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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, and unless your absence is due to military duty, please disclose your physical location I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

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

- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 9 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes, seconded by Commissioner Rothhorn. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion?

Hearing none, all in favor of approving the agenda please raise your hand and say aye.

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 pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection we will now proceed with public comment pertaining to agenda topics.

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

Please step to the nearest microphone when you hear your number called.

You will have two minutes to address the Commission. And please do conclude your remarks after at the end of your two minutes and when you hear the timer.

Number one can address the Commission.

>> I'm Chris Andrews from Haslett and advocating for fair maps with the party with the most votes has the best chance of winning majority in legislature and in Congress.

Republicans are cleverly using code of rural versus urban to pack democrats into a small number of districts so that they can win the rest.

Don't let them do it.

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I've heard several people from Eaton and Clinton Counties saying they want nothing to do with the City slickers in Lansing or in Ingham County and several have pointed out as proof that Eaton and Barry County have a they share a state health department. On the other hand there is the community mental health authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties.

The Tri-county office on aging, the Tri-county Metro narcotics squad, the try County regional planning Commission, the Lansing Metropolitan statistical area.

Capital area community services.

Capital area human alliance.

Capital area humane society.

Capital area Michigan works.

Capital area United Way.

Capital region community foundation.

Capital region small business development center.

Disability Network capital area.

Lansing economic area partnership.

RSVP of Ingham Eaton and Clinton counties Tri-county alliance for public education.

Tri-county bicycle association.

The Tri-county crisis intervention team.

Tri-county triad.

The capital area soccer league.

The capital area athletic circuit and we all go to Michigan State events.

We enjoy Wharton center, Breslin center, Spartan stadium, Lansing community college, thank you.

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

Number two.

>> Good morning Honorable Commissioners I'm Charlie Beal and a new resident of Lansing Michigan.

I'm here today to ask this Commission to add three additional full days of mapping between now and next Thursday, September 23.

By nature we are not great at planning our time.

In fact, it's so common there is even a name for it.

The planning fallacy.

The planning fallacy is a tendency to underestimate the time it will take to complete a project knowing similar projects have typically taken longer in the past.

Today I present you with data to help you improve your mapping plan based on your efforts thus far.

Excluding other agenda items you have spent roughly 43 hours mapping our state.

You have drawn 91 districts with an average of 28 minutes per District.

You have 70 districts left to draw.

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At this rate you will need at least 32 active mapping hours to draw the rest of the districts.

You are also spending an average of 3.5 hours per day actually mapping.

In order to meet your timeline to deliberate and evaluate partisan fairness starting September 23 you will need to add three full days' worth of mapping to your schedule between now and then.

If you do not you will leave yourself only one or two days to review partisan fairness and make adjustments to 161 districts in order to meet your September 30th deadline.

I think Commissioners Lange and Szetela for raising this issue and request that this Commission support their proposals to add more times and days.

As a final note when you add more mapping sessions, please, please, please designate it to the Metro Detroit area.

Which thus far has not been given an equitable amount of time.

Thank you and I hope you keep the planning fallacy in mind as you continue your critical work.

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

Number three.

>> Good morning my name is Maria, I'm a resident here in Lansing and I am also active with labor Council for Latin American advancement Greater Lansing area chapter and with our chapter what we do is we go out and help the residents either give them information about voter registration and you know can we do voter education.

But my main concern is that we are around the City, we are around East Lansing, we have a hard time going to the Grand Ledge across Eaton County.

But I feel that they with the information that we can give will help them and it would help everybody else.

I'm asking you with this redistricting is to follow the Constitution.

Partisan fairness is more important than following City County lines and making compacting interests for the District.

The funny shapes are okay but we are not okay with the system that doesn't adequately represent the people.

We are asking this to take a look at this because there's a lot of opportunities for our neighboring towns, Townships, that can benefit for some of the events that are going around or insurance or any kind of information that would help a family member at home.

So with this I am asking for some of the District will be saved some won't but you don't have to take partnership in account.

You have to take in account how each individual districts affect the fairness of the whole map.

So that's what I'm asking if you would consider and review it carefully and think of everybody else not just one certain area.

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Thank you very much.

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

That concludes our last in person public comment so we will move 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.

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](mailto: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 Sing.

Please allow our staff to unmute you.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay we will move on to Doug Campbell.

>> Thank you for allowing me time to address the Commission.

I'd like to bring to the Commission's attention the all too often overlooked border county community.

Counties along the Ohio and Indiana borders share similarities that no other counties can relate to to the state boundaries.

Many residents on both sides of the state commute across the state line twice a day for work.

We deal with tax disparities unique to the daily life of our border county residents.

Recreation and leaser in this community is not restricted by the state boundary.

As many people shop, dine and enjoy outdoor areas in each state.

Most residents cross this line without a second thought because our community stretches across the state boundary.

Additionally across the southern border of Michigan individual counties often share resources, state police posts, union regions, hospital systems health departments environmental concerns infrastructure projects, broadcast media, print media and much more.

These counties also share economic interests relying heavily on agricultural unlike larger cities of the north of these counties.

Far too long a light communities have been divided for political reasons and I'm optimistic that you will decide to end this.

Finally and most extraordinarily in this time of hyper partisanship both republicans and democrats have given testimony supporting these border counties.

Communities.

For the most part I have been impressed with each of the Commissioners ability to put away party loyalty and work on behalf of communities.

I thank the border may be the most common sense decision for the Commission to make.

While I know the Commission has many difficult decisions ahead, I ask the Commission to forget about border counties and bipartisan support for the communities received.

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

Next is John Calhoun.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Our first participant has now joined the meeting if you would like to return to them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay let's return to sing.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Hello hi good morning to all of you this is Mr. Sing.

I sat on the board of API vote Michigan and been to a couple of events in person.

It's important and difficult task.

Commissioners I'm requesting like many others that have come before me that you consider expanding your current mapping schedules.

Vice Chair Rebecca urged the Commission to consider expanding the current schedules to include Fridays and Saturdays.

We are still waiting for your response.

We understand your concerns.

And to make it clear last Thursday that mapping Metro Detroit, Flint and Saginaw needs more time than one day.

How do you plan to complete this work to accommodate the communities of interest for 40% of state's published, please? I understand this is hard work and that your time but as the public watches and sees we notice that you're not on schedule.

Please explain how you expect to redraw the maps you have already drafted to consider all the area and continue to map Metro Detroit and the current counties.

Thank you.

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

All right we will go back to number three which was John Calhoun.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay we will move on to Bruce.

>> Am I on?

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

>> Great my name is Bruce Barlund from diamond Dale Michigan Eaton County. Ladies and gentlemen, Commissioners, thank you for being there for Michigan citizens. And communities of interest do matter.

Please when you are redistricting Michigan, I ask that you keep in mind the rural flavor of out state Michigan when compared Two Cities.

Rural life on the farm and in small towns of rural Michigan is much different than life in cities.

Likewise, the interests of the people of rural Michigan are much different than the interests of the people of bigger cities of Michigan.

Please keep the rural interest of out state Michigan in mind while drawing State Senate and House Districts.

Draw rural districts and draw City districts.

Please keep them separate.

As the people in rural Michigan have different interests than those people living in the cities of Michigan.

Thank you for listening.

How many farms are located in the City of Lansing? I don't think there is many.

I seldom go to Lansing events and cannot remember the last time I was in Lansing except for going to the capitol building.

Again, thank you very much.

I do hope y'all have a great day and keep the interest of rural Michigan in mind when you're drawing these districts.

Rural Michigan is important to Michigan.

And the country as a whole.

Thank you very much.

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

Next in line to address the Commission is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir but you are a little quiet.

>> Okay can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that is much better.

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

And just to point out with the prior speaker that my prediction is the way you're going to get this done is you already got it done.

You already got it done. And this is a self-imposed deadline so that you can say oh, look we didn't violate nothing.

You have to give the people the right to have informed consent for these votings.

And interesting, I believe that Commissioner Lett comments yesterday were disingenuous at best when he said there is a semblance of order here. Because yesterday as he then continued on to say well, hey, how are we going to vote here today? So you make it up different every meeting, that is what you folks are wanting to do. Just like the Netherlands do in the polar model.

And so what you did yesterday was you amended the rules of procedure in direct violation of the rules of procedure. Section 14.2 under amendments it says any amendment to the rules of procedures can be three days' notice. Add it to the agenda provided to the members three days before the meeting.

You didn't do that. Did it on the fly.

And then you just changed it again in the middle of the voting. That is what is wrong about this. And in Section 9 of voting the amended quorum rules in Section 11 is what? A quorum is you have to keep your statements germane to the meeting of the pending question. And now you got to remember this part, too, the Vice Chair, the part about facilitates discussion while it's under consideration.

So it's not under consideration until there is a motion seconding. So Commissioner Szetela of the attorney, in my personal opinion, is willfully and maliciously violating these rules of procedure and assigning the floor when there is no motion second pending.

It's very clear.

And now you've got the postings. You posted yesterday for this meeting.

You are trying to use the 18-hour rule. I got an e-mail back from Pastula. And she said that going by the 18-hour rule. Going by the law. Well, I just got off the phone of the clerk of the house of representatives which you are supposed to be posting at his office. And they are looking into it now. And they are going to give, he says, a written answer. You won't answer nothing. You folks just want to go to Court, don't you? And you will get it cleared in Court by somebody losing.

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

All right. Next in line is Anthony Skenell.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That participant is not currently present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Next is supervisor I believe it's Parone.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> I'm the Township supervisor for Bedford and Monroe County.

I can tell you we are more similar to Toledo than we are to Detroit Down River, Ann Arbor Ypsilanti.

Taylor at this point here, some of the interest, time is more to the border than the vastly different communities to the north. Shared infrastructure, unions, United Way, print, broadcast media.

For medical hospital systems, environmental concerns related to the Raisin Water. Watershed, Like Eerie. And our areas of municipal water, we are all part of the Toledo system.

As a leader in a border community, we deal with issues daily related to southern neighbors, property tax and income tax and sales tax and bottle deposit and shared fire protection are an example of some.

These issues are not shared by the 72 non-border counties, only the UP bordering Wisconsin also share these concerns. But based off the population in the UP, those counties will already have the same representation.

That's why the southern border County at areas deserves to have representatives attentive to the unique issues faced by border counties.

It's my understanding that districts need to be around 775,000.

So I included Jackson County as well.

I included Jackson County because I know they have multiple inter-governmental partnerships for Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties and have substantial industry that relies on other Interstate commerce and Ohio.

It's extremely important that we have local representation. And, you know, they are so involved.

I know our representative is at board meetings.

Is at events.

Is very tentative to all of our needs and gets extremely involved.

And so that is why I'm submitting what I have today, so thank you for your time.

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

Next in line is Jeffrey White.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the purposes of the public record that participant as well as the next two participants number nine and ten are not currently present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Nine and ten are not present. Okay, so we are going to move on to Robert Dindoffer.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> Thanks hi.

So yesterday I'm from the Lake St. Clair community of interest.

And yesterday I was absolutely elated when you all decided initially or were working on reflecting it in a State Senate District.

And I guess when they decided to break it up.

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And I wanted to, I guess point out that the reason you guys decided to break it up was it's to try to complete with the Voting Rights Act as least as I understood it.

And the bitter irony of it is that by breaking it up, the District you would have created with the east side of Detroit, East Point, Roseville and the remainder of Warren would have been a better VRA District.

I'll compare the two.

The District you created and the one that you would have created with what was left in the area from a VRA standpoint.

The one you created was majority white.

And only 36% Black voting age population.

The one you would have created out of Warren East Point Roseville and Detroit would have been majority minority.

Would have been 45.8% Black and 42.6% Black voting age population.

So ultimately what you did mistakenly and I hope you all will look at it.

Double check me and correct it please if you can.

Is you broke up a community of interest that's clearly defined Moon Duchin gave it a number and a name, A9.

There are a lot of us who have spoken up for this.

And you broke it up.

And unwittingly and mistakenly without looking at it made a worst VRA than you could have made and cracked the minority population in the area spreading them across two majority white districts.

I hope you look at it.

Thank you very much for your time.

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

Dr. Elizabeth Benyi.

>> Benyi.

Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, ma'am.

>> Thank you for allowing me to address the Commissioner I would like to thank the Commission for the hard work they are doing.

I know you are under a lot of pressure and a lot of people that are really getting in your face about a lot of stuff.

One of the main thing that I want to bring up is there were ranked criteria in this.

7 Rankings for how to address the maps.

The last item is Township, City and County lines.

That is the reason why it is last is to prevent things from happening like packing and cracking of populations.

It is very important that you keep this in mind when you are doing your districts.

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This may be one of the reasons why you are also in a time crunch for trying to draw districts for cities because it's just easier to pack the cities and major Townships in areas than to deal with having to make sure that you have equal populations with equal representation.

This is all about fairness.

And making voting districts as fair and equal as possible.

So that candidates who are running for office have got to speak to every person that lives in their District.

Not just their partisan people that they know they don't have to do anything in order to get reelected again.

So please keep the Rankings of how you do the Districting in mind because they were set up for a very important reason.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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

Now that the first opportunity for both in person and remote public comment has concluded without objection, we will look for individuals who want to provide a second two minute comment hearing no objection we will look for those seeking a second comment.

Individuals who would like to provide live remote commentary will be allowed to do so and follow the same process as the first round and the first in line for the second remote live public comment is Mr. Dindoffer again.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> Okay thanks.

I said most of what I wanted to say.

And I really appreciate you listening to me.

But one thing I wanted to say is I also notice that on in drawing VRA districts, there is one District that appears maybe where you got hemmed in on the west side of town of Detroit.

And so you've got one that seems pretty heavily packed.

I'm not an expert in that.

I'm just going off of kind of the what Dr. Handley's report said.

But I think you know maybe that is something to look at.

My main concern is you know if you can follow communities of interest and draw VRA districts without breaking up the COIs please do it that way.

And consider that you know there is more than one way to achieve a goal and you can probably achieve both at the same time.

Thank you very much.

Appreciate it.

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

All right that concludes our public comment for this morning I would like to mention all mailed and e-mailed comment is provided before the meeting and Commissioners review the public comment portal on [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC) website on a regular basis.

So we appreciate everyone who provides public comment and in whatever way you choose and invite you to share thoughts communities of interest and maps.

Next, I'd like to move on to unfinished business agenda item 5A and continue with the draft mapping of the State Senate districts but without objection before we begin this morning, I would like Mr. Brace from EDS to share a part of the software update to inform our mapping process.

There you are Mr. Brace.

You may proceed.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you all I'm coming to you from Chicago.

So I'm not in the state.

But paying attention to what you guys are doing most definitely.

I wanted to share with you two major pieces of information that we have now added into the system for your benefit.

And I'm going to show you a little bit about how you can operate that.

I'm also going to tell you that we had a meeting this morning with Wayne foster who is involved right now in looking at and setting up so that they can update your computers today so that you will be able to see all of this.

There is a lot of new information and new data for your benefit and so I wanted to go through that.

But it will be available to you on your own computers later on today.

So they will be contacting you, I think Sue is sending you can e-mails in terms of contacting them also.

So, with that, I'm going to share my screen.

And can you all see this screen?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, great.

Familiar screen to all of you.

We've gone over this a lot of times.

And so but I will show you some of the new pieces that are there and some new data that is being loaded into your systems also.

There's two main components that I wanted to talk to you about.

One is the data set that answers and gives you further information on the racially supported candidates that Lisa Handley talked about.

And what we have is we have several new tabs on your spreadsheet across the bottom. I have loaded in the plan that you guys were working on yesterday.

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Kent Stigall sent that to me as part of our ongoing effort to make sure it gets up on to the Commission's website every day.

So I've loaded that into here.

So it's current from what you guys did yesterday.

What is new now is across the bottom, if you go and move across the very bottom, after you get to what is called the 6A tab that you have seen before, there are now two new tabs.

One is called focused minority races and the other one is full minority races.

So what does that mean? Well, the focused minority races are a contest that Dr. Handley had identified as the major ones that she was using in evaluating some of the effectiveness of the past districts.

And looking at these contests that you see.

So what we have is we have information in terms of the Presidential contest of 2020 and 2012.

The U.S. Senate contest in 2020 and 2018.

The gubernatorial contest in 2018.

And the Secretary of State race in 2014.

All of these have a minority candidate in them.

We actually have updated the active matrix but I have not updated my screen so I apologize.

We are playing with the added capabilities of identifying which of these candidates are minority members.

And so that will be an additional designation.

We are experimenting with whether or not those candidates are italicized or bolded.

There is a couple different techniques.

And so we will unveil those and let you see that to get you additional information on who is the minority candidate.

Of course, we know that from the standpoint of the 2012 Presidential Barack Obama was certainly the minority candidate.

The Biden-Trump contest in 2020 is also included because of Biden's vice Presidential nominee.

As being a minority candidate.

So as we go into these other contests, some of the candidates are a little bit more amorphous that is why we are seeking to add additional ways of looking at those names and highlighting which ones are minorities.

You notice in the names they are following a traditional pattern of blue being the democratic candidate and red being the republican candidate.

So that's familiar.

But we are looking at changing the candidate names to be either bolded or italicized.

So that it gives you a little bit more information.

Now, those featured minority races are the ones that Lisa did the main highlighting of during her report.

But she also identified a much larger data set where there were more candidates that were minority candidates that we had identified.

And so in the full minority races, that is information that is shown there with more candidates going back to not only the U.S. Senate but previous U.S. Senate multiple gubernatorial contests, Attorney General and Secretary of State.

All of these are statewide contests.

And so you end up having the information that as you draw the information on these contests are showing up in the plan designation and the plan detail that you are just now drawing.

So as you draw and add territory to any particular District all of these numbers will now change to reflect that additional territory whether that territory is a single block or all the way up to a whole county and it's connected to all of the data items here across the bottom.

And Kent will show you in some of what he is doing today, you can highlight individual districts.

So if you are working on District 8 for example you can highlight District 8 and that becomes your current District.

So selecting select the District you are going to assign to.

By setting your target District.

So if we are going to highlight District 8 so that becomes your active District and you can end up showing just that current District, District 8.

So all of the information for just District 8 is showing if that is the one you are drawing with and drawing to.

So all of this information is here and available to you just as all the other racial categorizations.

That is important looking at creating a minority seat so all of the different ways of looking at minority and looking at minority figures is in there in the overview and of course you have the minority over all contest of total population and voting age population.

But the more detailed information is there in each of the individual tabs on that side.

So all of this information is there to help you in terms of as you are drawing minority seats.

And being able to see that from the standpoint of a lot of different data in the system.

I know Bruce will come on at some point in time to also talk about how they can be utilized but before he does, I just wanted to highlight one other piece of update that will be in the software when you get the updated software.

And that is new information that links in Moon Duchin's communities of interest information in a new way so that you can see where those are.

And I just wanted to highlight for you how that is done.  
That is done through the label, the layer manager tool.  
When you click on that, it brings up all the different layers that are there on your screen.  
And it also gives you the capability of adding another layer.  
So adding a shape file and that is what we will do.  
I will go and I've already added Moon's current shape file of the entire state but that identifying where that is and what Wayne will be doing for your systems that file will be in your data file.  
So when you look to add a shape file and it comes up with a familiar way of adding shape files and just clicking on that shape file.  
This is the one that I've added in already.  
But clicking on that, making sure it's in the file name and open, then it will show here across the bottom as in your layer manager.  
When it comes in you can go and make it visible.  
When it comes in, this is the entire state file that Moon has generated.  
Which shows all of the territories and all of the communities of interest.  
So how do we avoid this big spaghetti mess? That is done through feature selector.  
And when you click on that, it will bounce open a new view or a new box for you.  
This is the key that lets you manipulate around four of the files that are dealing with communities of interest.  
Again you get that through feature selector but the file itself needs to be highlighted in this layer manager.  
If it's highlighted and feature selector is hit, then you get this view.  
What it does is lets us look at all of the data that is in the system that is both generated by us to add to Moon's file as well as some of the information that she has in her own file.  
This data is what is also on Moon's website.  
I will show you how to get to there.  
But one of the key things you will want to do at the very beginning is there is a fourth data item is portal underscore URL.  
When you click on that, it shows you in the attribute box where the URL is to go on Moon's site.  
What you want to do is you want to highlight the portal URL and set the field that link feel as the current field you want to be doing.  
And that should then populate in the lower left hand portion of this box.  
The field or the attribute which in this instance is portal URL.  
When you do that, then you can end up using this web link.  
So if we wanted to look at say for example, and I'm just picking a random one, if we highlight this one and we go to web link, what happens is that on your URL and of course I'm just showing the one piece that doesn't show the other.

I'm not showing the overall screen.

But it should bring up your web or your browser window.

And the browser window is then set to and let me I'm just going to stop share and bring up the browser window.

So you can see that then the browser window is going to the specific URL and the specific COI in Moon's website so that you will be able to in investigating this URL in this particular COI as well as cluster COI you will be able to see what is on Moon's website for that specific COI communities of interest.

Let me bounce back into the application on that side.

What you can do is you can highlight multiple attributes or multiple COIs.

And when you do the link to there, it will show both of those together but it will also if you double click on the particular COI it will Zoom to that COI so that you can see where that is.

One of the keys here is that "Yes" it's showing that particular one with everybody else but in the box that's there on the top of this overall box is a way to turn on or off additional COIs around the one that you're highlighting.

So by clicking on that, you see it's only highlighting the COI that is in question right now. And that you're looking at.

Again.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. Brace.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Brace can I interrupt for a question from Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> KIM BRACE: Absolutely.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Did you go to a different -- because the what you zoomed to is not what we were looking at at the Moon Duchin's portal so was it a different link or did you click on a different link maybe.

>> KIM BRACE: When I double clicked the link, it flipped to on the browser, I came off of the browser and went back into the application, okay? And so, yes, I'm going to a different, I selected a different one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay but by double clicking whichever one you want you can do to that particular COI.

And so by double clicking that COI, in this one here, it will Zoom to that particular COI in the application, okay?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: So there is two different Zoom mechanisms going on.

One is within the application going to see where that COI is in the application.

And whether or not you want it to be all the COIs or just the one you've clicked on.

Again, that check box there.

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And in order to get information, you need to make sure that you're set link field is set to the portal URL and then when you do web link, that's the one that goes to Moon's site, okay? You can also navigate the information that's there in the data set.

And so you can look at all of this information and for example here is the clusters that Moon has so that is the clusters of the COIs.

And you can end up Zooming to that one so that particular one, B2, is this whole area of the state.

So you can end up going to individual clusters I mean sorry individual COIs or the clusters through that cluster field.

There is other attributes in here that you can make use of.

So if you want to look at, for example, if you want to look at where -- what is the total population of these, so if I select that, total population, you can also sort these.

So these two buttons on the far right underneath web link is the capability of sorting all of those in this instance COIs based on total population there.

I just did.

And so that's the highest populated COI in the state from Moon's data set.

Or the lowest.

There is the lowest down there at the bottom.

So the sort of capability is there as looking at any of these.

Now, besides population, you have population for the race categorizations.

Again, in the data set, these are the alone races.

Or the combo races depending upon the multiple race categorizations that I've gone over with you before.

Also in the system is the voting age population.

Now these are numbers for the particular COI.

So when we get a file from Moon, we process it and generate all these numbers in the new COI file.

And what is also there is the percent for the minority or the percent for the individual race groups.

So if you wanted to look at where is the highest African/American.

This is population non-Hispanic Black BL you can end up high lighting that and then you can end up sorting on that, that one through the highest COI is 71%

African/American on that one.

And if you wanted to see where that is all you have to do is double click on that.

And it will bounce you to that COI.

In the application, in the arc Autobound application.

So this is now a real convenient way for you as you're looking at this and as you are in discussions or at your home when you're working on your own plan ID you can end up going and seeing the individual COIs and the individual information on those COIs.

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And, again, by using that web link, you can go back and bring up Moon's website as the browser piece.

That all as I said is in layer manager.

And have bringing in Moon's COI file.

And the feature selector.

Brings you that particular menu right there.

It is a real powerful additional tool for you.

So that you can end up seeing a lot of different things and start coordinating between them on that side.

So the COIs are now there.

And they will be -- this is a new part of the software itself.

So it is what is now version 2.3 of the software.

And all of this capability is with the COIs are now in there with what Fred has been able to generate.

And so the COI information is what you will now have as well as, if I can go ahead and close that, dismiss this, as well as the minority race contest.

And the results of those as to be used while you're drawing.

Now, I know Bruce will be coming on board to talk about how you could make use of that, but basically what you're looking at is what is the vote for the individual candidates, so if I go up to that tab, the featured minority race, what you're looking for is what kind of voting pattern was for the minority candidate.

And if in this District 8 that I had highlighted before, you see that indeed Biden carried that contest there.

Obama carried it with 87%.

Peters carried it with 82%.

By looking at all of this information, you can begin seeing whether or not the candidate of choice and who was the candidate of choice, whether or not they were carrying the District.

And as Lisa reported to you, that is part of the key as you are drawing whether or not this is an effective District on that side.

Again, you see it with the focused minority groups as well as the full minority groups.

I think Bruce probably has additional comments for you on that side of how else you might be able to utilize, so I want to turn it over to Bruce.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel did you have a comment? Go ahead Mr. Adelson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Good morning, everyone.

I regret the darkened quality of where I am.

I'm not in my office and I think this particular hotel room goes for the like spy vibe.

At least as far as brightness and lightness.

But let me talk to you a little bit about the what Kim has presented.

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And give some overall thoughts.

Very happy to see this information and I want to explain a little bit about it what to look at, why it's there but as before going to that I want to address just a couple comments in general.

As you know, the entire State of Michigan is covered but I the Voting Rights Act. And descriptions of districts is VRA districts and otherwise can be somewhat misleading because the Voting Rights Act District impacts every District.

Yes, there are or will be districts particularly the ones you are doing now where the Voting Rights Acts comes into play more because of the level of minority population but I think that distinction is very important whether you live in the UP, Detroit, Muskegon, Grand Rapids it doesn't matter.

Voting Rights Act covers the entire state.

But let's talk a little bit about the election information.

One of the things that I would strongly advise and something that we will be talking a lot about over the next couple weeks is really study and internalize.

Lisa Handley's, Dr. Handley's PowerPoint.

She did an excellent job of presenting the information in a very clear way.

In particular and if you don't mind if I could share my screen and just highlight part of her PowerPoint.

I think this slide is to me I have read the reading her PowerPoint virtually every day for the last few weeks.

And I think that where there are a lot of people and a lot of discussion about weirdly shaped districts and gerrymanders.

And without using specific labels here I really would commend you to look at the map on the right of the State Senate districts.

And look at District 5 and look at District 2 in particular.

Just look at those shapes.

And ask yourselves and you will see this as you are actively mapping, why are they shaped that way? And if you look at the minority populations in those districts, you can draw your conclusions as Lisa did that, they are likely packed.

Packing means adding or including additional minority voters typically the ones needed to elect what we call candidates of choice.

Of minority community under the Voting Rights Act.

So just look at those shapes.

And I know that you have been studious in your mapping to be aware of the configurations not only geographic that we are talking about, but as you are looking at these Detroit area districts, one of the significant goals for Voting Rights Act compliance and indeed compliance with the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution is to unpack districts that are packed.

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Why do you do that? Well one way is to go into areas that you may not have thought about before.

Whether they are crossing County boundaries, going north, northeast, west, there is no one answer.

And even looking at the precincts and the Townships that are included on this map in the lower right, look at the districts that are 45.1, 45.1-50% African/American, 40.1-45. There are areas in this jurisdiction whether it's Wayne County, the adjoining counties of the City of Detroit and it's contiguous municipalities and cities that have varying populations.

So that's one of the keys to beginning the process of unpacking districts.

Let's look now I also wanted to highlight, I know you are working on the Senate districts. And I commend you to look at Dr. Handley's chart.

The top five 12345, the top five districts that are listed on the top.

Look at the percentage, the Black voting age population.

And then look at the right at the percent of the vote.

As Dr. Handley highlighted when you're electing people with 77% of the votes, 75 percent of the vote, that immediately ticks a box in my head and makes me wonder well is that District packed? Because if you look at all the political fairness evaluations, typically when you have such high numbers of support, that may indicate that there are that there has been packing.

And I'm focusing on packing as it's defined by the Supreme Court regarding minority populations.

So look at the percentages here, Black VAP and percent of the vote and you kind of get a sense of to highlight in a real way and again going back to the vitality of Dr. Handley's PowerPoint how the districts are created and how many people from which backgrounds are included.

Then also as you're looking at the contiguous Counties and looking at Wayne and looking at Oakland, look at the columns that Dr. Handley has on the right about the percent of the vote needed to elect candidates of choice.

And I want to use that phrase.

Instead of minority candidate, Black candidate, the Voting Rights Act in the courts talk about candidates of choice.

Candidates of choice of the minority community of minority voters.

So the elections that Kim talked about which I want to go to in a minute high light these candidates of choice.

So again please focus on these on her PowerPoint.

There is a lot of really good information to guide you.

And what I would suggest in moving forward in the areas where you are now, typically aim for Black populations in the roughly 40-45% range.

It's a rough estimate.

If you are getting going into the majority range, that is something we can actively talk about when I'm with you for all of your hearings next week and the week after for religious observance and think about that and remember that the aim, the requirement of the law is to avoid packing minorities into districts above and beyond the percentage at which analysis is determined they need to elect candidates of choice.

Kim, could you, I'm going to unshare this.

>> KIM BRACE: Bruce, before you unshare, I think it's also important if you go up in her slides to the % African/American slide.

Keep on going up.

Because I think it's important for the Commission, no, this is the one that has got the maps up there.

That she had at towards the beginning.

That one right there.

I think it's important for everybody to kind of pay attention to this.

Bruce is highlighting the districts and what they're minority percentages are but it's also important to see where the minorities are.

And you see in this map where there is territory that you can do to to start to unpack that Bruce is talking about.

By going across the border into Oakland and Macomb, you can start unpacking these larger districts right there on the border.

That's the way you can unpack them and most importantly you're tracking where the minority population is.

You see that in these maps.

And so that's the important thing.

So I just wanted to add that, Bruce.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Appreciate that Kim and I think that is a good point and I'm going to you know lawyer that additionally when in looking at the elections. But I also have to stress here too that please be careful in the use where there is packing, cracking and terminology and unpacking, those of course have legal connotations.

I really do appreciate Kim's highlighting where the populations are.

But of course like many things, that's only part of the story.

Let's get to the other part.

Kim, would you do me a favor please and put up what you had before so I can see and highlight for the Commissioners the tab about the elections?

>> KIM BRACE: Yep, indeed.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Let me share that with you and turn off just the current District and show all districts.

And so, again, by looking over on either the focused or the full one, you get the what districts there are.

And the results of the voting.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you, Kim.

And I think that is really important but let's talk about why they are important.

The Voting Rights Act preserves, protects the rights of minority voters to elect their candidates of choice when they have sufficient population to elect candidates of choice. These are elections that Dr. Handley has analyzed and she and I discussed them during our analysis.

As you know she is analyzing other elections but these are bellwether elections statewide elections and get a real sense of how the state voted.

But what is key here is in addition to understanding the racial components as you move forward, it's important to look at how these preferred candidates of choice who are identified in Dr. Handley's PowerPoint and I can certainly talk about if you have any questions about them today, how they performed in given districts.

So one of the best examples without identifying any particular area, if you have a -- if you are working on a District that has like let's say 48% Black population and you have worked to unpack the District or unpack an area from how it's been configured in the past, we want to preserve the opportunity to elect of that minority group.

But let's say you in exploring where to include population.

You move into an area where looking at these bellwether elections and let's just look at in 2018, just as a choice, Stabenow versus James U.S. Senator rate Dr. Handley said Stabenow was the candidate of choice of the Black community.

So let's say in a given District you're showing that Stabenow received 90% of the vote and James received 10%.

Well that may indicate that that particular area has a very large portion, and looking at this particular where you are in Dr. Handley's analysis Black population.

Now that 90% is not necessary according to Dr. Handley's analysis to elect candidates of choice.

So let's say you put that area into the District you're working on.

Well, that may indicate that you are including more Black voters than the Voting Rights Act and Dr. Handley provide for to protect their opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

Now let's go in the other direction.

So let's say again with my hypothetical example you have 48% Black population.

Then you expand into an area where the looking at the James Stabenow bellwether result, Kim's data pulls up that James received 85% of the vote.

And let's say Stabenow received 10% of the remainder going to a third-party candidate.

So what is that telling me? We already have established Dr. Handley established that there is racial bloc voting, meaning that there are differences between white voters and Black voters based on her analysis and their candidates of choice.

So if I'm seeing an area where James received 85%, that is telling me this area does not support the candidates of choice of Black voters.

So that if this is added to the District, that could dilute or weaken, impair Black voters opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

So my advice would be let's look for a different area where the result is not so skewed where you have more potential white cross over voters.

Of which there is a substantial number based on Dr. Handley's analysis.

Who will align with Black voters.

To support in most circumstances candidates of choice.

That's the key.

That's why these results one of the reasons these results are here.

That's why election results similar to this were so absolutely required, beneficial and necessary and illustrative in Arizona ten years ago.

We would look at just what we are talking about and say wow this group, this population according to these election results doesn't support the same candidates of choice of the relevant minority population.

So perhaps that we might go at a different direction.

So that's why these elections are results are absolute.

You cannot do what you're doing, what you need to do without having them.

So you can see in addition to the racial composition how these areas voted.

Because that's of course what we are talking about.

It's the Voting Rights Act.

It's protecting the opportunity to elect of minority voters.

So there will be varying results.

Dr. Handley has a lot of different results to look at.

I don't want -- you know my suggestion is that not all election results will have the same result.

And if you have, you're looking at eight elections.

If 7 of 8 indicate support for the minority candidates of choice, that's pretty good.

You don't need 8 out of 8 elections.

For me to be comfortable I'd certainly have to be a majority of elections.

Where there is white cross over support for the candidate of choice in the minority community with the minority candidate of choice is winning.

So the description here in Kim's software about focus minority versus full minority you know I think that my thought is that I would look at as many of these, if not all the elections.

But as many of them as you can to get a sense of who voted for whom.

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Who is supported, the minority candidate of choice win, that's the key.

Because you don't want to create a District where you're starting out with hypothetically 48% of the Black vote and then as you add different areas, that comes down to 40%, 39%.

Because that suggests of additional polarization.

That may indicate dilution of minority voting strengths and weakening their opportunity to elect.

In a nutshell that is how you use these elections.

Use them actively as you have been using minority population for example to get a feel for how these areas voted in these past elections.

This is an active required part of mapping in these and other communities with significant minority populations.

But this gives you the information that you need.

And as you know, the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act is the number one criteria.

So that impacts many other parts of your constitutional criteria.

And that's going to involve crossing County lines, crossing municipal lines, crossing City lines.

Because there is that is just how the system is structured.

That is the unavoid number one priority.

So really happy to see the results are here.

That's a very important, necessary tool for you.

I know that we will be talking an awful lot about this as you know.

I welcome a lot of questions and comments.

And particularly when I have the opportunity next week and the week after to be with you in person for all your meetings that we have some real active, wholesome discussions about where to go, what to do and how to apply these specific elections.

So that's really what I wanted to do with this threshold today.

Can I answer anybody's question?

>> KIM BRACE: I guess Bruce I would add one more thing to what you said.

And highlight in particular what I've done is show on the screen these are the two districts that were drawn yesterday by the Commission.

And if you look down for example in District 7 that you drew, that was the Grosse Pointe area, you see in the election results that indeed the minority candidate and those supported by the minority candidates carried that District, District 7 with the white cross over.

Obviously, whites were voting much more on the republican side.

But there was sufficient cross over there so that that District 7 ends up showing that it is still producing a minority candidate of choice.

You can see that also in what's happening in what was drawn yesterday.

In District 8.

And that certainly that is a much stronger African/American community.

But you can see the results of that on the individual line that the candidates were getting very, very large percentages there.

So that's the way that Bruce is talking about in terms of utilizing this data and watching it as you're drawing.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I appreciate that additional information Kim.

And I tend to be cautious with election results in the sense if I'm seeing a lot of like 49, 51, 50/50, election results I'm probably going to want to build in a little leeway to protect that opportunity to elect but to Kim's point in some elections in District 7 are close and just looking very quickly it seems to me that the minority candidate of choice prevailed not all the time but at least in the ones I'm looking at, most of the time.

And I think that is certainly absolute.

It can't be less than a majority of the time.

Having you know again using eight elections as a guide I like to -- my cautious nature would suggest seeing six of eight as supporting the minority candidate of choice.

But again that is just more my caution, risk avoidance, compliance outlook to this.

The courts don't say you have to have six of eight for example.

But don't assume that there must always be the same.

But look at the percentages.

If you look at District 8 at the Peters James race in 2020 that is 82% for Peters and almost 18% for James.

That suggested without looking at the racial composition that this has -- this District has more Black population than District 7.

I don't know offhand what the population is.

But that may suggest that maybe District 8 has minority population that can be moved into another District.

So these are all active dynamic criteria.

And as you look at the election results more, you will get more of a sense of how what percentages to look for.

If you are looking at 80% across the board support for one candidate that may mean the minority population is higher than it could be for example.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom did you still have a comment or question? Okay all right any additional comments or questions? And Commissioner Lange I don't see you on my screen right now so if you have a question please verbally indicate.

All right, if there is no further questions, I think we can move back to our mapping process at this point and I know we are all going to get those updates later today.

Hopefully we can all get them installed so we can start looking at some of that data we have available to us.

So we left off yesterday on the mapping process with Commissioner Eid.

And it does not appear he is here.

So we will move on back to our continuing process of mapping to Commission Kellom.

Sorry so Commissioner Eid is where we left off.

I'm sorry go ahead Commissioner Clark and then Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was just going to mention that we skipped Commissioner Curry to go to Eid and we should come back when she comes back in the room.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She is right there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You're up Commissioner Curry.

Do you want to come over here and direct the mapping? No.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will bring up the plan and you can direct me where to look so to be clear all of the information that Kim just described and Bruce Adelson talked about is available in the program.

I updated it and have all of the information we can reference the communities of interest, the election results that Kim and Bruce reference all that is here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Kent will be assisting with the questions and he has a comment to start.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to remind John 3 and 21 are undone. They working in this area in the last-minute and this is unassigned so I just like to point that out.

And that's where they were last.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, that is what I see.

I see there is two districts that are completely undrawn, District one and two.

And then District three is overpopulated by 14%.

And District 21 is under by 40 and there is a third District 15 that is undrawn so three undrawn districts available or you can look at adjusting those that you wanted to finish previously three or 21 or go in a different direction.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm sorry John I was trying to keep the phone from making noise and it's a new phone so I couldn't work it right any how can you repeat that, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: So we have many, many districts in the plan as it's drawn. It's been coming together as you have been drawing around the state. So there are one, two, three districts that are not drawn at all and then there are two districts 21 and 3 that are out of population alignment by quite a bit. They are 21 and 3 here, 3 is Kalamazoo area. And then the District 21 is under by 60%. Sorry under by 41%.

So this area if even if you tried to align these two districts, you would still be out of balance by about 25%.

So there is going to be an issue with connecting these districts.

So do you want to draw in the Kalamazoo area or back in the Metro Detroit area? What would you like to do?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can I possibly we are not going up to Flint yet right.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can I? Because Detroit is pretty well drawn for the part that I know.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you can start fresh because we have three districts that are undrawn.

So for your portion of this plan if you just want to start with a new District, there is a District drawn in the Flint area it's here height, it's number four so it's all the City of Flint and then some surrounding Townships so you can work with this population here that is not -- does not have a color theme on it.

All that population is unassigned and there is roughly three or two and some population available.

So you have a portion of Macomb I think here.

And a portion of Oakland here.

And then you have a good portion of Genesee as well.

And then Saginaw and Midland and Bay are also undrawn.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, this portion.

>> MR. MORGAN: So yeah, there is this northern portion of Macomb is undrawn. Northern portion of Oakland County.

None of Lapeer and there is some Genesee and then Saginaw and Bay.

So kind of depends if you want to start a completely new District, pick a place that you would like to start and then we will work on it from there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, let's kind of start right here at Macomb then.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay let's see again this area here that I'm tracing with the mouse, that's the area that is unassigned.

Has not been put in a District of Macomb County and then I can put the names of the Townships on.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Would you, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: So there is Shelby is a large Township but a good portion of it has already been assigned to this District 5.

You have Lenox unassigned Washington is unassigned you can see where the boundary is between assigned and unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay then I need how much what is the population?

>> MR. MORGAN: So for a new District at this point I would probably select District 2 as a starting District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you know you are probably if you followed this portion, you probably would take all of that and still need more population.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay so let's take that first.

Let's take all of that first.

>> MR. MORGAN: The balance of Macomb County is what you are suggesting.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, and what kind of color? Let's see what color I can use so I can kind of keep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure let me change the color for you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

Kind of a loud color.

Is that red right down there?

>> MR. MORGAN: How is that? Is that okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, that is pretty good I can see what I'm looking at.

>> MR. MORGAN: All of this population here is only 68,000 then I will put in the rest of Shelby Township that is unassigned?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, would you please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Never heard of it before.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is all of this area here is now in the District.

And that is 113,000.

So you have this portion is available in Oakland or if you wanted to interrupt previously drawn districts you of course could do that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No I don't want to interrupt any previously drawn.

What is that little block right there?

>> MR. MORGAN: So here is the consideration.

This previously drawn District 25 did not take the town of Memphis in.

So this Memphis is a town that has a portion in one County and a portion in another and it looks like the map drawers here left all of the town, the village rather of Memphis for potential inclusion in this District.

So you probably would take this here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, give me that.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so now I'm just Zooming out so you see this so you have taken the balance of Macomb County and then the village of Memphis and then you have 114,000 out of 265 is the ideal District.

So for example, you could disrupt an adjacent District to finish your District or you could take unassigned population.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Give me the unassigned population to the left, to the west of that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so again these are Townships here that are in Oakland County.

And then to the north you have the entire County of Lapeer.

So you want to do with Oakland?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How big is the entire County of Lapeer?

>> MR. MORGAN: Lapeer is about 68,000 just from memory.

Let me look at that.

Sorry it's more than that 88,000.

So if you took all of that and then the balance of Oakland it might be close but you might want to start with some Oakland Townships first because of where it is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, give me the Oakland Townships first.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so again I'll just look at the population here.

So it's 6200, 22000, 38,000, 15,000.

And then over here is about 6,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Probably have to give me all that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Probably all of it.

So let's take them one at a time.

So that is Addison and that added 6,000 people.

The next one is Oxford.

22000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: All right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Orion is 38,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so now you're at 181,000, so you still need 83,000.

So one thing to consider you just asked me the population of Lapeer which was 88,000.

If you took the entire County that would put you over population by a little bit.

And these would be unassigned.

Or you could finish assigning these and take a portion of Lapeer or another County.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let me see how that looks, not the one that is unassigned but the other one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want the additional Townships in Oakland or Lapeer? We will finish Lapeer.

Independence there is three voting precincts of independence so I will include those next.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And if anybody feels like malingering me out or adding something to it let me know.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is Brandon and Grove land those are the remaining two Townships, that will add about 20,000 and you need 74,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Wow that only adds 20,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right so now we will show what you've got here.

So I've got the northern portion of Macomb this northern portion of Oakland, so now to finish your direction you could use unassigned populations in Lapeer.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let me do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or you also have Genesee or you could take from another District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's go up to blocks over, let's go up right here. You can't see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so again this is a larger Township over here in Genesee is 8,000.

And then each of these are 4, 4, 4800 and 69.

These are all the lower tier.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Give me those, John, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that will give you about 20,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And I need.

>> MR. MORGAN: You need 70, I think.

So now you need 30,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's go up.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you will come up to.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Lapeer.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or you can also look at the Genesee Townships of Atlas and Davidson which are close to what you need population wise.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's do the ones that is close to where it needs to be.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Atlas and Davidson.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Help me out.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take these two here and I think it will get you pretty close to your total.

>> MR. MORGAN: Atlas and Davidson then you have Davidson City.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What do you think?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: You are in charge.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Genesee and Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry Bruce has a question so I was going to pop to him real quick for a comment on what you are doing.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Madam Chair and excuse me interruption. I think it's really important and although I mean I'm familiar with the data in the area for example in Genesee County and with Burton and Grand Blanc but I think it's really important as a not only for purposes of creating a record but also for potential compliance issues that when you're looking in Genesee County, Oakland County, that there is an additional consideration for looking at the racial compositions of the areas

that you're looking at and then also looking at if there is a significant minority population to look at the election results.

So I think that that has to be included in the real time, how we go about dealing with these districts approach.

Now I think that the areas that Commissioner Curry is looking at to me as she has been adding portions to her District seem to be majority white.

So they don't necessarily implicate issues of minority voting, protecting minority voting strength.

But I would suggest just as a way to kind of change the dynamic. If you are getting into Genesee, Saginaw, Oakland, Wayne certainly and Macomb too, that these additional factors need to start being considered so that we are not in a position where we are Districting and we are either locking out or minimizing or not taking into account relevant minority populations.

Again I don't think that is happening now.

Because of where we are.

But I wanted to flag that as something to look at going forward.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you, Bruce.

Let's go where Lapeer.

>> MR. MORGAN: What I was going to say if you wanted to, we can look at that.

I would click in that area and you could see what the composition is.

So the quick way to do this I could use the information tool but instead since we have a District available, I'll just put these three communities into one hypothetical District that will capture that population.

And you can then look at it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay that would be good.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we are looking at Davidson Township, Davidson village and then here is Atlas.

I'm sorry is it Atlas?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so those areas together as a group are voting age population is 3% non-Hispanic Black.

About 3% Hispanic.

And then the total minority composition voting age is about 11%.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What was the Black African?

>> MR. MORGAN: African/American non-Hispanic up here on the deposition -- demographics but it's about 3%.

It seems to be relatively low minority population.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: You can check in this area to see.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay just kind of take that back out, unassign that and let's go to that Lapeer and what is that? I can't even read this Elba.

What is that? Attica.

What is that? Imlay.

I can't see.

I need glasses.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Where are your glasses?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I need some new ones.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We know that too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's also nothing in Michigan is pronounced the way you think like it's lake Orion not Orion.

>> MR. MORGAN: And Milan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Davidson there is no D in it it's Davidson.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right so we will look at these Townships here, still needing about 32000.

So the six, 10, 15, 24.

This will be pretty close to what you need.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's do that, John, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you will have to look at the border of the City of Lapeer because sometimes there might be a dis-contiguity created by this.

And I need to undo that.

One moment.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Almost got the population together but we have to look at the contiguity.

So if I go with all that, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just a second.

>> MR. MORGAN: I have to put it in the correct District then it will show you how close you are on the population.

It should be pretty close.

So you're within 1% deviation.

And that's only 1300 under and I'm just going to look at Lapeer and just you can see it looks like the village boundary here is contiguous.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it appears that way and then at any time if you or other Commissioners want me to run the contiguity check I can also do that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, I think that will be pretty good.

Yeah, it looks good.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is the.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That little thing up there, what is that, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: Are you looking here? Mayfield.  
Yes, Mayfield the next Township has 7900 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We will leave it out, yeah.  
Okay I kind of like the way that looks what about you all Commissioners? Kind of like it? Okay, let's leave it like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Department of State staff do you have some questions for Commissioner Curry?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I do.  
And Commissioner Curry and as well as any other Commissioners that pitched in to help craft this District feel free to provide input.  
My first question is: Commissioner Curry why did you start where you started? And include the areas that you did for this District?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well, I started where I started because it was really unassigned.  
And I just wanted to go to an area that was had not been used.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Any other thoughts there from other Commissioners who assisted?  
>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well we are dealing with areas that we still have to draw maps in.

And that was a number one a logical place to start.  
And, number two, it appeared, it appears to be an area with similar communities of interest in them.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Excellent thank you that was my next question.  
Can you elaborate a little bit on what particular COIs were considered here?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You are speaking with me, right?  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yeah, you or any other Commissioner who assisted are welcome to respond.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothorn did you have a comment.  
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It does look like a suburban and sort of outer, the community seems to be a suburban primarily and ex urban community.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay is that sufficient?  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That is thank you very much.  
>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark did you have something to add?  
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, I was going to say that it's the same logic basically that we used in District 25.

When we started from 26 mile or where it becomes more rural below 26 mile is more industrial and over in Macomb County.  
And as we move further north it's small towns and rural area mostly until we get up to Lapeer.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, we will at this point move on to we have 15 minutes before we have to break for the lunch.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you everyone

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Commissioner Curry.

Commissioner Kellom do you want to get started on your District?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Where would you like to work? Would you like to continue in this area? Or move to a different area?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, yeah, I know.

>> MR. MORGAN: As far as I can tell there are approximately two districts left in the area that is unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So there is that route and we have 15 minutes but I'm also thinking about utilizing Bruce to look at the Metro Detroit area and kind of unpack.

I know that can't happen in 15 minutes but we have him and I would really like his expertise on that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Bruce are you with us all day today?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm with you most of the day.

I'm with you until continuously until 3:00 and then after that there are going to be some breaks, I will have to take.

And then I will be logging off at 7:00.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, John, so I would like to go to the Metro Detroit area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Understanding that I have no real initial idea.

I just know that it's an area we need to examine.

So I'm going to be the guinea pig.

Okay Bruce help me understand this.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm with you.

Which District do you want to go to 8 or 7?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's go to lucky 7, come on Bruce, we can do it.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You play this number and win the lottery we are splitting it.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this District 7 I think this was mentioned, this area was mentioned in one of the public comments this morning if I'm not mistaken.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, it was.

>> MR. MORGAN: It has the Grosse Pointes and mount Clemens.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I could make a quick over all comment in looking at District 7 let's look at the minority population 36 percent Black, 57% white so a couple questions that I have is, is there a looking at the election results, is there a potential to increase the Black population slightly? How is the white population in the areas where they are included in this District? How do they vote in the bellwether elections? Are they cross over voters who support minority candidates of choice? I think those are threshold questions when we are certainly in the Detroit area.

But in other places too like Flint for example.

But just to look at that, to see, okay, can we increase the Black population for example? Is the white population, does that, is there cross over supports so Commissioner Kellom those would be thoughts I would have just at the threshold to be thinking about.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Did you say there is more Black population to be pulled in and what were the other I think you said two more things.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: White population in the precincts that are majority white do they support the candidates of choice of the Black community? Is there enough white cross over support combined with the Black voting population to elect candidates of choice? So in the Detroit area generally I think that's important.

But in just looking at these numbers, I think those should always stand out as wow, okay, we will do the white voters support candidates of choice.

And can we push up the Black population a little bit? Because remember Dr. Handley's analysis there is good general white cross over support in Wayne County.

But 36% is like close to the line and yeah as I said I always like to be cautious and not do it exactly 35%, 36% right on the nose.

I like to build in a little bit of a cushion.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kind of.

I'm not completely tracking.

I get what the ideal goal is.

It's just the how and then of course me being familiar with the area.

So yeah, I'm still not completely sure how I want to necessarily start.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure, I understand that.

I certainly rely on and defer to your area of familiarity in greater Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett may have some insights.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You can give input and don't have to ask.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't know about insight but taking off what Bruce said we need John to pull up the voting percentages that are not along the bottom.

So that you can see who is doing what in District 7.

>> MR. MORGAN: I isolated just District 7 and this is the overview tab.

And you wanted me to look at the voting results.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so these are all of the results here for this District. And keep in mind while Bruce was talking about how you know he was considering how does the white population vote? At this moment what we are looking at is the total District.

So it does not show you immediately what the white population is, how it is voting but it shows you how this District as it's drawn votes.

So it's not separating out that in the way that Bruce was describing.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do we have that?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we actually get what we need to look at.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's look at the political election results here and then you can see this is the one for the full minority races.

I will walk through and you can look at percentages here.

So you have this District 7 as drawn is 63% for Biden.

37 for Trump in 2020.

The other Presidential elections are Clinton 62.

Trump about 38.

Obama is 66.

Romney is about 34.

And now these are the Senate races.

Peters at 62.

James at 37.

Stabenow 62.

James 37.

Peters 66, land 33.

And then in 2012 you have Stabenow 72.

Hoekstra is 28.

Then for the Governor's election 63 for Whitmer.

36 for Schuette.

For 2014.

You have shower 55.

Snyder 45.

For Attorney General you have Nessel 61, Leonard 38.

And then in 2014 Totten, 56, Schuette is 44.

For Secretary of State Benson 68.

Lange 36.

Sorry Benson 63.

Lang 36.

Then Dillard 53, Johnson 46.

So those I just read all those.

You can you know look at some in more detail.

And again we will just backtrack a little bit to some of the demographic and racial information here.

Let's see, in the top level here.

In the overview.

So add the minority composition of this District as it stands is and I think Bruce pointed this out it's 36% non-Hispanic voting age African/American.

2% Hispanic.

And then the non-Hispanic white of the whole District is 57% but you also see that in those key political races, those election results that Bruce was talking about, I think you would say that the minority candidate of choice wins all of those contests.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, John I think that is true.

I think what we don't have is like for example is I don't know what the racial composition is offhand of the village of Grosse Pointe shores for example.

Is let's say that is in that area there is a significant majority white population that does not support candidates of choice again just using that as an example, are there communities to the west that maybe part of District 8? That are more supportive of candidates of choice.

Again, I'm just throwing out ideas.

I think that the while the District, yes, it is a 47% minority District, but the population to focus on is the Black population.

And other minority groups are pretty small and we don't have information about whether they -- their voting preferences align with the Black population.

So the key numbers here are 39% over all Black population, 36 percent Black voting age population.

And my thought is that I agree that the bellwether elections that were shown on the screen all the candidates of choice of the Black community were elected.

And the margins were pretty good.

So it does suggest there is significant cross over support here.

And as I said I tend to be cautious and you know if it's possible to have greater population assuming there is a population out there that is not supporting candidates of choice, to reverse that.

But I don't really see Commissioner Kellom in the way the District is configured, I don't know where you could go beyond moving west because I wouldn't suggest going north. And there is not really no place to go-going east.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was feeling stuck that is why I was kind of assessing, that is what I meant by not knowing where to begin.

So I cut you off and before we call on another Commissioner, I want you to finish.

>> MR. MORGAN: My suggestion would be to explore a little bit to the west and get some information about the racial composition of the village of Grosse Pointe, St. Clair

shores for example and to in order to fortify the District and pick up additional populations that support candidates of choice.

Because again in thinking about this too that is a ten-year plan.

So we don't know in eight years what the population is going to be.

The voting age population Black population is like pretty close to the line.

What if that drops? How does that impact the remaining population as far as supporting candidates of choice? So I think that that's something in redistricting that is not looked at enough.

It's a ten-year plan.

Things change.

We know that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think that is a good point and I know there are hands in the room but I think that is helpful for me to know because I mean from what I know the points community is an older community.

And established with you know certain ethnicities and there is not much movement so it's helpful to think about creating a District where you know a futuristic District with the effect we intend to have of, you know, of some justice and equality so that makes sense.

But I yield to the two individuals that have questions in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the first one is Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I've got two items.

One if we need to increase the Black population, I think the best alternative, and it concurs with what Bruce just said, is move over into District 8.

We know.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what I was thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We know we have a problem of 8 with 95% Black and we know we need to make changes and it will help a little bit.

Second thing I wanted to comment on is I'm still not comfortable with that part of Detroit in Grosse Pointe being together.

I know we discussed this some yesterday.

I know the Detroit people were adamant that that did not take place.

When we had them at the hearings.

That was a very big deal with them.

And so I say that in respect for their wishes as we go forward.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I may, you had referenced that District 8 was like 90% African/American.

And the District as drawn is not as high as that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: John would you bring up 9? He may have been thinking about 9.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 9 is the one that is high.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I meant 9.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 8 should be more balanced.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It was District 9 so those are my two comments.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think Commissioner Clark that is my hardship and I know we have a two minute break and this is probably like more extensive turn to take but it was helpful for me to try and understand.

So I know that we can't always do what the public wants and that hurts because especially if you know the area so how do we rectify that? I guess what I'm wanting to hear especially since this is a public meeting is to help those communities who are seeing this happen and kind of looking at us as being responsible.

Help them understand in their language which will help us, how this is going to make sense in the end.

Does that make sense, Bruce? Or John? Or.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: It perfectly does.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: People don't see themselves as percentages and numbers they are human, yeah.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: This can have a very personal component to it and I know you all are very invested, the citizens of Michigan are watching are invested. I understand that very well.

I think that the one of the points that I would make is that I know that there is an effort to satisfy people's comments, consistent with the law and consistent with the ranked criteria in order.

That may happen many times.

It may not happen at other times because there are things that like we talked about in the spring that have to you know give way to comply with the law.

I think that the point that Commissioner Clark made about the Grosse Pointes communities is a good one.

I think it's interesting.

And I think that the looking at it a different way, if you expand west for example into District 8 and deal with the issues that were raised about District 9, then perhaps you lose some of the population that you have there, have in District 7 now.

Let's say I assume is that where Grosse Pointe Woods is, is that the County line? Below.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, this is the Wayne County line and Macomb.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: It's possible some of that population is subtracted.

But I think that you will see as you move into 8 and then look at 9 that perhaps you lose population or I shouldn't say that.

That you take population away and put it into another District.

So that may have the potential to satisfy as Commissioner Clark was saying.

Maybe that satisfies multiple groups of people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right I'm getting signals from people in the back of the room because we have a hard stop that we have something else we have to pop over to really quickly so Dustin, I know you wanted to make a comment too but we will get back to you after the break and thank you Bruce for your comments as well.

So without objection we will now recess for 75 minutes.

Hearing no objections we will recess it's currently 12:02 we will recess until 1:15.

Thank you everybody.

[ Recess ]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:52 p.m.

Will the secretary please call the roll.

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

I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present and there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will go do resuming to new business.

When we took the break, we were still on Commissioner Kellom's turn so we will continue with Commissioner Kellom to instruct the line drawing.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And Bruce is no longer with us.

I don't see him on my screen.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Hi Bruce, I see you.

Okay so you gave your expert advice, which I translated into a little bit of inspiration and courage.

So what I'm thinking John is we Zoom into area 7 or District 7 and then we are going to go west to kind of chip away and Commissioners please help we are doing this together.

To try and get some more population from District 8 and probably subsequently District 9 from what I remember before we had that extended break, okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So if you do that then, your District 7 will get overpopulated and you will have to take something else so I think Bruce was alluding to the fact of taking it from the north.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I agree so we can go to the north side towards what is that mount Clemens up there I think it was.

>> MR. MORGAN: Look at adding from 8 to 7 first or do you want to take off first and then add after?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's take off first.

Maybe.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you know you can't take St. Clair shores away because it would disconnect you so you probably would take off.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Mount Clemens you can take that off.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to assign it to adjacent District or keep it unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Unassigned because then I will move to the west. Bruce, were you trying to tell me something?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: No excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No, that is okay.

It just sounded like I don't know like you were starting to talk.

MC what are you thinking Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If we -- if you assign to District 5 which is the only place it could logically go, we will know how far we are over instead of looking at it and saying five is good.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I never want to stick something in a District I will leave it up to them you can assign mount Clemens to District 5.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's also one less step in terms of efficiency.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Say it again.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: One less step in terms of efficiency.

>> MR. MORGAN: At this point you have a portion of Clinton Township and you have Harrison Township.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I'm sorry you said I have a portion of Clinton.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, so this is Clinton Township so these precincts are a part of Clinton Township and this is Harrison.

So just moving mount Clemens was about you know 16,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: You can remove Harrison as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: One thing to think about with District 7 is to we had it originally going all the way around the thumb to have the lake St. Clair water line or lakeshore line being in one District.

It wraps around nicely and it's pretty good in population.

I don't know if you want to take that off and potentially cut that piece off because there is a lot of public comment about that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Say it again Dustin which area?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Where District 7 is now Harrison to Chesterfield to new Baltimore and other ones at the bottom of the thumb, Ira.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: District 5 okay 25.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: But Harrison was part of that lakeshore so I don't know if you want to keep 7 just the lakeshore Townships so that we have that particular lakeshore.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or you reconfigure that after you reconfigure you District 7 in another part.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Or whoever can chime in and can reconfigure it with me.

However we do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We have had -- so that is what we originally did yesterday I think then it was changed.

And we have had a lot of public comment about that including recently.

So I don't know what it does as far as VRA District.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Reassigning and you all can just we can all talk to John so reassign Harrison to just basically undo what I just did?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I can make a quick point if I could Commissioner Kellom.

With the changes that you've done look at the population now for District 7.

The white population and the non-Hispanic Black population, that has significantly changed.

So I'm not suggesting keeping this or not keeping it.

But I think that this is a great example where you can see sometimes small changes have significant population impacts as they implicate the Voting Rights Act.

So this is just an example.

I was just watching the numbers as you assigned, deassigned the parts of the District. And it changes very I think informative to show what these changes can do to reshape the population.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you, Bruce.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you, you know, one of the things we could consider is to take that eastern part of Detroit and moving it into number 6 District and then putting the lakeshore back to how it was originally yesterday.

We have gotten a lot of comments about the lakeshore.

And one of our objectives as we listened to people was to have the lakeshore represented appropriately.

And we did that I think on the west side.

I think we have done that.

But and moving the Detroit part up into District six and I know there are too many people there and we will have to reconfigure things.

I think you get a better mix of racial population.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So what are you suggesting specifically? You can be straightforward.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I really had not.

>> MR. MORGAN: It sound like you are suggesting Detroit here this portion going into six and making changes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And Warren as well and industrialized.

I think the new Chrysler plant is down in eastern part of Detroit too.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was trying to grab population from the west but I have to take some from somewhere first.

So that's what I'm trying to get a consensus from you all how that needs to happen. We don't have to talk around it.

Let's actually look at the cities and the places and the numbers and speak directly to what the change needs to be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You can still take some from the west on eight particularly in the triangle area just south of 8 mile.

And then move to Warren and centerline and East Point.

I think you might get a better mix but I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we try that, John.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put the lake side back where it was.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I understand this you are talking about reconfiguring 6 and 7 and ultimately you will reconfigure 5 as a result of this and you may take more of 8 or you may not.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That's what I understood it to be yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: With that in mind you followed the suggestion to put all the surplus population from 7 into 5.

And you could do that as a holding place.

And then you could you know bring this or you could do the opposite which is basically put these two communities back in 7 and then take all of the Detroit area and put it into 6.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's try that, let's try that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: But 7 will be under populated at that point.

What we did was run it up the shoreline yesterday.

>> MR. MORGAN: You would end up doing that possibly.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And around the top of lake St. Clair.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm taking to steps back Harrison to mount Clemens and then now.

Let me see if this will work.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you want to clone it John and try it?

>> MR. MORGAN: I will get the area this Detroit and we will put that into 6.

Okay are you looking at all of --

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what I thought the semi curve and just making sure we are looking at the same thing go ahead John I'm listening.

>> MR. MORGAN: Even though this may be more than you actually want to do, I'm just going to take all of Detroit out and then you will see if you want to adjust it after that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: While we're doing this, I guess I'm trying to learn like how we can this not the voting age population the bellwether elections or those, yeah, I'm trying to learn like because we are making changes I'm wondering if there is ways to read the differences that we are going to make.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kind of like how Bruce was noticing the changes real time as we shifted?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a change in the demographic makeup that we can see in the active matrix.

What I'm trying to -- I guess it's the other piece, the voting is actually helps us predict where we want to go.

If we are examining the voting records or those bellwether election results.

So I think I just talked myself through it and I think I'm okay, thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: [ Laughter ]

That's -- we are all having that moment.

It's like when the teacher says you know the answer just talk it out.

That is what we are doing.

>> KIM BRACE: Welcome to redistricting you guys.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is perfect Kim because I couldn't even see your face.

>> KIM BRACE: The man behind the curtain.

>> MR. MORGAN: So again just to acknowledge what we are doing here this is all of the Detroit area but it follows these similar lines that you already determined from a different District.

So again it follows the same boundary that you came up with previously for Detroit neighborhoods.

So this leaves District 7 under populated by 72000.

And you definitely took out an area that was substantially African/American.

I think you expected that.

And you're pairing it with a different non-African/American area to the north potentially.

And your District 7 then would change to follow the shoreline if that is what you are discussing.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So the green line, the green line in District 6 that is kind of like this weird wine glass it's actually in the shape of a six actually, I don't know, this shape so that line that extends into District 8, right there that trace if you trace that up that little wedge can I put in 7 is that what you were thinking too Doug? Yep, yep, yep.

I'm sorry in 6.

6.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so possibly are you sure you want to add anything before you see how the rest of it resolves a little bit?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay let's go ahead.

>> MR. MORGAN: Not contiguous.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not contiguous and fix that little block.

>> MR. MORGAN: Would you like me to take the balance of East Point here into this seat?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: East Point and the five points and the lakeshore.

Is that something to include? Hit or miss or either or at this particular point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Include in which side?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm sorry including East Point and in with the lakeshore District.

Because it's not technically one of the five points, is it?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No it's not.

So historically East Point was known as east Detroit and they actually renamed themselves because they wanted to disassociate with Detroit.

So there is that history there, just something to consider.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so District 7 basically what we have done for the most part we have taken this area of Detroit out of 7, so 7 is the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

St. Clair shores.

Harrison, a portion of Clinton and mount Clemens and if you focus on District 7 you need 30% more population.

But I think what you have done is you are basically reconfiguring 6 to have a similar demographic makeup that you had previously for District 7.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, I think.

Hold on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, John but the other thing we want to do with 7 I think is to move it up the shoreline.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right so you are 80,000 would basically be new Baltimore and Chesterfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that little peninsula area I think there are four Townships.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay let's take these two first and then see where you are.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, you can assign those.

And that way we are reestablishing the shoreline for the purposes of our log.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you can look at the peninsula communities or you also talked a little bit about East Point.

You also have more of Clinton Township if you need it.

Do you want to do the peninsula?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, John, thank you Commissioners with your nodding heads.

I see you thank you Commissioner Witjes and Rothhorn and Commissioner Orton. Marine City as well.

And Algonac.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and then with that addition your population for 7 is 990. And again you've definitely changed the it's right on the money for population. Exactly.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you John.

>> MR. MORGAN: As you're aware this is a different District demographically. And you're replacing that with a District 6 that would be similar to what 7 was.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to stop with your 7 and leave 6 uncompleted or do you want to complete 6?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think my Commissioners would appreciate if I continue with 6 and I see a hand.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And when I look at the numbers, 6 has now got a minority population of 46.84 and when it was in 7, I think it was 36.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's right.

What will end up happening depending what you take out of 6 you may increase your minority percentages, your African/American votes because you're overpopulated in 6 by a third.

So depending on what you take out you could increase the African/American percentage or you could add to it in District 8 depending on what you need for purposes of designing the seat.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

Making these changes also really view up some of the other districts.

>> MR. MORGAN: District 5 is out of alignment because you took the shore peninsulas out of that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what are we doing Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: For 6, how do we want to fix it? Are we chipping away?

>> MR. MORGAN: At this point you are overpopulated in 6 so one way or another you're going to have to put something into 5 because you took from 5, you took Chesterfield and new Baltimore from 5.

So now 5 is light by that 50,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What do we know about Frazier? I'm not as familiar with Frazier.

I know it's smaller, I'm more familiar with Sterling Heights Roseville Warren that kind of thing.

>> MR. MORGAN: I guess what you consider is you probably look at the areas that are on the edge of the District so Sterling Heights, Roseville, or Frazier could go into 5 or you could take you know you could because Warren is already split you could put some of that towards 8 because you are contemplating taking some of 8 but you have not done that yet.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I may in going forward Sterling height is it substantially African/American population in Sterling Heights is that correct?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe it may be Asian American and Bengali I don't know how significant but we can look at that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: One of the things I was thinking I'm also not familiar with the population in Frazier.

Since you're with the reconfigure, you are looking to 6 as part of Detroit and you are looking at 6 as an opportunity to elect districts.

So as John was saying taking some population away may help that in addition to likely adding some population by also looking at the election returns.

So that's my thought is if Frazier takes away population from 6 in a way that does not disadvantage the community that may be a good place to go.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you say the last sentence again I did not hear you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Right now the voting age population in 6 is 33%. I understand that the dimensions fixed will still change but remember if you are trying to protect minority voting rights you can protect that in two ways.

You can reduce population that does not arguably provide cross over support.

Or, and/or you could increase the minority population.

So if Frazier for example, has a low minority population, perhaps taking it away may, it will change the numbers and that may be something worth looking at.

>> MR. MORGAN: And to amplify that just in terms of a quick decision to look at it Frazier and Roseville are about the right amount of population.

Not quite but pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay well we can chip away there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so Frazier into 5.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what I was assuming but I forgot I have to say that specifically.

I'm like yes, John.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do what I thought.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: We just talked about it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Roseville would be the next town.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That can be included.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will get close to population numbers so 5 is within just about 2% and then if Bruce is watching the non-Hispanic voting age Black population is 37% in District 6 as it's configured at the moment.

And it is a little bit overpopulated at the moment.

And again the reason it's overpopulated is because we still have not addressed the peninsula.

So this population that you took out of 25 now 25 needs to get population, so it's going to have to take from something far away or it's going to have to take from two and then two would she back to 5.

It's a population circle.

You have to go all the way back around.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Way to highlight our holes, John.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When we made the change with the peninsula yesterday, let me think.

Where is 25 population wise? It's below or above?

>> MR. MORGAN: It's going to be light.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We took I think four of the Townships from the far northwestern part of 25 away.

Maybe we could add those back in and I think we were, okay, so I think we are way up near the Bay and take that last row of four Townships.

I think that is what we did.

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

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not all 8 but the 4 that bump up against 25.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I think that's what we did wasn't it, Dustin?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I believe so.

I believe it was the top corner.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Akron and then the three below it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We took away a few counties was it north Branch and good land, it was right in here maybe it was marathon and Deerfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe we did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This column or maybe those two or those two I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: And that will fix your 25.

But you will still be out of alignment with basically you will leave 6 overpopulated in one way or another right now it's bottled up so you're going to have to get that to an outlet where you can free some population.

So you would end up having to take something away from the 6 and basically pass that population out to the unassigned area through District 2, probably District 2 or something like that, if you understand what I'm saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We just need to shuffle.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wonder if I might suggest it feels like what we are trying to do is get VRA correct in Detroit and it feels like if we get that right there that

means we are going to right we are going to have to split it up in some way that feels right.

We are expecting COIs but it will go in the suburbs so if we get Detroit the City right first and respect the VRA and try to wrestle with the COI and do the surrounding areas and the bushes and go out from there we will probably be like methodology so to speak. Because so instead of going to 25 let's stay in the Detroit area, yeah, I see some nodding heads too.

>> MR. MORGAN: With that in mind you just want to get 6 to be where you want it to be.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Affirmative.

>> MR. MORGAN: Also you said you might take some from 8.

Do you want to take from 8 first? Or do you want to shed from 6 first?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know if it much matters.

Maybe I should consider, I was thinking of shedding from the Sterling Heights area. However, okay, let me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: May I offer.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would start closer to the lake and work out because nobody -- no population in the lake.

You start you know in land.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What are you calling the lake? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Run up to the lake and be stopped.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: River.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes St. Clair.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So what specific area are you saying? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm saying if you start in Detroit and work outward you have population all the way.

If you start outside of Detroit and work inward, you're going to hit a brick wall there is nowhere to go when you get to the lake or the river.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Then John maybe we add that area because that is the Detroit area.

And then I'll magically create an area where I want to pull from.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want to add.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So 6 already is overpopulated so you're going to add more to it first.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You make it sound like such an awful choice.

Yes, I'm going to do that and I will just unassign somewhere else.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to follow a particular road boundary? I saw you indicated this boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes uh-huh can we have the overlays?

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

This shows your road boundaries a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It will dilute the Black population and then you can take 8.

That is just an idea.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For the benefit of the interpreter, let's make sure we are speaking in the microphone so the interpreter can hear what we are saying.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me. If I could jump in too when I hear the words delete or dilute any naughty population I always want to know where that is coming from.

Can you help me understand what would be diluted do you think?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay Bruce I think the thought is we, what did you say, to balance the districts out.

So to assign some majority or to reassign some areas so that we can shift the minority population, that is what we are trying to do.

That is what we mean by delete maybe like unassign, Commissioner Rothhorn is echoing the word balance so that is what I'm trying to do, to create some moving room so that the people after me have something to work with.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like there is two boundaries here looks like Hoover and then Connor and outer drive does that ring a Bell Street wise? So you want me to go up to Hoover first or go all the way out to Connor first?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Try Connor.

>> MR. MORGAN: I could start from the boundary first and move up to the first Major Street.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You can go Connor like that little curve.

>> MR. MORGAN: All the way out here to Connor, okay.

Okay so with this boundary that's 49,000 over, so you would have to take something out at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we take some out of Sterling Heights and let's see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to take away from the north end of Sterling Heights first? You probably ought to take almost all of that out if that's what you want to do. It's split so you probably would take from the outer edges first and then see how far you need.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is the idea.

>> MR. MORGAN: To get 49,000.

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And are you going to because you've taken away from 8, 8 will now be under populated by that same amount, 25,000 that you just took out.

So we took out of 8 by 25,000.

So now 8 is light by that am so do you want to try to unassign that or just assign it to 5 or 16 at this point? 16 is the other District that shares Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Try 16.

Try 16 in case no one heard me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Since 16 is the District that is taking the population, I chose the areas on the edge of the boundary there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Processing command, I was being impatient.

Okay so that balances out 6.

It looks like there is a little bit of Sterling Heights but most of it has gone to 16 and 6 is 48% non-Hispanic Black at this point so you added this area here of Detroit which I believe we think is African/American.

And then taking out some areas of Sterling Heights.

And so the District now for District 6 is here.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: John can you put up the election results please for 6?

>> MR. MORGAN: These are the election results for six now.

So 71% for Biden.

29 for Trump.

72 for Clinton.

28 for Trump.

77 for Obama.

23 for Romney.

For the U.S. Senate 72 Peters, 28James, Stabenow 72, James28, Peters 78, land is 22. Stabenow 82.

Hoekstra is 18.

Whitmer 73.

Schuette 27.

Showers 70.

Snyder 30.

Nessel 71.

Leonard 29.

Totten, 69.

Schuette 31.

For Secretary of State Attorney General with Nessel and Leonard and Totten and Schuette.

For Secretary of State Benson 74.

Lange 26.

And then Dillard 68, Johnson 32.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: These are for 6?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay can you also look at quickly the focus minority races, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: Focus minority races we read through all of those but the races are president 2020.

2012.

Senate.

2018.

Governor 18.

Secretary of State 14.

So Biden 71, Trump 29.

Obama 77.

Romney 23.

Peters 22.

James, 28.

Stabenow 72.

James, 28.

For Governor only one race is 2018, 73 for Whitmer, 27 for Schuette.

And then for Secretary of State Dillard 68 and Johnson is 32.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay, all right, excuse me thank you.

What I think Commissioner Kellom is that I'm inferring from the way the population is in the District as has been configured on the election returns that I think that you're getting pretty fair white cross over vote here.

Because the minority population is not that large.

Voting age population.

So I think that for now this seems pretty good.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Well thank you, Mr. Bruce Adelson because I was not expecting you to say that.

Because I feel you know how you feel you are in the Woods and it's raining and I got the leaves on me, I'm going to keep going that is how I felt.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let me just explain what I think the keys here are.

The non-Hispanic Black voting age population is 48%.

The non-Hispanic white voting age population is 43%.

So this is not a packed District seemingly.

Because the minority preferred candidates are winning so handily, I infer from that there is a pretty good white cross over support.

So this doesn't seem like a District where there is bloc voting to prevent minority candidates from electing candidates of choice in the general election.

And seemingly you achieve that with a close to 50% Black population and white population that looks like there are some good cross over support.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, I think that makes me feel better because of what I know about that area.

And just in terms of because I was starting to feel like this is the best that is going to get any more.

And then I'm not sure how things will have to be reconfigured.

But it makes sense that we are not just to look at the data that John was going through verbally.

We have to look at them in tandem to get a full picture because when he was just reading out the numbers I was thinking packed, packed but it was not that so it was very helpful to talk through this and be the guinea pig and get some understanding.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Way more salient.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I agree with you looking at everything in tandem because when you see the racial numbers change and then look at the election results, I share what you said, that when the percentages for electing candidates of choice are pretty big.

And that might suggest they packed District as far as race.

But this is not a packed District.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Because of the numbers the actual folks.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Right I think looking at that and looking at the election results, see the numbers change in real time and combine race with election results, that's the key.

That's been one of the missing pieces and that is -- that puts you over the line.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, all right, thank you.

I truly appreciate you.

If you were here, I would give you a hug and a high 5 I'm serious.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you very much.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay you all that was a big turn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was for 6 and 7.

Did we get analysis there Bruce from 6 and 7 or just 6?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Rothhorn 7 you reconfigured and swapped opportunity to elect between 7 and 6.

7 is a majority non-Hispanic white District minority population is pretty small.

So the -- this is not a District that I would identify as also the population seemingly there is a big chunk of population along the lake as you go north.

So I think that in your swap making 6 seemingly a good VRA District and then looking at 8, somebody mentioned that 9 is packed.

So that will also have to be adjusted.

But I don't look at 7 anymore as having any opportunity to elect considerations.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: One last question Bruce I'm sorry just to help me understand.

1.39% white.

11.20% Black.

So if we look at the, was it the bell data for elections is that why you're saying you don't consider that District or you consider it to be okay?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is actually a great point.

Why don't we look at the election results for 7 and let's see what they say.

Because typically with 11% minority population that's going to be too small to elect candidates of choice typically.

And I think these election results show that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So District 7 looking at the election data in 2020 Clinton 45, Trump 55, Obama 51, Romney 49, Peters in 2020 is 48.

And James is 52, Stabenow 51, James 49, and then Peters 55, Land 45.

And then the other Senate race, U.S. Senate is 60 Stabenow, 40 for Hoekstra.

And then Whitmer 52.

Schuette 48.

In 2018.

Showers 42.

Snyder 58.

In 2014.

For Attorney General.

Nessel 49.

Leonard 51.

Totton42, Schuette 58, Benson 52, Lange 48.

And then Dillard is 39.

Johnson is 61.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: More of a mixed bag as far as election results.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was the lakeshore District you're looking at.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay well I personally am okay with my turn. Me being over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I want to understand too.

Based on that number 7 reading those election results, it seems like it's I'm going to say balanced but also may be competitive.

Is that a fair assessment at this point to make? We can say 7 is maybe a competitive District or is that only VRA results and we can't really say that?

>> MR. MORGAN: It appears it would be competitive based on the political information and the election data you looked at.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I can interject competitiveness is not part of the constitutional criteria and the word competitiveness is that political fairness. And that's a part of that with the efficiency gap and all the other considerations. I think that will come later.

So looking at it from a Voting Rights Act perspective I don't see that the minority of population as being diluted because you've created six the way you have. Most of the population is not in the City of Detroit.

The minority population taken in isolation is going to be too small to elect candidates of choice.

However, Commissioner Rothhorn to your point it does seem to be some political equivalency in the election results.

So that is separate from the Voting Rights Act considerations.

Does that make sense?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, thank you for the language.

That's very helpful.

Yeah.

The nuisances matter and I appreciate it, thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, when we took the other half of Sterling Heights and assigned it to 16 now, we are overpopulated in 16, District 16.

>> MR. MORGAN: And District 8 is under populated and as you know District 25 is still unresolved.

So you have three districts unresolved but you have one District actually two, 6 and 7 that were resolved in this process.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: While the other Commissioners are thinking I'm going to give Michigan Department of State some rationale and you can tell me what you already have.

The purpose of my turn that I took was to unpack some of the Districts that we received feedback on.

Kind of fixed them and balanced them out in terms of their population so it's better suited for the VRA.

And then we took into consideration not just fixing for the sake of percentages and numbers we were able to think about the communities of interest and the lakeshore community, the Black population, taking in consideration the Bengali population and Asian American as well because of the surrounding districts.

And the communities and neighborhoods that are in Detroit.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That's all I needed thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Thank you so much.

Thank you.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right at this point we will move on to Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I'm here.

My Internet has been unstable so I'm going to keep my camera off and hope that I don't get booted.

So for my turn I want to go north, Bay City, Saginaw and Midland area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay Commissioner Lange in this area would you like me to change the view to not show the roads and I will also back on the voting precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and I can add and change the background if you need it. And then I'm also going to put on the County populations as a starting point.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the counties have already been assigned, some portions of Bay have been assigned to other districts.

Portions of Midland to other districts.

Saginaw is unassigned portion of Tuscola portion of Genesee and a portion of Lapeer. I believe there is about two districts of population in this unassigned area.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay what I would like to see first is if you could highlight Saginaw, I want to kind of see what the ratio makeup since that was one of the areas that were flagged and why we still have Bruce here I would like to see what the racial makeup is of Saginaw.

>> MR. MORGAN: So what I will do is I'm going to assign the entire County as if it's a District.

We have a District available and then what I will also do is while I'm doing that I will see if Kent can look at the County data as well.

So first I'm going to assign this to District 1, just the whole County.

Okay this is just the counties 190,000.

And then the entire County is 16% voting age non-Hispanic African/American.

It's 7.5% Hispanic.

And then I can look at other information if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can you pull now the Bay Area in with that? And let me see how that

>> MR. KENT MORGAN: Do you mean separately or including it?

So you want Bay, the balance of Bay County in with this District?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT MORGAN: Okay, and then we will leave Midland unassigned. I realize this is more population than the District would allow, but this gives you a breakdown of the information you wanted.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: What should I take into consideration for VRA and racial bloc voting?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes. And one of the things that to be aware of the PowerPoint Dr. Handley had and determined the racially polarized voting here. And also the percentage of minorities can't elect candidates of choice. And because this is a Senate District, and I'm presuming that most of the minority population may be concentrated in and around the City of Saginaw. So that in order to create, and I don't think it's possible, to create a substantial minority opportunity to elect District. I don't know if you can do that here. And I think it's different when we do the State House Districts. But with the Senate districts I'm not sure how much the opportunity to elect requirements are really going to come into play because the voting age population of the largest minority is only about 11%.

So that may not be as much of an issue here as in the Detroit area and also if this were a House District.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It does.

Okay, thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Welcome.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, so I think what I want to do is if you will Zoom in a little bit for me, I just want to see something real quick.

>> MR. MORGAN: In Bay or Saginaw County?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Saginaw County.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is okay. Back out just a little bit.

>> MR. MORGAN: There?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, no, Zoom out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rhonda, can you hear us?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can you take those out, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, which ones? Do you wanted to take some Townships out?

Yeah, I can't hear what you're saying at this point.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lange, it looks like your connection is going out.

So I will try to dial you in.

Give us just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, can you hear me?

>> MR. MORGAN: That's better, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Internet, it just froze up on me.

I was saying the ten Townships that are to the south of Bad River, can we take all of those out for the moment?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you also want these? These were the ones that were stopped. Do you want additional Townships or is that enough for the moment? Okay, so at this point that is 7700 over.

I did not take Birch Run and Taymouth out.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Am I still cutting out?

>> MR. MORGAN: Possibly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We heard you clearly when you asked if you were cutting out.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Bottom south ones, yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: That leaves you within 1% on the deviation, 2100 under populated and I will point out that the unassigned area is not contiguous but this District is complete District.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It's a complete District. But, however, we had talk of community of interest for joining the Tri-City so I'm trying to see if that is a possibility. Can you go in and the City of Midland and put it with District 1.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

So that is just the municipal boundary of the City.

Not adjusting for any of the dis-contiguities.

So that is 40,000 approximately in that.

So that would affect your ability to keep some of the other Townships together with Midland.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Right how many are in the southern Township?

>> MR. MORGAN: Of Saginaw or in Midland?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Saginaw, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry repeat please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was Saginaw.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Saginaw.

>> MR. MORGAN: It seems there is a lot of small Townships here along the edge until you get to Bridgeport and Frankenmuth so let's see you have about 16, 18, 24, I don't know how far you're going.

It's just under 30, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I was looking at Richland Jonesfield and those particular ones.

Richard Commissioner Weiss can you give me a little more information since you are from the Saginaw area on how this could potentially work? And can I also have you, John, why he is helping me out scroll down to 35 and let me see what the total population was that we had?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay 35 as drawn is 1% under, 2800.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay can we just for a second pick up some of those County or Townships around Midland and add to 35?

>> MR. MORGAN: The ones on the north of the City?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: The north, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Lincoln 2400, Larkin is the larger one.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I would like to do Lincoln because I see that there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Lincoln first.

Okay just a moment.

Okay there is Lincoln and that puts your District 35 at .15 deviation 396 under and that was one Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I need some help from this Commission because I don't know how to combine.

We had a lot of public comment about Tri-Cities.

But the population I don't know how we are going to do this.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Rhonda, I had actually drew a map myself and using the same information that you have looked at about keeping Midland and Saginaw and Bay City together.

Obviously, we have some count not counties but Townships above what I had drawn. But I took out in my map, I actually took out Frankenmuth and Bridgeport and took in all of Midland and quite a bit of the Bay City area.

But in order to get your population down you may have to take out a few more of the Townships south of Saginaw.

And Saginaw kind of is split between the river goes through the town and got the east side I would say is racially Black.

And then the east or west side is have some Black in it and as you go further west obviously it turns it a little bit more white population.

That is as I said what I did on my map, I kept that, the cutoff down there, let me see if I can blow mine up and see.

I used the river as the cutoff.

It would be the Tittabawassee and that comes around swings up through, that's where I stopped my districts to keep my population down.

I came up with about minus 428.

But you like I said we have a few Townships north of Bay City there that we would have to include which means we could probably tweak a couple of the other ones like Ingersoll Township maybe can be taken out and maybe Indian town.

I'm not sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Weiss just to clarify in your concept you have the Townships around Midland are in your District.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So, Commissioner Lange, that might be what you look at doing now is put in the rest of Midland and then look at taking out the southern area of Saginaw.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Possibly taking some in Midland and going into 35 to bring that up a little bit.

Because we are negative.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay go ahead and take assign the ones all around Midland that are left open to 1.

>> MR. MORGAN: While I did that I just want to Zoom in here.

There is a small section of Lincoln Township that's contained in the City of Midland. So we may have to address that unless you put Lincoln back in, which you just took out or you just assigned to 35.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: For the moment put Lincoln back in to make it easy.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so with that adjustment you're 58,000 over and so you know you would look at probably doing almost everything outside of Saginaw proper.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is what I was going to say take out the whole bottom line Lakefield, Fremont, Swan Creek, James, Spaulding, Bridgeport and Frankenmuth, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's 32000 over so you are looking at tomorrow mass Richland Jonesfield, Blumfield and then at that point it's still not going to be enough so you might look at either Bay County or you got Saginaw Township or the river division that Commissioner Weiss was talking about.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Doug has a hand up too.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I want to keep the population straight.

If you look at Midland there is a white area in there that needs to get assigned out two, unassigned.

>> MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is a piece of Midland City in Bay County.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay can you scroll out just a little bit more for me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rhonda I wanted to offer I do like adding to 35 and your northern counties in the District 1, adding those to 35 may help you know, yeah, adjust the populations.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Right, okay Richard I want to go back to you again. Tell me what move to make right here.

I'm going to do this collaboratively here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I like the idea of taking some of those up to Midland and put them into 35 to bring that 35 up in population.

Because I think we are a little negative.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Which ones would you recommend?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's stop what was that, Larkin Township? Is that the one or even maybe Pinconning or Garfield or Frazier even, doing it that way.

>> MR. MORGAN: You also have other Townships I believe up here in Bay.

There is Gibson and Mount Forest are in Bay that also shares a border. And then the ones that you would look at taking like you said Pinconning might be one.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's try Garfield.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Because 35 isn't a Bay shore District.

So trying to keep with that Bay shore areas.

>> MR. MORGAN: That moves you within 1200, so you closed the gap a little bit with the addition of one Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can we adjust, just out of curiosity, can we add is it Pinconning with 36? Is there enough there to where it wouldn't put 36 over? I see 36.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It's a good idea.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, okay, so with that District 36 is negative 1%, 3,000 under, but.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: How does 1 look?

>> MR. MORGAN: 27,000 over.

So, again, in order to move large numbers, you would probably have to look at Thomas, Richland, Jonesfield, Blumfield and maybe Buena Vista would be close to what you need.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's work on the outskirts, I guess. Let's go Jonesfield, Richland, Thomas.

>> MR. MORGAN: So 10,000 over.

So I'm looking here, you have Buena Vista and Blumfield.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I guess try those two.

Richard, does Buena Vista consider itself a direct part of Saginaw, can you tell me?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It's, obviously, in the Township.

But it is close, you know. I mean, it's right there over the expressway, cuts through that part of it, if you wanted to use that.

The other thing I was thinking if we went north a little bit and the next Township that's...we took out the one, the one right below it where we went up north further.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Up north further.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Keep going up right there, right below 36. If we were to put that into 36 because that's lakeshore.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, try adding that one to 36 also, please.

So 36 is right on for the most part then.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Looks good, minus 57.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And District 1 is within.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, within 1%.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That Buena Vista is just sticking out to me though like that might have been...what do you think, Richard?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Why don't you try to put it back in and let's see the total.

I think we would be off. We might still be all right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so, yeah, it's under 2%, if you put the Buena Vista back in. I'm sorry. It's over 2% population, but the deviation is under plus or minus 2%.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Any comments from the rest of you?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Dustin has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well, I like what we are doing. I was just going to see if at one point we can add the total numbers for over and under. I don't. I don't think we have seen that in a while.

>> MR. MORGAN: We just took a look at that here. And in the area that is unassigned, between one and this area here, this should be just about one District. It's real close.

Because you have two areas of the state over in Kalamazoo that is completely unresolved. And you have a portion of Monroe County that is completely unresolved. So you'll have to pair the fractions together in some way, working through several districts. And then right now in the Detroit area you have I think 16 and 8 are out of alignment.

Yeah, it's not quite enough because what we ended up doing is we took District 25, which is still underpopulated, so we didn't resolve that.

So you probably would have to take all the unassigned and if it makes sense as a District, then you would have to probably go south somewhere, either into District 2 or you could revisit one of the other border District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassigned area right there is 228,000 people. So that's going to put you roughly 40,000 under ideal to get it somewhere.

When we went up higher, we put population in 36.

>> MR. MORGAN: Before we did that before making adjustments up to 35 and 36 you pulled population out of there, is causing a problem for the unassigned area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to mention also that 25 is 24,000 people down. So if you take 24 out of 228,000, you are down to 204,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: And so it probably means you will have to go south for the surplus population that is bottled up in Detroit area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes, do you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Would it make more sense to take townships that we added to 36, that are on the lakeshore and chip away from the bottom of District 1 that we are drawing so we can get more population in the area that is now unassigned? So that we can get that part into one District.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I guess the issue there is in the chipping away process, Commissioner Lange pointed out that she thought Buena Vista would associate more with Saginaw.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So in this particular area we had comments about community of interest. We had half that said keep the Tri-Cities together, That they share certain things.

We had half that said Midland County goes towards 36.

So I'm at a loss of what we should do with this at this point.

I mean, does it -- Midland County went towards 36 or, pardon me, 35 or 36, or whatever, that would set them over. But then would it be easier to fix what we are going to need and the remaining areas that is what I'm trying to figure out now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you show us the population for one and scroll are down on the matrix so we can see where we are at and Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would tend to agree that Saginaw Midland and Bay Cities should stay together just based on the amount of infrastructure that they share. It seems kind of important that would be a community of interest I would imagine. We have the airport called Midland Bay Saginaw.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I understand that too but we've had conflicting community of interest and a lot of them that said that Midland should go to the east actually lived in Midland and a lot of the input that we had saying Midland, Bay City Saginaw you had your Bay City Saginaw residents so I'm trying to be fair here. But I just don't know how to do this at this moment if they are saying we are going to be short population.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think I can address that short population if we look at this current moment our District 16 down here where we put the balance of Sterling Heights that's where your population is.

So that is 50,000 over and then you know that's basically where it is right now.

You would have to take that population from 16, push it out to this unassigned area to round it out and/or fix District 25.

That's what would end up happening.

That is where it is.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: With that being said then if there is no objections or if anybody else in the Commission doesn't have an issue or suggestions, I say we leave one as it is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Works for me.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I did it first base to make sure there was not a VRA or a polarized block part in there that could be addressed then the lines were done based off of population and public comment on communities of interest.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Comment Commissioner Witjes? Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: John can you go over to, yeah, just to the left of your mouse right there.

There is that little block right there.

I think that is Munger can you blow that up? What would be the population of that?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry which area?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Merit is what it says here what you got now.

If we were to take that off that would give us a little extra and still not affect that too bad as far as taking the Township out, I guess.

Any other comments?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What are we taking them off for?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It just lowers the population a little bit.

>> MR. MORGAN: The District 1 is 5,000 over.

At this point you are looking to push the extra population towards the unassigned area. So Commissioner Lange, is that of interest to you?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we might have lost her contact.

At this point there is a request in the room for us to take a five-minute recess.

So hearing no objections we will take a 5-10 minute recess so people can take care of personal needs and try to get Commissioner Lange back on.

During that time so it is 3:12 let's take a recess until 3:20.

[ Recess ]

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Curry I see you joined and the Commission is on a break and they will be resuming shortly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I call this meeting of the Michigan independent citizens redistricting back to order at 3:22 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely Madam Chair please say present when I call your name if you are attending remotely or by phone disclose your physical location as well.

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: Anthony Eid?

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 10 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Secretary of State and we will continue with the mapping process and I believe it's Commissioner Lett's turn.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: One minute, please.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: You want to Zoom out a little, John.
- >> MR. MORGAN: Also I will just start with the County view so you have a reference point.

So we've got a bunch of Saginaw County.

Some Tuscola and Genesee and Lapeer unassigned at this point and based on Kent's analysis this is about 220,000 people or a little less.

- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: So then if we do that, if we were to take all of that, we would have to steal some from somewhere else.
- >> MR. MORGAN: Yes, and currently the one District that's overpopulated is 16 so effectively you would have to take from 16 through to your new District which we are going to label 15 because that is the last number available.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: So take the unassigned Saginaw et cetera et cetera.
- >> MR. MORGAN: I'll do that then you will see what the population is and then you can see if this you know District that's building itself is the way you want it or if you want to and it.

Just a moment.

So far, we have the balance of Saginaw and Tuscola and now put the Genesee portion in.

Okay so all of that is about 228 that's the number that Kent showed before we started this process.

So that's 36,000 off.

And then I will point out District 16 which is not adjacent to it is 52000 over.

So the question is where is the additional negative? And the additional negative is 25. So you have 24,000 down and 36,000 down so that's about 60, between the two of them it will be close but not quite.

So you have to move the 50,000 from 16 to your District you're creating 15 and 25.

That's what will end up having to happen eventually.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How many is in 25 now?

>> MR. MORGAN: 25 is 240 so it needs 24,000 in 25.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And 16 is what?

>> MR. MORGAN: 16 is over by 52000.

So again 25 is minus 24,000 and then the District you're working on is 36,000, so that's negative 60.

And then positive 52.

So you'll be negative four between them.

Sorry is that negative eight between them.

For two districts or three districts really.

So that should work out but.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark, did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

I do.

We added when I think when we were configuring 8, we added some Townships in Sterling Heights to 16.

Maybe we should take those to away.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, you are right District 8 is also off by a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Above or below?

>> MR. MORGAN: It's below.

We are getting to the point where there are several moves and you will have to look at the total populations as you get to the point where you're joining all the pieces together.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right so if we look at Sterling Heights, it was that western part of 16 or eastern part of 16 that we added, yeah.

So my thoughts, boy.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Steve it might make sense to chip away at 2 and assign it to 25.

And chip away you know and into 15 whichever one makes sense but then sort of try to just eat away at 2 until yeah you get to 16 and then you know it might make sense because you are essentially building a District just with one there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

On 16, the northern most Township, can you tell me what the population is? It's Oakland Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 20,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah 20,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Really Linked-In with Rochester Hills.

>> MR. MORGAN: Some of the changes here you need to revisit several of those districts.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: In Sterling Heights.

>> MR. MORGAN: The whole Oakland Macomb area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: But back to you know the District the unresolved District 15 and 25, you know you have got portions of the counties here that you could look to put into 25 if that makes sense to you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then 15 would potentially eat more into 2.

You could potentially put this into 25.

And then you know put some of this from 2 into 15 for example.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What I was thinking was let me see Sterling Heights again.

What I was thinking was moving that Section of Sterling Heights.

So on the east side, up through Shelby Township and into 2.

I think it was 2.

Whatever the pink color was.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, it was first into 5 and then potentially into 2.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That leaves that other Section of 2 blank.

Maybe the whole Shelby Township and then do what MC said was take some of the number two Townships and move them over into 25.

And that might balance.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are looking at fixing multiple districts what I would suggest is before you make a move is just look at each District and think what makes sense for that District.

So look at 25 and say well this makes sense.

Don't do it.

But just in the same way that you might list some ideas.

Say we could do 25 this way or that way.

Then look at isolate District 15 and say we could do 15 this way or that way and just pause for a moment there and consider your options.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I'm concerned about the two little places that we still have unassigned.

So at this point since we are kind of outside of Detroit, should we maybe start with those? Because we are going to have to move quite a bit of population to fix that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, so that is another point here.

So the District 21 here needs a bunch of population.

And then this unassigned population here, let's see if I can get the amount 75,000 unassigned is basically entirely this coasted area of Monroe.

And then the District that's light by a lot is the District 21.

It's light by a hundred thousand right now.

So this is unresolved.

This is unassigned.

So you potentially would have to look at linking the unassigned population to this District.

Or folding that District away and having all the other Directors around there eat that population.

And then free up population elsewhere.

And again that depends on what your will is in that regard.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well I want to see what those Townships on the northeast of 15 are to add, consider adding them in to 25.

So you can tell me what that populations are.

>> MR. MORGAN: Of Tuscola into 25?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Would you like to just take the whole County first and take out if you need to take out?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well you need to add roughly 24,000 to 25.

>> MR. MORGAN: So my guess is this is probably more than 24,000 if Tuscola is 50 total.

But I'll add them as Townships.

Okay, there you go.

So that's right on the money for 25 with the balance of Tuscola.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And now 15 is.

>> MR. MORGAN: 15 still remains 60,000 off or I'm sorry we took from 15.

So 60,000 off.

And you've got about 52 here in 16.

So now if you consider 25 resolved as it is for the moment, then you look at resolving 15.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What are the two the northern tier of two?

>> MR. MORGAN: 14, 19, 23, 26, 27, 34, 38, it looks like about, yeah, about 52, 54,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And we need 60.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, so if you took the balance of Lapeer, it would probably give you a good chunk of that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's see what that looks like.

>> MR. MORGAN: 15 is 3.5 down minus 9500 but it is within plus or minus 5, it's within plus or minus 4.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What does that do -- where are we at on 2 then?

>> MR. MORGAN: Two is down 52000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And 16 was 52 over.

So what's the -- that? You're on it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Oakland is 20 of your 52 if you wanted to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Detroit people help me out here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would tend to look at Sterling Heights and the Utica area.

We can move those Townships eastern Townships and Sterling Heights along with Shelby the rest of Shelby Township.

I believe.

Up into 2 or at least a portion of Sterling Heights.

And then that will make five be less.

We would have to move some of the rest of Sterling Heights over to 5.

That part of Sterling Heights is the industrial part.

That I would be concerned about.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why would we not include Oakland?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oakland is linked into Rochester Hills.

Rochester Hills is expanding into Oakland.

I would link maybe the northern most part of Oakland Township.

I don't see an issue with that.

Taking in half of it basically from where yeah, right almost in the middle of those Townships.

I don't see an issue with that.

That's more rural like the ones in the number two area, southern Oakland Township is just an extension of Rochester Hills.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would also prefer to do that rather than pull some of Sterling Heights in.

Because the rest of this District is you know, Lake Orion Township, Branford, Brobland, those are all very different than Sterling Heights.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You do that then I think you have to take Shelby Township to get that population in 2 where it needs to be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then by doing that you are going to have to shift some of Sterling Heights into number 5.

I don't see a problem with that because that is the industrial part of that area.

That is where all the plants are in that part of Sterling Heights and that part of Macomb Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: John go ahead.

>> MR. MORGAN: In the interest of resolving 2, the area that you're talking about there you've got Shelby which Commissioner Clark was mentioning then you also have Macomb.

And District 2 is already into Macomb County.

And what I'm saying is that to your point Commissioner Szetela as you probably wouldn't actually get to Sterling Heights going all the way into 2.

It would probably go into 5.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, and moving it into 5 again that is where the industrial areas are, all the plants, Ford has one, Chrysler has one, GM tech center is there.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why would we want to put any of 2 into 5? Or 5 into 2 if it's all industrial into what I take it is rural.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm saying the only part of 5 that you would move to 2 would be this Shelby Township

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think what we are going to run up against as we move towards the City right is that we are we really have to start in Detroit and move out.

And it's the hard part.

We have to tackle the hard part in some ways.

Yeah, I know it's the hardest part but if we just leave it where it is as a draft and say we got to get like 8 and 9 and sort of figure out how to I'll gist say unpack them.

But that's the hard part.

I think you have got the we have a good set up here but where the details.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That leaves us with a problem today because we have a problem obviously and we don't have our VRA, oh, you are back.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: He is here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He is here.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I just sneaked in.

I just sneaked in under the wire.

I wanted to get a reaction.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: But I guess Zoom in to 8, 6, 8, 9.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want to go back to that area? I was just saying you know you've got 2 and 16 are adjacent and are off by about the same amount so you have the option to look at that.

So here is 6, 8 and 7.

8 is under populated by 24,000.

But again you have many adjacent districts you could look at which are already contemplating reconfiguring anyway.

Whereas these two here if you were to balance those out then you could focus more on 8 and then make changes later.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 16 we need 52 and what is the other one 5 you're talking about?

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 6 and 7 we feel pretty good about and all the others we have not perfected in the Detroit area and 5 is just sort of further away from Detroit. It's parts of it but it's not quite a Detroit one yet.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're not talking what I'm talking.

>> MR. MORGAN: What you are talking about here is 2 and 16.

16 is 52000 over.

And 2 is 52000 under.

And then I think what Commissioner Clark was saying you can bring 2 down into 5 and 5 into 16 or something like that if you didn't want to take Oakland Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well let's try that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Shelby Township out of 5 is the first?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yep.

We will put that in 16, Doug?

>> MR. MORGAN: I thought you said in 2, the balance of Shelby into 2.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: 2 that would be my recommendation.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you also have the village of Utica.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would include that in 2 because the majority of that is above M59.

Which is a major highway going through there.

>> MR. MORGAN: That gets you 13,000 under in 2.

And then you've got Oakland, you've got Macomb.

You have other areas if you like 25 and 7 the way they are, then you're looking at 5, 16 and then I don't know if we haven't really talked about anything over here in 18.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is 16 is still over? Or do we need.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, we have not taken anything out of 16.

What we did is take a little out of 5 so 5 is under and contemplating having 5 go into this portion of Sterling Heights potentially.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would try to balance that and then if you need some more Steve I would take the northern part of Oakland Township se Szetela Commissioner Reinhardt? I'm promoting you, Sarah Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Madam Chairperson.

I just wanted to indicate that per the law the justification log reflecting back on District 16 which was drawn by Commissioner Clark.

One of the justifications provided was keeping together the COI of the Asian population in Sterling Heights and Troy.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When we did that, we just took the two western most rows of Townships over in Sterling Heights.

We didn't take all of Sterling Heights at that point in time.

Because and the reason for that was in Troy the eastern part of Troy down at 16 mile and south has got a lot of the Asian population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Maybe you want to have the theme or the dots for the Asian population?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds like northern Oakland is a pretty good, safe bet.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would give the northern part of Oakland Township a try and see where we are at population wise.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at Oakland Township all of it is 20 which is more than you need so you're contemplating taking the northern most portion of Oakland first and going down?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd only take the northern part, I would not go down after that.

>> MR. MORGAN: You probably won't have enough population.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Probably won't then I think you have to go to Sterling Heights and move some of that to 5.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have Macomb if you are looking at that.

With Macomb being a larger Township, depending what you want to do either two into Sterling Heights or 5 into Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the top part of.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put the dots on for the Asian population for Sterling Heights, John? Because that will be helpful to look at Sterling Heights.

So basically, we want the indicators of Asian population is what we are looking for.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe it's pop AS is Asian.

Pop NA is Native American.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay for an indicator we have one of the Asian variables and then total population.

And this is at the Township level.

And then I will have to undo this because it's going to assign the whole Township.

So at this point District 16 with 52000 surplus population is 15% non-Hispanic Asian and voting age is 14%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: John, can you also put up the election results for 16, please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sterling Heights south of Utica you see a lot of blank spaces.

Yeah, further down that big one.

That I believe is the GM tech center down in that area.

So that is where Van Dyke and mound are.

>> MR. MORGAN: Smaller dot is 3% whereas this larger dot over here is 30, 35, so this is the portion you were contemplating taking out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That was my suggestion and the western side is kind of Linked-In with the eastern side of Troy.

So.

>> MR. MORGAN: You wouldn't get to that like you said that is associated with that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I tonight think it's beneficial to take out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at 16 at this point it's 49% Biden.

51 for Trump or 50/50 it's right in the middle.

Clinton 46.

Trump 54.

Obama 46.

Romney 53.

And 2020 U.S. Senate is Peters 48.5.

James 51.5 and Stabenow is 50.5.

James is 49.5.

Peters in 14 is 50.4.

Land is 49.5.

Stabenow is 53.

Hoekstra is 47.

Whitmer 51.

Schuette 49.

48.5.

For Governor 14 shower 35.

Snyder 64.

For Attorney General 48 for Nessel, 52 for Leonard.

Totten, 38, Schuette, 62.

Secretary of State Benson 52.

Lange 48.

Dillard 32.

Johnson 67.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The election results in the system per District or can you get down to the either the Township level or a smaller level or if you just clicked on a square with a particular dot, would that show a unique election result? Or are they all just District wide?

>> MR. MORGAN: Well, again at this point District 16 is still overpopulated by 20%. So as a District it's not a valid District within the plus or minus 5% even. As far as looking at individual election results, I think we can get that in a moment.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm just curious because there will be areas in this whether or not this is one where looking at things on a more granular or smaller level, I think would be helpful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to stand corrected where I noted where the tech center was.

It's actually south and in Warren.

But just south of where I was pointing at before so I just wanted to make that correction.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what would we like to do from here gentleman?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Waiting for numbers to take a look at.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you want to look at individual precincts and this is the area here. Here is this area that is 4% Asian and the political the election data here sorry is 4%. So it does not calculate the percentages but just for that voting precinct it's for president 2020 it's 556 for Trump. 355 for Biden.

U.S. Senate James is 520.

And then Peters is 340 so you can just go down the list here and there are some election data that covers all of those races so we can do that.

It's just not calculating the percentages right off the bat.

But if you make a move of a few of those precincts out you can see how the District changes in election and/or racial and the racial composition.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thinking and looking at the overall election results percentage wise I'm just curious where the -- it seems that just in the precinct that you highlighted that that precinct supports the candidates of choice.

So I'm just wondering or maybe I see it as you go further up the map.

But you all who are familiar with this area, what are the demographics outside of Troy and the area John was examining in Sterling Heights?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are asking the question here in the room to try to get an answer for you.

We may not have the answer in the room here, Bruce.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: This is all part of the process. I'm just curious where if there is a clear divide.

There may not be.

But like Oakland Township, is that -- does that look differently than Troy for example?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oakland Township does look a lot different than Troy. Troy is a buildup community.

Oakland Township is being built up from the south up towards the north, about halfway and after that it's basically rural area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are we talking more demographics or characteristics of the community? Bruce, did you mean more characteristics like racial characteristics of the community?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Urban and rural and racially and demographically too seems to be different than Troy and Sterling Heights.

It just struck me as interesting that the election results over all for this District are rather mixed or going more against candidates of choice.

I was just curious if there was a particular area where that is true.

And maybe Oakland is that area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We could take it out and test that theory and see.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Certainly as we move forward over the next couple weeks there will probably be Townships where we do that.

And one of the reasons to do it is to get a sense if there is some diluted effect that's not readily apparent, I think that would be helpful.

It may not amount to anything as far as making changes.

But I think that's a great point.

I think that that could be very helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well to move this thing along let's take the top half of Sterling Heights is that right, Doug?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, take the eastern side, maybe the top half of the eastern side, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And put it into five.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Into 5 or 2?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: On 5.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are down on 5 and down on 2 at this point.

Because we took Shelby Township into 2 from 5.

So you got two districts that are under and then 16 is over by the combined amount of two and five Directors.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think the Sterling Heights area that we just talked about is more compatible with 5 because that is where the industry is.

And I think if you wanted to build up two it's more compatible with the 5 to the east as well.

Because north of M59 is basically residential.

And then after that south of 59 you're going to get into the industrial area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to work on 5 or 2 at the moment?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 5.

>> MR. MORGAN: Putting into 5 from Sterling Heights.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I also want to mention Sterling Heights has a significant population almost 135,000 people so it does have some industry but it also has a lot of subdivisions as well so it's not just an industrial area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is following the road boundary that you talked about.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct that is Van Dyke.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is a little bit too much which again I just took it up to the road, so you can adjust out, back out of that if you like.

But you see how you are getting closer on 16.

You are getting closer on 5 and now 2 and 5 are pretty close to resolving.

5 is over by 4.7.

Two is under then you also were talking about possibly Oakland Township or the upper part of Macomb Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Whether we want to take some off of the bottom of Sterling Heights we just put in.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I tend to take it off the top because that is closer to the residential area.

And industrial area is further south into Warren.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wonder if your question Steve is were you thinking under south of 16 mile? That Section there that he has a cursor over is that what you are asking about that southern portion?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> MR. MORGAN: Talking not taking as much of Sterling heights in 5.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I was saying take off along 16 mile and Doug is saying take off on what is that hall.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: M59.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you try to balance between 2 and 5 you would need the northern part of Sterling heights to balance that unless you are going to go east west and pull the west side.

Or you could take from upper Macomb.

>> MR. MORGAN: You could take a little upper Macomb into 2 to finish 2 and then you could balance between 16 and 5 possibly.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's try that then.

Take a little shave a little off the top of Macomb.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so the goal here is to get 2 to the population you want.

So that is a little bit more population that you need in two.

I took this larger voting precinct but we could take that back into 5 or we could take this smaller precinct back into 5.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We will leave it there.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have 16 is 3% over.

5 is 2.5% under.

So they are all within the deviation.

But you know you could trade back and forth if you needed to.

And then the only direction in the area that's kind of unresolved is 8 which is under by 24,000.

And you've got multiple options.

And you are contemplating changing that any way.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Not me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Other Commissioners.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Other Commissioners may be thinking along those lines.

Unless somebody has some burning desire to make some further changes on 2 and 5 and 16.

And I'm tending to leave them there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Looks good to me.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And as people want to say now, I yield.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sarah Reinhardt do you have questions for Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't have any answers.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I do have one question for you Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I believe I recorded reasoning for your adjustments of the districts as we went through but specifically as it relates to 16 on 5 and the moving of the line into Sterling Heights there, can you explain how you considered minority populations while adjusting these districts?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, the discussion by the Commissioners was on the Asian population.

And to keep that in mind as we were making the moves, which I think we did.

And then the impetus for the moves were simply to balance population as is required by our first rule.

Does that answer your question?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right at this point we will move on to Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I guess this leaves me to start fixing 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well you also talked earlier about looking back at the unassigned population of Monroe and the unresolved District around Kalamazoo.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right but I think it was kind of decided by the majority that we need to move from Detroit out.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm thinking about Cynthia is that we because we have this that sort of Monroe and that one of the reasons, I think we originally left it was because it was called little down river by some people.

And I don't think we need to do it but we have to figure out how we will adjust 9 and I think there is something about down river.

And there is a Latin community that we may want to consider.

So and because, yeah, I do think 8, 9 and therefore that Monroe piece.

Yeah, there may be some shifting there but again it's along the river and I see Dustin has some maybe some comments there.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would tend to disagree about Monroe.

That Section being included in down river.

And as far as the Latin community potentially, I thought we were on the -- I'm sorry, I thought we were on the idea that that would potentially be better handled in the House Districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We agree it's just I'm trying to resolve, I mean absolutely.

Absolutely.

It's just how do we fix these and so trying to keep options open and that is all when Cynthia was suggesting trying to fix 8, I was just looking at, yeah, the ways we can fix 8 and the places we have to move.

Not that I have an answer.

It's just right we have to unpack something.

And I'm saying unpack and I know that is maybe I don't want to use that word right but we have to shift those districts and create more balance and we have to use some of the tools we have Bruce here to help us interpret and it feels like yeah so just it's a long way to say please start with 8, go to 9 and do it and Steve did a great job with shifting three Directors -- districts right and that empty space in Monroe we may figure it out and it may become clear as you are doing it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would personally think that it would make more sense to -- I mean basically doing what you're suggesting.

But I would say that taking and fixing up and moving up and then going back and assigning and unassigning different areas say District 8 to blend things together may be a more efficient approach.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm confused.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Could you explain that again Dustin I did not quite follow what you said.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So instead of looking at District 8 that we need to address right now.

Go and fix the Monroe area without paying attention to District 8 at this particular point in time.

Going down the state and going up into Kalamazoo.

And at that point blending the Detroit districts in any way, shape or form that we can to fix the particular issues.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: John then I have a comment too.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, just because as it seems to be at the moment that unassigned Monroe area probably is about the right population to round out that unresolved Kalamazoo area District as Commissioner Witjes was saying.

So between balancing those out you would then have a complete plan with just District 8 out of alignment and just barely with many, many districts around it that you're going to be moving any way.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And you know that area Cynthia so maybe.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I also would way into that District 13, District 13 is 71% over all minority and 62% Black population.

So I would suggest that all will need to be looked at as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we actually have multiple in the Detroit area that need to be reshuffled.

Nine is very concentrated, very concentrated.

8el is concentrated.

13 is concentrated.

And I think all of those need to be reworked.

So and we have the benefit of having Bruce here right now to help with that.

So Bruce are you with us tomorrow?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Tomorrow is the beginning of Yom-Kippur.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yom-Kippur.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm with you a couple more hours and sometime after that.

I also had a question the map seems to show there is this narrow strip along the river I think from 8 to 17.

Is there this little lip of territory that links 8 to 17?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's just pulling the water.

That is the waterfront and there is blocks in the waterfront as you see it goes around 17, we just need to reassign it.

>> MR. MORGAN: A number of dis-contiguities that are not resolved and I did not bring them up at this point because there are other more pressing issues.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Go ahead.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So I was going to say so that is not odd stream of territory.

That is water.

That is not land.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's water and then smack dab in the middle of it is gross Isle but the water is coming from where we had 8 at before.

It selected that whole line of water.

So that's why it's still 8 but we can fix that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

I understand.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Cynthia it's 4:13 we are supposed to go to about 4:40.

The Detroit area is going to require quite a bit of thought.

And if you're not familiar with it you know you can certainly do whatever you want.

But if that is not someplace where you want to go, we certainly have this other area that Dustin suggested that needs to be cleaned up as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: My concern is if we are not having Mr. Adelson with us tomorrow, I think we better use him while we've got him.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: One way to approach this because we've got Bruce here if we select 9 and 13 together and see I mean that is two districts and we could instead of dividing it north south we can see what it looks like east west.

But I know that right we've got minority population, yeah, that's not going to work.

Sorry that's not going to work what I was thinking.

Never mind.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have the minority population in 13 and 9 and you have less minority populations in 19, 14 and possibly 10.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What I was going to suggest is Southfield has a concentrated African/American population.

Inkster does as well.

And then obviously Detroit area does as well.

Dearborn, Dearborn Heights Livonia, Westland, Down River Area Farmington, Farmington Hills do not have a majority African/American population so I think we will have to readjust these the same way we kind of did 7, 6 and 8 where they are going to have to be narrower and like a spoke coming out.

I think that is the way that we are going to have to do it to balance it to get rid of the highly concentrated districts.

It's just which way do we want to go to do that.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Two things.

First one the split north south or east west have you ever thought of doing a diagonal instead of north south, east west go down to Detroit and then split.

So it's what direction would that be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you look at the freeways, that is exactly how Metro Detroit is set up.

The lodge comes out at an angle.

Southfield comes out or not Southfield the lodge 75, 94, Woodward, they all come out at different angles from the City like a spoke of a wheel.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is what I was going to say.

Should we think of the Detroit area like spokes on a wheel instead of working in blocked I say blocks loosely but in blocks to potentially fix our districts? Because I mean I don't know.

I feel like that could be a good way to potentially do it.

And, second, regardless of which way that we go in this particular point can we make a clone of the map that we have right now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think that is a good idea, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was going to say to your point you've got sort of vestibule remnants of the French patterns along the river there was a bias towards river frontage and they called them the long lots that go out away from the river.

And you will see that in areas of early French settlement.

So you still have some of your political subdivisions are aligned along river frontage.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so would you make a copy of this one first of all, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to save the plan first then I will make a copy.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Good idea.

Yeah, we are referencing this as version 14 so would you like me to create a version 15 or would you like me for associate this with 14 like 14A or something like that?

Commissioner Witjes?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 14A.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 14A works for me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, all right.

So would you like me to hold this as A or do you want to move on with A or move on with 14? Which is the one you want to freeze? And leave alone?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry we are experiencing difficulties with the display. Give me just a moment to reset it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We just lost everything on the screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will log back into that in a second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say freeze what it is and 14A move on from there.

>> MR. MORGAN: So 14 sorry say that again Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So freeze version 14 that we have, create 14A and move on from there on 14A.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so this is now 14A and then make your moves from here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it's helpful if we get sort of, I'm thinking of two things the overlay that has the neighborhoods so we don't you know that we look and see what the neighborhoods are.

And then the second piece that the target right the idea of like that we have while we know there is a significant minority population period.

So maybe we don't need it.

Never mind just the overlay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you put that on, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't have that on this machine.

So it will take me a moment to get that or if Kent is free, he can switch it over.

so I don't know if you want to take a short break or just give me a moment to load it up.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay we will give you a moment and we can look at the map.

Trying to think.

So while we're waiting for that, so I understand the spoke idea.

That makes sense with the way we can see the geography and the roads.

But we haven't followed that line with 5, 6, 7 that we've already done that are good.

So this first one will not really look like it's following that line so much.

Just putting that out there.

It's going to look like a mulberry rather than a nice clean line.

Or a raspberry if that is more common for people, Blackberry districts.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners to turn your microphones on when you are having conversations for the viewing public.

Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I think I got the neighborhoods loaded up and they are the name of the neighborhood.

Let me see if I can find where I was.

So these are the neighborhoods and what I can do is turn them on or off. If they are too much, I can turn them off and put them back on when you need them.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's probably not possible to have the lines without the names, can I see that?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

Zoom out a little bit please, thank you.

Okay so what I'm picturing, well, I believe 8 is where we were trying to take into consideration the Bengali population.

So I want to consider that but we are going to have to take out I don't know a considerable amount down below to be able to unpack a little bit, I guess.

So I'm not sure where.

>> MR. MORGAN: Currently 8 is under populated by 24,000.

So eventually you would have to take population from other districts.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Is there adjoining population in 9 that you can combine with 8?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's not going to help with the concentration though. I would look at Hazel park maybe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What about Highland Park?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't know the -- if that is going to help with the concentration either.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 8 is 36% or I mean well I can't read that very well. 39% white. 51% Black. 61% minority.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay yeah so Highland Park would not help. Hazel park might.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so choose the part Hazel park and let's just see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Assign that into 8?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: 8 is 3.75 under.

And District 13 is 2.73 under.

So again just on population alone they are both within the tolerance. The overall tolerance.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Bruce or John can we see the election results? And Bruce can you help us know what to make of it?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

Let me ask you a question.

Can someone tell me a little bit about Hazel park?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: MC Rothhorn?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Demographics and racial composition.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I can't tell you that part but Hazel park was included in District 13 because there was a community of interest and that is why it was in there with an LGBT community so that was what I was going to share.

That is why it was in 13 before.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I noticed excuse me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to say it's primarily white middle class population.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That was my question.

I noticed the white population increased.

I was not sure if that was because of an increase in population of Middle Eastern ancestry for example but you just solved that question.

Thank you.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: So then can we if we are trying to keep together Hazel park and Ferndale do you want to add Ferndale in as well? And maybe take some of the Detroit area out?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I'm waiting for the election results.

>> MR. MORGAN: Election results of District 8 is 79 Biden in 2020, 21% for Trump. And 2020 Clinton is 81%.

Trump is 19.

Obama 85.

Romney 15.

Peters 2020 is 79 or sorry 80 to 20 for James.

Stabenow is 79.

James is 21 and 18.

Peters is 86.

Land is 14 and in 2014.

Stabenow and 12 is 88.

And Hoekstra is 12.

Whitmer 81, Schuette 19 and in 2018.

Showers 78.

22 to Snyder in 14.

For Attorney General Nessel 80.

Leonard is 20.

And then in 2014 Totten, 79, Schuette 21.

And Secretary of State is Benson 81.

Lange is 19.

And then for Secretary of State 14 is 78 for Dillard and 22 for Johnson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: In a way this remind me a little bit of the District that Commissioner Kellom was drawing, District 6.

This is not a -- could you put the racial composition back please? This is the largest minority population by the census is the Black population.

I know that as you said before this was a District you were looking at to for the community of interest of the Bengali population for example.

And perhaps people of Middle Eastern ancestry so they would be included in the white population.

So this just by looking strictly at these numbers, this is not an overwhelmingly not a majority minority of one minority District.

The election results as they were in 6.

Are pretty heavy in one direction.

And uniform.

I mean I'm not seeing anything that just you know slaps me in the face of something of concern.

Other than the percentages and the elections are pretty vast.

But I suspect that that may be I'm very interested in hearing what you all think.

That may be part of the Middle Eastern Asian population.

Could be a significant white cross over vote.

I mean, what do you think it also? It talked about the Bengali population.

Were there particular areas of 8 that you were trying to preserve to preserve that particular community of interest?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: There were particular areas, yes.

So Hamtramck and then north is that is why we went that far north to begin with I believe.

John, could we see the Asian theme dots? John, can we scroll up just a little bit so we can see the top.

Top of eight.

Thank you.

Looks like eight is almost 10,000 short.

Ferndale is that where you were suggesting Rebecca?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ferndale will put you over.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We will have to break it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ferndale in whole you will have to go lower 8 and chip away where the Bengali community is.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Keep in mind that 3.75 under population is not problematic and making additional adjustments is that the lutive or reducing the minority population so from my perspective I'm not suggesting this is necessarily a done deal and this never gets touched again but seeing a District that is 3.75% under populated is not a concern to me because this is seemingly a strong opportunity to elect the District. Because we don't have census data of Middle Eastern and new recent ancestry for example that is kind of subsumed into the white population.

There really is nothing we can do about that from a looking at the screen perspective of dividing population.

So and I suspect that has something to do at play too.

But for me as I said I've done redistrictings where I've either done specifically or agreed with under populated districts but relatively small amount which this is.

So I don't think you necessarily need to add population.

And under populating a District if you need to, to comply with Voting Rights Act is an accepted way to go.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay well I think overall it's good and since you agree we know we have to adjust all the other districts to the west of this.

So we will leave it like this for now.

And touch it again later.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Nice work.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Any questions I should answer?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I believe I have everything I need, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right got ten more minutes actually we have five more minutes, I'm seeing, do you want to get started on another District?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the answer is I want to do a five-minute we have done this with the speed round before right so and what I'd like to try to do, John, is to see if we can get, I want to try to that spoke of a wheel.

So I want to sort of go west of 8, District 8 and I want to select like and what I'm looking at is the select box.

I know it's going to be awkward but right I don't think we are going to be able to get all the block at the block level and get it sort of exact.

I guess what I'm trying to do is see how we can what sort of how many slivers, how many spokes so to speak and from butting so the western edge of 8 so District 9 and 13 and potentially District 19.

I think that's what is it three districts or is it two districts? I want to redraw one but I want to see what the demographics are and then I want to try to look at one voting age, I said voting age I'm thinking of the bellwether elections and looking at election results while Bruce is here.

So what I'm hoping you can do is just sort of select an area to the western edge like run a District from let's say hunting ton Woods at the northern edge like District 14 just under District 14, the northern edge.

And create a sort of select a box.

Maybe polygon.

And see if we can go from all the way down to the river again just west of 8 and select the large enough area that we can actually see the demographic composition of that area that spoke.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to take pleasant ridge and Ferndale as whole communities as a starting point?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and Highland Park and yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Starting with two spokes I think I-96 would be a good break point between the north and the south.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Grand River that cuts through south to north.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe that is Grand River.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Grand River is diagonal and 96 comes in east west and then curves down and meets 94.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I meant Grand River.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Comes through.

>> MR. MORGAN: Grand River is here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Same grand river we are on in East Lansing here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it actually is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It totally is.

We are connected to Detroit look at that.

So what I hear you suggesting we are suggesting a spoke along the Grand River all the way to East Lansing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'd love to see the public comment on that one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We might get some.

>> MR. MORGAN: Your adjacent districts we have 17, 19, 14, you mentioned.

And you're looking at making changes between 13 and 9.

So what I would do is I would pick one of those districts and use the number from that.

So either you know call it 9 or call it 13 and start drawing that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will call it 9.

>> MR. MORGAN: Would you like to keep most of this portion here in 9?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No that is the part that will be the second spoke the south of Grand River.

That diagonal line that is I will suggest the second spoke so north and east of 9 of Grand River and 9 and up to 13 will be the number 9 spoke.

Actually let's call it 13 because we will just number 9 in the west like that will be we will make a District that is 13 and again in is like the five minute round.

>> MR. MORGAN: Are you going to try to push 9 into Southfield and go around is what you are saying?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I want to do is try to play with this.

I'm not, yeah, the answer is yes.

That is what I want to do John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take Southfield with the southern portion of 9.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You may end up with a similar configuration.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where it's a north south configuration?

>> MR. MORGAN: No but if you are looking at adjusting the minority populations.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right but I'll have to go up to Royal Oak and Southfield that is the part that right I think there is it gets wider as we head into Berkeley Royal Oak Southfield and Clawson so that is the spoke right but I'm primarily you know chunking out 9 and 13 but I know I will have to go into 14.

>> MR. MORGAN: So again I'm going to take 9 up around into Southfield is what you're saying.

So the southern part of the river is going to come up here and to the western edge of what is now 13.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That seems awkward.

Let's stick with the northern the northeastern side of 9.

Right that so the Grand River line that Doug was pointing out earlier.

We will stay with Highland Park into 13 and we will head north from there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is great John keep going.

>> MR. MORGAN: I just want to adjust that last one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Because the voting precinct follows this, but you just want to take the portion that was in 9 so split the blocks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are not going to the block level and stay at the precinct level because we are doing the five minute version and try to get some data and go home, think about it and come back tomorrow morning and finish it up.

That is great and we will head north and west from there.

Along the Grand River corridor.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't know if you saw but one of the we must have taken blocks before, so it took a little bit out of one of the neighborhoods that's in District 8.

So we should fix that before we forget.

>> MR. MORGAN: You actually asked me to do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Did I.

>> MR. MORGAN: You said follow the voting precinct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So this is just really rough Cynthia so yes but I appreciate that.

That is my intention to come back and fix it like you said.

But this is just for data to try to get a rough idea.

>> MR. MORGAN: Continue along the line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are 53,000 over how do we get data.

>> MR. MORGAN: To balance it out you have to go north into Southfield because 13 will be overpopulated.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You will have to reassign the western half of 13 probably into nine to see how it breaks out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: First this area of Detroit and this is Brightmoor.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wondering if Brightmoor Szetela sed Brightmoor is the bigger block.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So 13.

>> MR. MORGAN: Bring 9 up and take this Section in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the answer is yes.

We are just going to yeah, we are going to try to roughly follow the Grand River corridor. But we can't do it exactly.

>> MR. MORGAN: All of Southfield?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you split the Township? I think you may have.  
So I will just take the portion that is in 13 basically.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.  
You can assign all of Southfield the whole thing because we are going to adjust 14 as well.  
Eventually.

We are about 16,000 over with 9.  
And our demographics like better than they did before.  
But we are 31,000 over.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry let me go back on that because there is Southfield village and Southfield Township.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Great.  
>> MR. MORGAN: That is what I saw.  
This is I guess the village just to the north or is it the Township?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's take out the village.  
And John I think we will let it stop.  
We are going to stop mapping here.  
I think we have to so yeah let's take Southfield village out but we will take the remainder of the Township into 9.  
But the village which is the northern Section I guess will stay in 14, please, for the moment.

Then we will put a pin in it.  
But I think it's fair to say that so our demographics are looking better.  
So Bruce can you help guide us you know with these like remaining seconds that we have left to sort of look at like again the populations don't quite match but yeah.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yeah, thank you I agree your populations look better.  
This is definitely a work in progress.  
Because the voting age Black population in both 9 and 13 is still pretty high.  
It's lower than it had been.

But there still needs to be some thought and adjustments.  
Because that's way above the figure that Dr. Handley estimated in her PowerPoint presentation for opportunity to elect.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That threshold was closer to 30% wasn't it in what she was saying.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: She and I talked about 30% is just awfully low for presume that is going to be okay.  
As far as affording on going opportunities to elect for the next ten years.  
I think she and I talked about getting up in the 40s gives us some margin of error and some leeway.  
I think that is a better way to go than reducing the Black population to around 30%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Bruce I'm going to summarize and again turn it back over and be done here but we need some pretty thin spokes is what right we are going to go pretty far north and south and have thin areas, narrow areas as we head, yeah but that's the information that we got.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go west.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: As we go west.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Or go west because Southfield is not helping with the population.

Redford and Livonia would.

>> MR. MORGAN: I understand your point, Rebecca.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, I think we made good progress today.

Good work everybody.

So we're going to move on to review and approval of minutes which we done have any to approve so we will move on to staff reports.

Without objection I'd like to ask communications is he here? Communications and Outreach Director Edward Woods, III to provide a report.

Please proceed Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you so much members of the Commission.

Just want to give an update we are working on making sure we have the files downloaded in a timely fashion.

As you know we want to be open and transparent as it relates to our mapping process. And that is something that we are working on diligently and will provide you daily updates until we get it done correctly.

We just want to put that on your radar that we are paying attention.

And we are trying to make sure that we get it right.

So that the public can identify the maps that are being drawn by the Commission.

In clarity in terms of how we save it and the process as well.

So I don't want you to think that is not being dealt with, it's being dealt with swiftly aggressively but to ensure quality assurance and we will provide daily updates until it's where it needs to be thank you.

On another note just want to remind you because this will save my report for tomorrow.

That we are in Grand Valley State University.

We are in Grand Valley State University.

They are looking forward to us coming on campus and getting a crowd as well as central Michigan the week after and Oakland University the week after that.

So thank you very much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just to clarify the Grand Valley State is on Thursday, correct?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: What did I say?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Tomorrow.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Everything is Thursday thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: MDOS do we have a report today?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No just to say thank you for all your hard work today.

Commissioners.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Correspondence was provided along with written public commentary to the Commissioners in meeting materials we have no future agenda items to share at this time are there any announcements? Hearing none you do I hear one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I just want to acknowledge that when we were voting yesterday there was an it felt like what I want to acknowledge is it's in the spirit that when we were in Ann Arbor Commissioner Lange said something about you know that we want to make a safe space for Commissioners excuse me for the public to be able to comment.

And what I wanted to offer is that yesterday it felt like there were a couple comments that I think I'll say micro aggressions that tore down another Commissioner in order to build up another one.

And what I want to say is that same safe space feeling feels important so I want to acknowledge that if we can keep that to a minimum or to a zero that would be fantastic. And that's my one comment.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I appreciate that comment MC but I see that in a completely different way.

Not trying to split hairs.

The Commissioner you're referring to did try and build me up.

I know what you're talking about.

She said nothing malicious.

She -- her tone was not malicious at all.

And all she stated were facts.

And I understand some people can get upset with facts but those were facts.

And I don't think we should be calling her out in a meeting.

Every day is a new day.

Lord knows I have had days when I felt I was attached on this Commission and every day is a new day so to call it out today just seems counterproductive and that's my thought on that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I would just add to that I think the concern derives from the fact that the person who was being attacked was not running for a position and therefore it seemed very unnecessary to even comment on it whatsoever.

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And I think that was sort of the feeling in the room is that it was just unnecessary and not supportive of another Commissioner either by making those comments.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You said the same comments you said yourself you had to cover several times so I don't want.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I have not in any way shape or form made a comment anything like that against Commissioner Kellom I'm aware of challenges she faced.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You said you had to cover several meetings I went back and watched and you did so it's no different than what was said the other time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are just going to have to agree to disagree on that.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: We will definitely do that.

I just didn't want it to be counterproductive.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Moving on as the items on the agenda are completed and the agenda has no further business a motion to adjourn is in order motion to adjourn Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Witjes.

All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

Aye, all opposed raise your hand and say nay the ayes prevail and the meeting is adjourned at 4:55 p.m.