hard to read, but that is one of the reasons I like the non-Hispanic white.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Good idea.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we had this discussion the other day when we created District 18.

Pontiac the comment was Pontiac is an island sitting out there and it's surrounded by non-African/American and non-Asian people and there is not a whole lot we can do with it.

At this point so I think what we have done is appropriate.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That is total population and non-Hispanic white.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay any other comments? Janice, do you want to change anything with this District or are you good with it?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I really don't know what I would change.

I thought commerce should have been included in this.

But then that would like throw District 14 off.

I also read the comments of the people in Pontiac say that they did not belong with Milford and Highland and White Lake.

And I kind of agree with that.

But like we talked about Pontiac I don't know what you would put Pontiac with unless anybody has got some suggestions.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We can go back to the old map where it tie from Southfield down into Detroit because we know how popular that was.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It disease look like Rochester Hills and Rochester do have more people of color just in general.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: There is a very high Asian American population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is non-Hispanic white alone.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Non-Hispanic white so we want to create more of an Asian District there by, okay, thank you.

That answered my question.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm certain after we are going through them, they will be redone any way.

So I'd like to leave it at this for now.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right I think Department of State staff has some questions for you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, can you outline on like some of the changes that have occurred to this District? And why now is it the way it is?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, when it was originally done it included commerce.

But that was taken out for another District.

So it needed some more population.

And some of those areas like Springfield and independence they are a little more rural. And I thought they went more with you know White Lake and Springfield.

So that's why I put them together.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you, that's all I have.

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

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you pan out a little bit so I can see the east side, please.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Wagner before we begin can you disclose where you are attending remotely from.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you Zoom in on the points there on the east side, the lower east side and those of you that live in this area, I know nothing about it but we did hear a lot about keeping the points and Harper Woods together and we also heard argument to keep the east side of Detroit together.

I don't know how well that fits with those of you that actually live in this area.

Kent if you can highlight the points in Harper Woods for me, please.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe village of gross, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yeah, there is five of them but I don't want to take away from eight at all.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: None of those are in eight.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay then that is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Harper Woods is not part of the point though.

You have Grosse Pointe Woods and shores and park and Grosse Pointes what is the other one?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We heard Harper Woods was part of the points that they considered themselves a community of interest with the points.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are including I'm saying it's not a Grosse Pointe that's all.

I thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I get that part.

We will have to include the east side of Detroit how does that feel for you Juanita? I know nothing about the east side of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And I'm in the same bag as you.

I know where Harper Woods is.

And Grosse Pointes somewhat but I'm not too familiar with the other points.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So we did have a discussion about this with Commissioner Kellom.

She had mentioned we pulled up the neighborhood maps and so you have east English village and Sherwood forest is in there and she had indicated while she was in the room that she thought those communities yep there we go do affiliate morning side cornerstone village they all associate with the Grosse Pointes.

And you know there is pros and cons on that.

You know one way or another like Harper Woods but it would not be unnatural to put them with the Grosse Pointes.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Then let's go ahead and do that, please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree it would not be unnatural but wondering if maybe we can get a little bit more creative about it.

I like what Commissioner Rothhorn had said earlier about trying to turn this into two different districts one with the Grosse Pointes and that moves up to St. Clair shores and another with this more industrial area on the east side of Detroit.

That is being painted right now.

So that's just my idea.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this the area you want to add it to 7?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I believe so yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Erin to help with this, this is from that big map guy that was offering comment at the Ann Arbor, do you remember that? And I think what he was suggesting is that one Township wise and the point and up and around St. Clair shores could justify the St. Chair shores District a community of interest. He did not include Harper Woods in that and his rationale was because there was sort of light industry.

But, yeah, I don't like you have already said what has been said, this is not a wrong District.

It's just that is where the comment was coming from, from that particular person.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Wagner Commissioner Witjes has his hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This is one particular area of the state that I've been looking at over the weekend and I would tend to agree with MC here if we were to take, well, I think the way I was doing it I had east point in it but if you take all of the Townships that go all the way around the border of lake St. Clair to the little piece we did not draw in the thumb in my mind you have something that is a community of interest around the St. Clair lakeshore that would work in this particular case.

And it would also keep all the five points together as well.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Kent, you panned out.

Can you pan back in for me, please? What about cornerstone village is that more of a Grosse Pointe area? Being that it's so close.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No, it's not.

Cornerstone village east English village and morning side communities are predominately Black African/American or Black communities.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And that's also where I was wondering how to go with that because I think if we do that and take the points and St. Clair shores aren't they predominately white communities?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you take out all the morning side cornerstone and all those areas right there in that? Sorry I know that is tedious when you are at that level.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: While we are doing that, I support what Dustin just said to at least I think it's worth a look at to see how the population falls out and just run that all the way up past mount Clemens and around anchor Bay that one area from the thumb that we didn't connect in there.

And see what that would look like from a shoreline District.

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If it's not looking good once we do it, we can always back off real quick.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm just seeing the predominately 71% white right now.

If you can go northward, Kent, please.

And let's grab St. Clair shores.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need 144,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Boy I'm lagging because you had not read St. Clair shores yet.

And can we see the population in that area, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can you see the population, the blue numbers?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I could until you panned out a little bit.

I can't see it now.

Thank you.

Go ahead and grab northward along the shoreline, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue along the shoreline?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I suppose so, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have this area in here that either has to go in 25 or back this way because it's certainly not going to Canada.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Right, too funny.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You have a peninsula to wrap around there Ira.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want all part of that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That is all part of Michigan.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It has to go in 25 or 7.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's put it in 7.

Although I don't think it has anything really interest wise with the points at all.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think it's the St. Clair shores District or the idea it's around the St. Clair the body of water that is the community, that's the common interest there.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: That would be the only common interest I would think.

I'm still 37,000 short.

And if you Zoom in, and if I grabbed east point that wouldn't, no, not work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Actually number wise it works.

The problem with it is.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Exactly.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It cuts it off.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Cuts off the whole eastern Section of Detroit, yes. Can you a little north? There we go.

So how about.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Never mind Commissioner Wagner I think you were wanting to jump in but you just said what his suggestion was.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would grab mount Clemens, please, Kent. And those precincts that are to the east of that. And south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 29922.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can I see population on those two precincts north of mount Clemens, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 4468.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay, what I see right now is negative 3478. Am I lagging? .

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

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you go ahead and add those precincts to it, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And you're .37% high or 990.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I feel like we are playing Blackjack you know and you hold or you hit me again so let's hold there please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Double down Commissioner Wagner, double down.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: That funny I don't even gamble.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid has his hand up for you Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Go ahead Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I just have one comment.

I think what you drew in 7 really does respect the community of interest there.

But I'm just I'm looking at the demographics and also thinking about VRA concerns. This District is you know it's 81% white.

And I think if we draw in a District 9 now or whatever is next or whatever number we choose we add Detroit and up to Warren and Sterling Heights which we could do. But I don't know if how the demographics of that would shake out.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: My concern was the African/American population in east Detroit.

And that this would be a predominately white community of interest but it also speaks to keeping all the points together.

So can we clone this and see how it looks if we add in east Detroit? I think I'm going to get a lot of comment about that.

Because east Detroit did not want to be with the points the last I knew.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, we can save it, make a copy of it and edit away.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you for being patient Commissioner Clark, I just wanted to let her finish Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I mean if I were to add in east Detroit, which I think is reasonable to take care of Anthony's concern, I would we would have to delete something.

I would delete mount Clemens out of it.

Mount Clemens is on the west side of I-94.

A little bit away from the Bay and it's a little industrialized over there as well.

So that's what I would tend to do if we decided to add in the eastern part of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I figured we would cross that bridge when we actually got there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the mount Clemens area if you get to the east side of I-94, then you're at south base, a lot of that space is empty space at the base and marinas up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a copy of the plan that we have been working on this earlier today.

So did I hear you say you wanted to take this area up through here and make a District and see what the numbers are?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's add that east portion of Detroit right there up until that line in east point.

And take off the northern, northeastern part where we wrapped around.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this area into 7?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

I think I'm going to go unassign that area first so we have an idea how many we need to add.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Clark, please?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is the logic, Janice? Or Erin? Of deleting or unassigning part of the lakeshore communities when we are trying to create a lakeshore District?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm working off of the demographics right now, Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: .

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point you need 8,000 people and they are census blocks so I will Zoom in and add them where we need them.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like what you're doing here Erin and seeing 39% Black almost.

And.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: That's what I see as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: There is, yeah, I think you got a pretty good District here actually.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It still keeps the points together with Harper Woods which is also what I heard repeatedly.

What is, okay, we are at 34,000 in east point.

Can you Zoom in on precincts so we can see where we are at? At that point? Please, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zoom in to east point.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: To precincts, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, the precincts here are in gold.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, I'd like to see that population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So it's 2100, 3100, 22, 18, so probably.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you grab those, yes, please, and include those in there as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those precincts total out the 8975.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It will be like 600 or so over.

Can you go ahead and add those, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 592 high, .22%.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay can you -- we've got the African/American the dots, the heat map.

Can you overlay that on this area, please? .

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

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

This is at the precinct level.

And we can click on each one and see 73%.

African/American.

77% African/American.

64%.

63%.

90.

92.

92.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I think I like this better.

Just for that reason.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark has his hand for you Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I personally don't see where east point is associated with St. Clair shores that much or Grosse Pointe area that much.

And that's why I suggested to take a look at the remaining shoreline up on the northern end of the District that is drawn and not include east point.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would agree with you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm talking about going up towards new Baltimore and then over into that one peninsula that we haven't covered.

The significance of the peninsula, there is bridges over there that they have a lot of problems with because of the lake.

They have water level problems, which is the same things you see down at St. Clair shores.

High water levels.

And so they have the same environmental concerns.

That is why I would suggest that but, Anthony, do you have any comments on that?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I actually had a comment.

Commissioner Eid might be chewing on a snack so I'm going to jump in.

Commissioner Clark, so I agree with your synopsis of the northern lakeshore area.

However, there is some commonality with east point.

For instance you can drive east down 8 mile and go all the way to Lake Shore Drive.

And which runs into either side remember 8 mile being the dividing line between Detroit, Roseville so I don't know if that orange line is 8 mile, I'm not sure.

But there is some commingling there even with schools in that area.

So but it's up to Commissioner Wagner.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 9 mile right here.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 10-Mile.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And 8 mile is lower.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8 mile is the locality boundary, pretty close to it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That's what I said, Kent.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Incompetent within the way it is.

I like the numbers on the other one better.

Because we got closer.

However, the demographics were not where they needed to be.

So I'm going to hold here on this one then.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Michigan Department of State did you have any questions for Commissioner Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No I think I've got everything.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much Commissioner Wagner. Our next Commissioner is -- you're welcome -- our next Commissioner is Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Obviously, I don't know much about the area. But Sterling Heights and Warren I remember from the Bangladeshis. I would be inclined to run north but since I have the colored pencils and I will give you all the erasers I would like to start down and finish Warren, the rest of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's go with east point and Macomb and see what our totals will be. I'd like to take the rest of Sterling Heights and see what the total is there. All right I wish you would add that, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need 14,000 more people to be ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What is in Frazier? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14,726.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think that is pretty close.

That was pretty easy.

I'll do this again if you like.

I'll pass on another turn.

I will stay with that and looks good and covers Bangladesh and they are a very nice group of people and wanted themselves in a District if possible.

They did want Hamtramck but obviously that is a little hard to do I believe but I think we did pretty good here.

So I'm satisfied by that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Weiss you did so well there are no questions for you to answer.

You got a thumbs up from MDOS.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That's good I like that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So put down your pencils and your erasers, next we have Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay I'm going to try my best here.

So I guess we will take the remainder of Clinton and Macomb county there.

We will add Macomb Township.

Just those three Townships and make it into a T for now and Shelby and Chesterfield and new Baltimore.

Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will have to do something.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm inclined to put those couple counties down back in 25 and then chip off some of 25 at the north if we need to do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Five still needs 38,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Look at the Township that is over to the left right there, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 80,000 and Utica assign those?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's do half of the Township, southern half through Utica.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 17.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay keep going towards the west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is another 18.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: And let's take those the other three right there and the one below it.

You got it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're 8,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Any thoughts on things to remove? From anybody? I'm not familiar with this area at all?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you Zoom out, I'm just looking I don't have a suggestion yet.

Commissioner Clark has a hand for you Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That area is almost entirely residential up there so if you took it from the west end or the east end of that Township, I don't think it would make much of a difference.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: What about that little piece that looks like it's going to Anchorville or the weird 1759 that is not going to take it out.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have to reduce by 8,000.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: New ball more up here is 12000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3700, 27, 24.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can take off the top three of what we just added.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are now .66% low or 1700 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can add in the 2472.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me change that back to five.
You're now 730 people over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Any thoughts there from anyone? I'm just trying to keep the population as close as we can.
And then also trying to keep a little bit of the lakeshore in there but I don't think this particular District at this point since the St. Clair shore District that we have drawn isn't going to go all the way into the thumb I don't believe this area is going to align with the southern portion of the thumb as well so here at this point, I would suggest those Townships going into 25.

Of the southern point of the thumb.

Thoughts on that? So let's do that real fast if you don't mind.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add this area into 25.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That entire.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Apologies I answered it in my head.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine and let's put this in 25 and it may throw 25 a little out of whack but that will be something we can chip away on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25,000.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes Commissioner Clark has a question for you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I understand why we are doing that.

I have to get the population back down to where it should be.

I think we should take the far western Townships.

Because they are up further north and take those off and that will give us a chance to utilize them in the Bay City, Saginaw, Flint area if necessary.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Which ones?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wait until he scrolls up.

The far, that row right there.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay let's take that off.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know if we need to take the whole row or not.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need 25,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Probably will have to.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It will help us when we get to Bay City and Saginaw.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is now 10,000 people over.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would tend to take those three right so come down north Branch, Deerfield and burn side, I would tend to take those.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That should be close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That gets you.43.

You got brown City burn side unassign this? You're at .43.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Leave the whole thing and population wise we are in good shape.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is my suggestion.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I like the suggestion quite a bit and can I see the active matrix and demographics? I don't think there is a lot we can do at this point because we will be getting into northern rural areas here pretty soon.

Yeah, I think I'm happy with that at this point in time.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Witjes you got a thumbs up from MDOS so that means we have who is next? Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, Chair Kellom.

Can I pass?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: This is the point where it's like hot potato.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will tell you what I learned on the practice exercise on the thumb is I started in the rural areas and kept moving them in the rural areas and got to Flint and I said to myself I should have started here.

I broke it down with the high population area.

So I think I want to start in Flint.

In the City of Flint.

And make sure I have an outlet to get the rural areas down south if we need it.

So let's take a look at Flint.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have a question.

I noticed the town of Memphis is split right now.

Is that by design?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can put the town of Memphis into 25.

Well hold on what is the population of 25? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is .43% high.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay so let's take that piece of Memphis and take it out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, unless anyone has any objection to it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No, take the 315 pokes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Need to hear someone say it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We appreciate you, Kent, in case you have not heard it today thank you for working so hard.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Over Flint.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Expand Flint so I can look at it how many people 81,000. So let's take the City of Flint because we got to go to 255,000.

Take the City of Flint.

To the west that says Flint 31447.

Take that.

To the west of Flint.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right where your arrow is.

That area.

Let's take that.

Let's take Schwartz creek so just a moment.

Let's take Burton, the whole Burton area.

And the Grand Blanc area as well.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I was going to suggest, Doug, if you get the demographics in here because we don't want to pack it.

I think this is another VRA area and we may want to be aware of the Black white.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right now we are 31% minority.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Grand Blanc.

We will keep an eye on that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes has a question for you Commissioner Clark or a question I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm curious if anyone remembers if there was public comment in regards to either a north south or an east west split in Flint.

I cannot remember.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: A split in Flint.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you say more Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Does anyone recall getting public comment in Flint about a northwest or sorry north south or an east west split?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid is this regarding the split? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm not sure if we got something like that specifically at the Flint hearing.

But we did get stuff about that when we were doing our example mapping, when we were doing the thumb.

It's on our public comment portal.

I can pull it up if you give me a couple minutes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: To the north of Flint Genesee mount Morris and let's take that and then flushing.

Flushing is considered suburb of Flint.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What area is that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Flushing to the left.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And flushing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What do you do with Clayton, Gaines and Mundy because they will be isolated.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will add those too.

Yes, take these too.

Where are we at right now? I think we have enough population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are we going to do this whole area?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me look.

Yeah 236 yes do that whole area and see where we stand.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We are over.

So let's take we could hit the numbers close if I took Genesee off.

Any suggestions on what we should eliminate? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are now at 1% over or 2766.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark is asking our assistance so I know some of us are thinking.

Any immediate suggestions?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We can get close if we take the City of mount Morris off.

Just the City.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So we did get a written comment about mound Morris and City and the Flint Township altogether that they would like to stay together.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay just leave it as it is then.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So that split I was thinking of I believe it's the river that runs through Flint and I believe the, yes, thank you. Thank you, Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: And a higher population north of the river than south.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I kind of like the way this looks. And also this is in line with the racial polarized voting analysis that we have.

Because of the percentages are going to align much better.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: And considering Grand Blanc and Burton and Flint and yep, yep and yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess we have another comment but I'd like to stay with this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton, please?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just wonder what that little dog leg is that is sticking out is that an airport?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is a reservoir.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So it's zero population I'm wondering.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Look at it just a moment here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Belongs to the City of Flint.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 15, 12, and 20.

So you got 47 people that are in the City of Flint.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd prefer to leave that in because of the property is of the City of Flint.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Do you mind putting the COI overlay on?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

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

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: While Mr. Stigall is pulling that upper your request, I did want to highlight again that when the disagree gaited election data is viewed for these districts it will be able to inform the Commission as well as far as any modifications that would need to be made.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you General Counsel.

Commissioner Clark, any other thoughts?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, I think Commissioner Orton wanted to take a look at this data that we are going to put up on the Korean -- screen.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Could we look at the Black population overlay to see if we can scoot that number a little higher? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The population is all in District Four.

There may be some a precinct here I think this is showing the dots are over 10% Black, now this is Black alone.

This is not in combination with any other.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Doug looks like you got it almost all of it.

There is that one precinct you were just talking about with the dot.

Do we want to add that in maybe and see what it does?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is it how many people? 16.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1600 and you're you still would be under 4%.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's just leave it because that will allow some minority to go to the other districts.

Okay I'm good.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

I don't think you have any questions.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any questions Department of State? Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I love when you ask yourself.

Our next Commissioner to draw is Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I believe Commissioner Curry had to step away.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

Our next Commissioner is Commissioner Eid and we will return to Commissioner Curry when she comes back.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's Zoom out and see the whole state and see where we are at and see what we have left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still at the Kalamazoo area, Midland, Saginaw.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That Kalamazoo area is not enough for a full District? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can lasso it real quick and see what we have.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Eid take your time while I step away, please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is part of the issue that I --

>> Commissioner WITJES: This is part of the issue where we will need to redraw Leelanau, no, Lenawee and Monroe Counties to be whole and we would have to rework the bottom border Districts to be able to get close to having Districts that will be able to hold the population alone in and around the Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Portage area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The highlighted area contains 355,000 people which is roughly more like one and a half districts and then you still have the Monroe County waterfront.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we do have enough so I guess I will fill that in.

At least as much of it in as I can.

We will still have a little bit of free space there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area excuse me, I'm sorry this Monroe County has 76,000 people left out.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's go back to the west side where we were.

Let's do that first.

And to comply with what we have so far, let's take kind of a horizontal path from pine Grove all the way to Marshall.

To where?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To Marshall.

It's going to be a rectangular District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you see it holler.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You can put both of those in as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that whole area is 279 which is going to be somewhat over and then you have this.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay go ahead and assign it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you're 14,500 high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we have had conflicting comments here for Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

We had a lot saying Kalamazoo and Battle Creek should be together.

We also had a lot of comment saying Battle Creek and Jackson should be together and we've had a lot of comments that Jackson part of Jackson excuse me part of Jackson should be more east with Ann Arbor but for how this is drawn currently I don't see any other way to draw it other than keeping Kalamazoo and Battle Creek together.

For population density reasons.

And because there are significant communities in the area, that think they should be together.

We are a little over.

What do y'all think about taking some of the City of or the Township of Marshall out?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: A quick question can you scroll down on the listing? I thought they were 20 or 21 were short or over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 21, where is 21.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: 20 is okay it's 21 is real short.

Yes, that was the District that was just left undone because this area was unassigned. If y'all remember.

We left off one day and just left it hanging.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So obviously we're going to have to use some of this to go up to 21.

I would just add that Portage is definitely connected with Kalamazoo and that is a significant population that will need to be added in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So are we working on 21 or are we going to stay around 3?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We need how many people in 21, another 140,000? 160,000.

That is a lot.

Okay well let's add Portage to three.

Let's just have everything left of three then we can start annexing them to 21.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have a question for Commissioner Witjes. I know you were working on this area and the southern border as well.

Did you find a good solution?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes and no.

I was able to get a District that included Kalamazoo, Portage and Battle Creek.

If you take the Townships of Kalamazoo and Portage and go four to the right and then take the ones around Battle Creek, you will get 2.5% deviation.

And it's 11 Townships and I don't know if you want to see that or not but that is how I was able to do it.

But the only downside is that if you go that route the District that you would have to draw around it is going to be oddly shaped and basically engulfs the District 15.

Or the District that we are drawing here.

I'm sorry, ignore the number.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: In your thing that you did you had Battle Creek and Kalamazoo together but then it's.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 21 took off the top Townships and what we are calling District 3 currently?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That's correct so the District 3 just to keep the numbering system here correct if you were to get rid of it or undo what's there if you take Kalamazoo and Portage and then move to the east and take in most of Battle Creek, you're pretty good.

And I can.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's for now let's what you just have highlighted now, well, before you added all that, so the top Townships in District 3? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a minute.

Across the top here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh let's put those to 21 and see what it does to both of the districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 51,000.

Still a long ways away.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Basically the population you have to chase it to Monroe or Monroe has to be you know you are going to push it so they are all going to get modified.

There is no way to distribute 150,000 or pick up 150,000 people 2% is 5,000 people.

8,000 people.

You are going to have to hit a certain number of Directors.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Do we want to do that? I'm not sure where to go from here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can put all this just as an example, I'm not telling you what to do all this into 28.

And then take whatever you want off of this to get it up into 26 and 26 will come down. But I mean there is 100 different ways you can go across like this, you can go but the point is assign these and then chase get that population to join up with this population.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The biggest logic game in history.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's definitely not that hard.

We can do this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It was a joke.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So let's fill in the rest of Monroe and make 28 be Monroe and Lenawee.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This again goes to my point where it would probably be more beneficial for us just to one make a copy and then remove those districts that are on the bottom and the ones that are on the west side of Michigan.

So that we have more working space and we don't really have to worry about the current districts that are there.

I would even go as far as to remove those Townships that are near Hillsdale that are part of District 29 at this point.

So we have the entire bottom of Michigan empty and we can then go work towards Kalamazoo from the Monroe area.

I think that will be more beneficial otherwise we will be chasing numbers all over the place.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can do it like that.

Delete them or just start assigning them as you do.

You will run into the same difference.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean I agree that's what we should do.

My only hesitation is I don't want to be changing you know this whole map by myself because we worked on it collaboratively.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Also just to make you feel better we are supposed to stop at 4:15 so.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Maybe I'll look at this tonight and we can come back to my turn when we start up tomorrow.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now I spoke of getting this population to move across here. You can take that population and ripple it northward as well.

I mean I don't want to be leading you in any one direction but when you have a hole and hole, they all got to come together.

And the fact that number is 76,000, right? And 21 is 107 short so even if you got all this population into 21, I mean you can run the numbers, you may have to ripple it all the way up the state.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We will think about that on tonight.

Just in essence of time and where we need to go.

We appreciate you, Kent.

So moving ahead in our agenda without objection we will now proceed to new business 6A the election of a Chair and a Vice Chair.

Yeah, let's get excited everyone.

It has been six months since we last elected a Chair.

And Vice Chair of the Commission.

And it truly has been six months for sure.

Are there any nominations for the position of Chair? Commissioner Lett has a strong hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I have a couple of comments I would like to make before we start making nominations.

As we have looked at the comments on the portal there have been a number who have said we should elect a republican Commissioner to head up the Commission.

And the comments further seem to say that we elected a neutral to start with and then we elected a democrat secondly so now it's the republican's turn.

That is misconstruing what we as a Commission have done to this date.

We did not purposefully elect a democrat or a neutral and I hope we don't purposefully elect a republican.

We as a Commission have stated when we started and have continued that we basically are apolitical in this process.

And that the idea is we nominate people who we as a Commission feel would do the best job.

Additionally the Chair of the Commission does not control the work of the Commission simply facilitates what happens and tries to keep some semblance of order which works and most of the time doesn't.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lett for recognizing that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So the public understands how the Commission works and the comments that are made really are somewhat distressing to us as a Commissioner and we simply do not work that way.

So with those comments, I don't have a nomination.

But I'm certain that there are a number of people who do.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lett, I didn't know you were going to say that so I just extending a huge far away hug and gratitude because I couldn't have said it better myself.

So thank you for highlighting that for those watching.

And that simply don't understand.

It's not even a matter of you know we are just continuing to educate the public on how we work and how we made decisions.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I would like to nominate Commissioner Orton to be the Chair, the next Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And for public record I'm going to turn the facilitation of this discussion to our Executive Director Sue Hammersmith because I think that's appropriate.

Can I make a nomination too? If I want to do that before Commissioner Clark go ahead?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is my nomination.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Your mic was still red so I didn't know.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

I am not in a position to be able to fill that role at this time.

So I'm going to decline that nomination but thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, our procedure we did before, I liked Commissioner Lett was first. Brittini and you were second and Vice Chair. We moved you from Vice Chair to Chairman. I would like to nominate Rebecca to move up to chairman.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would second that nomination. And Commissioner Rothhorn? And he makes a third nomination for Vice Chair Szetela.

Sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much, Commissioner Weiss. I accept that nomination. I would love to be Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Given that Commissioner Orton has not accepted that, I would like to nominate Commissioner Lett for the position.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Clark.

Commissioner Wagner, I was waiting to see if Commissioner Lett wanted to say something.

Commissioner Wagner, you have the floor.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Would you like me to facilitate?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It was suggested and you didn't say anything.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I have not been able to get a word in. So I would ask Commissioner Lett if he would accept a nomination.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Okay. Thank you. Are there other nominations?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Wagner has her hand up.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Yes, Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would like to nominate Commissioner Lange for Chair.

She has been dedicated for remaining fair throughout this entire journey, continues to make decisions. With that in mind, her attendance has been exemplary. Given her health conditions and dictated virtual attendance and caring for those in her family and requires assistance to juggling outreach, which she undertook for the Commission. And those who feel the Chair needs to be physically present, may I remind you that we did this entire last session with a Chair that was not available for a substantial amount of public hearings and meetings.

And anyone that serves as vice for the Commission can help facilitate the meeting by calling on those Commissioners with raised hands in the room.

Commissioner Lange is present at meetings, hearings half an hour beforehand. And I think will get us back on track with starting on time, which has been a problem throughout this whole last session for this Commission. And I would hate to see someone discriminated against for being physically unable to be present. And, therefore, if she is willing, I would like to nominate her for Chair.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Commissioner Lange, will you accept the nomination?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you.

Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'd like to nominate Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'll accept and do my speech here. I really don't have much to say other than the fact is that the subcommittees that I was a Chair of tend to run very well, very smooth, and in most cases, they ended before our scheduled end time.

And I've been hearing a lot of feedback that when I was Chair, it was evident that I was able to keep and maintain order as well as make sure that everything on the agenda was hit in the proper order.

And I will continue to do that either as Chair if elected to do so.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you. Commissioner Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I would just like to give my own little plug for myself.

I was, as we all know, thrust into the position of being acting Chair repeatedly.

And I think I rose to the occasion and showed that I can run an orderly meeting, keep control, keep us moving along. And so I think that should be taken into consideration.

And it is also, as Commissioner Weiss said, consistent with what we have done in the past.

We have had a Vice Chair who then moved into Chair. Now we have another Vice Chair who is asking to move into Chair.

I think it's time for someone else to be in that position.

And then in terms of Commissioner Wagner's comment on the Vice Chair can be in the room and facilitate if Commissioner Lange were unable to attend in person, I'll be honest that I don't think that is ideal. And I honestly don't think it's fair to that person, especially if we are going into a situation asking the Vice Chair to step into the role of acting Chair because someone is not in the room and yet not have that title, not have the acknowledgment or not have the recognition. I really think that is an unfair position to put someone in, to basically say, well, you're going to be acting as Chair because I'm not in the room but you're not going to get the title. I'm going to get the title. I really don't think that is fair.

And I think having been put in the situation a couple of times where I have tried to facilitate meetings remotely, it does not work well at all.

It's very difficult to keep track of who has their hands raised.

You can't see who is wanting to speak.

You can't have the awareness of what's going on in the room, whether people are needing to take a break. And, you know, for public hearings, a lot of times you are seeing things going on in the audience that you need to be aware of. And I just think we really...it would be very difficult for us to have a Chair who is remote.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark and then Commissioner Lett and then Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to add on to what Commissioner Szetela just mentioned about the problems with being remote.

Commissioner Wagner indicated that we should not discriminate because somebody is remote.

We don't discriminate in this Commission.

However, I feel the position to be here physically. And the reasons are the exact reasons Commissioner Szetela just mentioned.

So I feel very strongly on that.

I've seen how it operated.

We operated fine back in the fall, but we are all on Zoom at the same time and we could see each other.

We could see each other raise their hand electronically or physically.

You can't do that now.

The camera is only focused on a certain set of people or one individual on the screen or whatever.

So I feel it's a requirement that the individual will be here. And we still welcome a lot of people that are remote to take that job. And but the requirement will be, in my opinion, is physically being here.

I yield.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lett and Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I motion that nominations be closed.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Do you recall how you did it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I have a point of order.

I don't mean to interrupt.

It's a point of order and within the rules that I can interrupt for a point of order.

This is all just very unorganized right now for me.

I mean, we have gone from doing nominations to people having, you know, speeches advocating for themselves, which is totally fine.

And then moving further into discussion on those speeches that people gave.

So how are we doing this? Are we doing nominations and then moving on to speeches and then discussion? Or are we just, you know, it feels like we are not doing it in any orderly fashion right now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So Executive Director, Sue Hammersmith is facilitating the conversation. Some comments were made that allowed those nominated and Commissioners weigh in.

Commissioner Lett just nominated that -- moved, excuse me, moved that nominations be closed. And there was a second. So if we allow the process to continue, nominations are closed once we vote. And then Director Hammersmith will facilitate the vote.

Is that substantial, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No. It's not.

I would like Executive Director to tell us how this is going to go down.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It was not sufficient to hear that from the acting Chair?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean, it didn't answer my question. I'm sorry.

I'm not trying to be difficult, but how are we doing this? Are we going to have nominations and then are we going to talk about it or? How are we doing? What are we doing?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We have received nominations.

We have talked about them.

We have a motion to close the nominations.

After the nominations are closed, if this vote is approved, I would assume we would do a roll call vote and Commissioners will vote for the Chair of their choice.

Is that adequate? We currently have four nominations.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's add a fifth. I'd like to nominate myself.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I believe we already have a motion to close nominations, so we would need to vote on that motion, first, correct?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes. Motion has been made by Commissioner Lett and the second was made by Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can I withdraw my motion, Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, there was a question posed whether the motion to close nominations that has been seconded and can be withdrawn. That can be done without...by unanimous consent of the body, if no one objects to it would be my advice.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would like to withdraw my motion to give Commissioner Eid an opportunity to have his name included as a Commissioner.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

Is there a second? I'm sorry, without objection, my brain has stopped. This is my last day.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, just the standard unanimous consent language. Without objection, the motion would be withdrawn. And if none of your colleagues object, then that action shall be taken.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Without objection, the motion has been withdrawn. Hearing no -- yes, Commissioner Eid? Hearing no objection, what is the rest of the language, I'm sorry? I was just making sure because she likes specific language, that action will be taken.

Okay, so I hand the floor back over to you, Executive Director Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Okay, so are there other nominations? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would like to nominate myself. Would this be an appropriate time to say why? Or.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Others did, that's fine.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I'd really like to be Chair. Just moving back, you know, in the history of our time together as a Commission, during our first meeting, I was nominated to be Chair and I accepted the nomination and I didn't get it. And then the second time I was nominated, but I didn't accept it because I didn't feel like I was ready at the time. I did run for Vice Chair at the time, but I didn't get that. So and I'm going to run again.

There are a few things that I've identified that I think can be improved and I would work hard to see them improve as Chair, particularly communication with staff and the Commissioners.

And things like maybe some collaboration possibly being done in terms of creating the agenda.

If I were Chair and the Commission would like to see changes like that happen, I would be all for making them happen.

And I think what just happened kind of illustrates my point on that.

I was confused on the process that we were undertaking, you know, in order to elect a Chair fairly.

And I think that as Chair I would make sure to be structured and make sure to be prepared at every meeting.

We had over 60 meetings here and I think I've only missed one and late a handful of times. So I hope you consider me. Thank you.

I'll just say one more thing.

I think Commissioner Szetela has done an amazing job as Vice Chair. I think she would be a good Chair if we do select her.

I will say, however, she's had the opportunity to Chair over 20 of our meetings so far.

And I think we should also think about giving each other the chance to promote each of our own personal development as well on this Commission.

Thank you.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to make two points.

One is I personally would be happy with any one of the other 12 people as the Chair.

I have the upmost respect for each one of you.

And the cooperation that we have all shown over the months has been exemplary.

So I really feel that way

Second point I want to make is something Anthony just said about working with the staff and helping with the agenda and so forth.

When we initially talked about the Chair, we talked about the role of the Chair and that would be to facilitate the meeting only, period.

And not to make decisions.

The decision was one of 13.

So I think that that should be outside the scope of this and we should continue on as we have.

So I yield.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I will second and third that from Commissioner Clark.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I move we move to voting and close nominations.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Second.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Motion made by Vice Chair Szetela, the second I believe was made by Commissioner Witjes.

Is there any discussion or debate on the actual motion? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So what format are we going to use for voting?

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: We have not set it yet but Director Hammersmith?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: If we could vote on this, and I will have General Counsel weigh in on that.
Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, the way we've held or voted previously, we voted for, we have four now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We are just voting in nominations right now.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nominations, sorry, I yield.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All those in favor of ending the nomination period right now, please raise your hand and signify with an aye.

All those opposed please raise your hand and signify with a nay.

The ayes have it and the period for nominations has ended.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel, please proceed.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: With five nominees currently on the floor I have Commissioners Szetela, Lett, Lange, Witjes and Eid.

When the first round is completed, the bottom three candidates would fall off and then the second round of voting would be each Commissioner having one vote for their preferred candidate out of the top two vote getters.

I believe this is consistent with what has been done in the past.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I don't recall us picking our top two last time around. Am I incorrect on that? It seems like it could be more confusing than you get one vote and we then go to the top two.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: And certainly through the Chair to Commissioner Szetela, that has been done as well.

There was one election where there were three candidates and then there was a...the motion failed.

It was a 6-1-6 tie, not a tie, the motion failed at 6-1-6. So that there was a second round of nominations and a subsequent vote.

Certainly the Commission could do either way. So we could do one vote each the first round, but with five nominees that is a significant number of nominees for a 13 member board.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I remember as Rebecca remembers it.

And I also remember that the way we did it was we all voted, one person and then we dropped the bottom person.

Or if two people had only one vote, we dropped two of them, then we revoted again.

So I would recommend we stay standard and consistent on how we have done it in the past.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We will have a roll call vote and we will ask Michigan Department of State staff to hold the vote.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: So, to clarify the voting structure, is it the will of the Commission to structure the vote as Commissioner Clark suggested where each Commissioner gets one vote and then the bottom candidate would drop off following the results of the vote and we would proceed through four separate votes?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Assuming there is no outright winner.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: All good.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: If we have two people who have the bottom like even number of votes, we drop off both of them. Does that make sense? If two people have two and everybody else has more, then the bottom two just fall off.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: So I will announce the results after the vote is taken. And the Commissioner may elect to do as it wishes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: For clarification which process?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, which process is the Commission electing to do to move forward with?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Do we need a motion?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move that we hold the vote and everybody, each Commissioner gets one vote.

Since there is five, the top three vote getters will have a runoff, assuming there's no outright winner on the first vote.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: There has been a motion made by Commissioner Lett, second made by Vice Chair Szetela.

Any discussion or debate on the actual motion, which is to have each Commissioner have one vote top three and there is a runoff for those? If there is no current winner. Commissioner Lange, you have a...

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I actually like our General Counsel's idea of two votes, vote for the top two. Because you may end up getting your winner like that anyway. So I think that each Commissioner should vote for the top two choices. And then if the rest need to be dropped down, you can pick the top two people from that. But I think it may get you to where you need to be quicker. And I apologize.

I have to take this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No. You are fine, Commissioner Lange. Any other questions before we move to vote? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion as stated by Commissioner Lett, please raise your hand and say aye.

All those opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it.

We will have each Commissioner have one vote and a tie runoff for the top three to select the winner.

Apologies if I stated that last part incorrectly.

And if you want to have the floor for the actual voting process again.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I would like the Michigan Department of State then handle a roll call vote for you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just a reminder about the process itself, each Commissioner will get one vote to indicate their preferred candidate.

And if there are no clear winners, we will proceed with dropping off the lowest scoring candidates and proceed to subsequent rounds of voting. Does that sound correct? Excellent.

Okay, is there a roll call or request for a roll call vote for this?

>> GENERAL COUNSEL PASTULA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, when I call your name, please state the name of your preferred candidate.

I will call on Commissioners to vote in alphabetical order.

Starting with Commissioner Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Rhonda Lange.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Commissioner Lett.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry? Apologies, she is absent. Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Eid.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Lange.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Lett.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Szetela has five votes.

Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Lett and Commissioner Lange have two votes. Commissioner Eid has one vote.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel, Executive Director, I was kind of waiting for you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I'm always happy to talk.

So the Commission, we have a Commissioner with five votes and then three Commissioners tied at two votes.

My recommendation would be to drop off the lowest vote received.

I'm checking the language of the motion that was adopted.

The vote for the one vote, the top three getting a runoff if no clear winner.

So certainly Commissioner Szetela received five votes.

Again, I believe the suggestion was made by but was not adopted that the ties would also drop off.

So the Commission could elect to hold a runoff vote to see where the remaining votes are placed.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can I make a suggestion and a possible motion?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Please proceed Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Because we have three tied with two, I suggest we have a runoff with those three and then whoever prevails from those three we have a runoff against myself and the person who prevails.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Are you making a motion?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm making a motion to that effect.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Please remember that language that you just spattered out that way.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So have a runoff between Commissioner Lett and Witjes and Lange and whoever prevails from that would then move on to a final vote between me and whoever prevails. Because I think it would be faster than trying to do multiple rounds.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Motion made by Commissioner Szetela.

Is there a second? Second made by Commissioner Weiss.

Any discussion or debate on the actual motion? Commissioner Lett, please.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, I'm against that.

And the reason I'm against it is that assumes that five votes are going to remain for Commissioner Szetela, and that's not necessarily true.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Valid point.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And, therefore, probably that's going to happen; but I don't think you can take yourself out of the runoff.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right. I will withdraw my motion then.

Are we moving?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel, please advise.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes. If Commissioner Szetela has indicated she would like to withdraw that motion suggesting it, and I believe it was already seconded, although it was not stated by the Chair, it would be appropriate to have the withdrawal seconded and then use your unanimous consent procedure.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, motion for withdraw made by Commissioner Szetela. Is there a second? I'm sorry. Without objection, I always mess this part up because we don't do it enough, without objection, what am I saying next? It's completely not there.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: The motion is withdrawn.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I thought there was something else. My apologies.

No one objected, so we are voting again and that would mean that MDOS is taking over.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: And for clarity, Madam Chair, the runoff Commissioner Eid having received one vote would drop off from the second round of voting. And the second round of voting would be between Commissioners Szetela, Lett, Lange and Witjes to determine hopefully the--a clear majority vote. And, if, not a subsequent round of runoff voting would need to occur.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, General Counsel.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, when I call your name, please state the name of your preferred candidate.

I will call on Commissioners to vote in alphabetical order starting with Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Commissioner Lange.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Commissioner Lett.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Lange.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Szetela.

>> MC Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Final votes are for Commissioner Szetela, six votes.

Commissioner Witjes three votes.

Commissioner Lange two votes.

And Commissioner Lett one vote.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel, please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

Based on the results of the second round of voting the runoff would be between Rebecca Szetela and Commissioner Witjes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: My question is we have two runoff Commissioners, Szetela and Commissioner Witjes.

Am I to understand the most votes would be Chair and the other one would be Vice Chair?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No.

We have to do separate nominations for that.

Michigan Department of State, can you proceed with the roll call vote?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely, Madam Chair.

For clarity the final candidates, as General Counsel indicated, are Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner and Commissioner Witjes. I will call on your names in alphabetical order to cast a vote.

Please indicate your preferred candidate by stating their name when I call on you. I will start with Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Szetela.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Szetela.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn:
>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Szetela
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Szetela.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Witjes.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: There is a tie.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Where is Juanita.
>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, Madam Chair.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.
>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: For the benefit of the individuals not in the room, the Michigan Department of State is attempting to contact Ms. Curry to provide her vote in the final round of voting since this vote has, in fact, failed with a tie of six to six between Commissioner Szetela and Witjes.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, General Counsel.
It's a new vote. Sorry, I'm stepping myself out because I was told I'm not supposed to facilitate, that is why I keep not talking.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Curry, can you hear us?
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sure, uh-huh.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you state for the record where you are attending remotely from?
>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We are going to have a new roll call vote right now. So, Commissioners, I will call on you in alphabetical order. Please indicate your preferred candidate by stating their name when I call on you. And, just for the record, the remaining Commissioners for the vote are Rebecca Szetela and Dustin Witjes.
And I will call on you in alphabetical order starting with Erin Wagner?
>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Commissioner Witjes.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Szetela.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Witjes.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Commissioner Witjes.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?

- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Rebecca Szetela.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Szetela.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Szetela.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Szetela.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Szetela.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Szetela.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: A vote of 7-6, Commissioner Szetela wins.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Michigan Department of State.

Congratulations, Vice Chair Szetela.

I can't imagine anyone else doing this.

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I've got to be honest, I'm a little concerned by what just happened here with calling up a Commissioner that left the meeting because we had a tied vote when we've had many of tied votes in other meetings and did not do that. I'm curious what the rules are regarding that because this is pretty unprecedented, especially since she had left the meeting and was not in attendance.

So maybe General Counsel can clarify that for me?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel, please proceed.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much, Madam Chair. And Commissioner Lange raises an excellent question. Commissioner Curry did have a remote -- Commissioner Curry was attending today's meeting remotely and had to step away with the intention to return.

So that's why her participation was again sought.

The -- we can't -- there was a tie. And so rather than there were no additional candidates to drop off.

In the past when there was a tie, there were three candidates.

So the result of a tie, the third candidate was dropped off.

In this situation we did not have that option.

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And it was highly unlikely based on the tie vote that one of the candidates was going to withdraw.

So, therefore, again, Commissioner Curry, who provided the remote notice to attend today participated in the vote.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Would you like me to continue facilitating?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, I'm not facilitating the voting at all.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We will now accept nominations for Vice Chair.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I nominate Dustin Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I accept for the same reasons I gave earlier.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Commissioner Clark? [Off mic]

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: And MC Commissioner Rothhorn, do you accept the nomination?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I do.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you.

Are there other nominations?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move that nominations be closed.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Motion has been made for nominations to be closed by Commissioner Lett. Second made by Commissioner Witjes. Is there any discussion or debate on the actual motion? Hearing none, Michigan Department of State, can you please proceed with a roll call vote for Vice Chair?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely.

Madam Chair.

For clarification, the current candidates for Vice Chair in alphabetical order are Commissioner Rothhorn and Commissioner Witjes.

Commissioners, please indicate your preference for a candidate when I call on you by stating their name.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We got to vote on the motion to close them.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I see. I apologize.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm so sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would suggest we just do that by hand.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. All those in favor of closing nominations for Vice Chair. Please signify with a hand raise.

Aye.

All those opposed raise your hand? I am dwindling out. All those opposed please raise your hand.

The ayes have it and the nominations are closed.

Now, Michigan Department of State, please proceed with the roll call vote.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Once more, Commissioners, the candidates are in alphabetical order Rothhorn and Witjes.

When I call your name, please indicate your preference for the candidate by stating their name.

I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Richard Weiss.

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Commissioner Rothhorn.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry? Apologies, Anthony Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Rothhorn.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Rothhorn.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Commissioner Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Rothhorn.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Rothhorn
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Witjes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Erin Wagner?

- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Commissioner Witjes.

It is a tie again.

- >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair?
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel, please proceed.
- >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much.

So for the benefit of the public, I was unaware that Commissioner Curry had lost her connection so we are reestablishing that connection with her.

Again, normally when votes fail, there are other mechanisms to address them or the Commission can just move on.

However, the Commission has selected today was the day for the vote for the new Chair, so that business must occur.

And I'll turn the floor back over to the Chair. And the Secretary of State, if they are prepared to take a runoff vote, excuse me, a second vote between.

- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Szetela.
- >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Rothhorn and Commissioner Witjes in alphabetical order.

And, again, the first vote failed in a 6-6 tie.

So that is what has made the second vote between the two candidates necessary.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. Michigan Department of State, please proceed with the roll call vote.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely.
Commissioner Curry, thank you for rejoining.

Can you state for the record where you are attending the meeting remotely from.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you. Commissioners, once more, please state the name of your preferred candidate when I call on your name.

Candidates, just for the record in alphabetical order currently are Commissioner Rothhorn, MC Rothhorn and Dustin Witjes.

I will call on you in alphabetical order to cast your vote starting with Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: MC Rothhorn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Rothhorn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Rothhorn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Rothhorn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Rothhorn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: A vote of 7-6, Commissioner Rothhorn has been elected as Vice Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Executive Hammersmith and MDOS for navigating us through the election of our new Chair and Vice Chair.

We are going to move forward and the agenda. I will ask because I wasn't given the opportunity last time would the new Chair like to proceed?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Why don't you finish out the meeting.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Is that acceptable General Counsel, should I take over or should he finish the meeting?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: The rules do not specifically address that. And it was not part of the motion made.

So Commissioner Kellom is no longer Chair of the Commission.

And congratulations and thank you for your service, Commissioner Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. It's again great. I will say personal privilege, I would have like to have done the nomination without referencing my behaviors as Chair as a full-time employee again. But it's unfortunate that my fellow Commissioners, some of them could not have left that out of discussion. So I hope that we can move forward as a Commission, that takes into account folks' personal lives. And we don't use that against each other when we feel like that's all that I will say.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, thank you again, Commissioner Kellom, for your service as our Chair.

We will move on to the next item on our agenda, which is review and approval of minutes.

Without objection, I'm sorry, Executive Director Hammersmith, I thought there was...do we have both of these minutes? I just want to make sure, August 31st.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Both of these were sent out this morning or last evening. I don't recall when.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Last evening.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I thought I saw another message about minutes.

Next, without objection, we will proceed to approval of minutes. Are there any proposed edits to either one of those meeting minutes?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Move they be adopted.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I have a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from, I'm sorry, was that Commissioner Witjes? Commissioner Witjes, General Counsel, can we do them as a group or do we need to do them one by one?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Minutes are generally moved individually in case there are edits.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So can you clarify your motion Commissioner Lett? We have August 31 and September 1, which are you moving to adopt?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: August 31.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Motion to adopt the meeting minutes from August 31, 2021.

Do I have a second? Seconded by Commissioner Rothhorn.

All in favor of approving the meeting minutes from August 31, 2021, signify by raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The motion carries and the meeting minutes are adopted.

Next may I have a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 1, 2021? Motion made by Commissioner Witjes. Seconded by Commissioner Lett. All in favor of approving the meeting minutes from September 1, 2021, signify by raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted

Moving to staff reports, we do not have any staff reports today. Without objection, I will ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Department of State if she has a report to provide.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No report.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much.

Moving on to correspondence. Correspondence received in advance of our meeting today was provided along with written public comments to the Commissioners in our meeting materials.

It's my understanding that Commissioner Lange has a future agenda item that she would like to discuss.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes. I contacted our staff and MDOS about potentially extending our Monday and Tuesday meetings to 8 p.m. if places are allowed since we need more time for the maps. And I was told today that there are some potential dates that would work out to extend those meetings. So I think it's something we should get on the agenda and discuss, so we can lock those days in if they are available.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Executive Director Hammersmith, would you add that to a future agenda item for the Commission to discuss? Thank you, Executive Director. All right. Are there any announcements? All right, no announcements. As the meeting or the items on our agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business, a motion to adjourn is ordered. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes. Seconded by Commissioner Kellom. All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the meeting is adjourned at 5:12 p.m.