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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location when I call on you. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present. I am attending the meeting remotely from

Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present, attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> 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. From Wayne County Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. You can view the agenda at Michigan.gov/MICRC. I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda. So moved.

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes.

Seconded by Commissioner Eid.

Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Seeing none we will now vote all in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

Without objection we will now begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the public comment pertaining to agenda topics.

Department of State staff do we are in-person commentary today?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We do. We have six who have signed up for in-person comment and one request for additional in-person comment.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, thank you very much.

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

Please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number. You will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public comment is number one. You are now invited to address the Commission.

>> Thank you.

My name is Dorothy Munson. I represent the nonprofit nonpartisan group proactive here in Grand Rapids.

We represent underserved community and the south side of Metro Grand Rapids primarily.

I want to thank you for your dedication and hard work.

I want to address the State Senate districts in our Metro area.

District 24 is on the north side of the Metro area and has four Townships in Ottawa County.

District 23 is a partial of the south side of the Metro area.

District 22 includes Cascade Township and three other southern counties along the lakeshore.

Almost to the state line.

These are kind of left over areas.

And so they have very little commonality.

Does not represent the voters well.

24 there are four Townships in Ottawa Townships and there is no commonality with our Metro area.

It leaves out Cascade Township including the Gerald Ford Airport, which is an integral part of our City and many industries are there that local people work at.

The Grand Rapids Metro area is not being kept together here.

They share all kinds of commonalities including schools transportation service commerce and much more.

I recommend splitting Grand Rapids north and south.

Thank you.

Two Senate districts should be contained in the greater Grand Rapids Metro area in our County.

Cascade Township should be included in one of these districts.

There are a number of ways to create two District within the County for example 23, the south can include south Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Cascade Township, Wyoming, Grandville and other southern Kent County Townships to form 23.

The Grand Rapids north, south dividing line will move south from where it's currently drawn.

For 24 the north can include East Grand Rapids the north portion of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township as well as Walker, Plainfield, Alpine and Ada Townships. You have done a great job in developing the communities of interest in Kent County and a few changes would be appreciated.

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

Number two?

>> Hello, Commissioners.

My name is Sarah and I live in Grand Rapids.

And I wanted to comment today as well on the draft State Senate maps.

First of all, thank you for the hard work you're doing.

I know that you a very difficult and very time consuming job here on the Commission.

I also want to thank you for recognizing the unique communities of interest that we have here in the Grand Rapids area and recognizing that splitting the City of Grand Rapids is necessary to create maps that are fair and that will give our City and broader area fair representation in Lansing. There are two specific concerns I had with the State Senate maps as it pertains to the Grand Rapids and Kent County. First for northern Grand Rapids Senate District, including four Townships in Ottawa County.

Both the Grand Rapids District should be centered around the Grand Rapids Metro.

We have sufficient population for it. And we have nearby cities as well as suburbs that are very related to the City of Grand Rapids, which the Townships included from Ottawa County are not. The effective representation for us as constituents means keeping our neighbors together in Senate districts that represent the broad and diverse Metro area we have.

Secondly, I was also concerned to see Cascade Township included in the Senate District going all the way south to Benton Harbor.

Cascade is part of the greater Grand Rapids area, our Metro is there, our airport is there, excuse me. And the majority of Cascade Township is on City of Grand Rapids water and City of Grand Rapids sewer.

They do not have that in relationship in relation with Benton Harbor, Van Buren County. They really are part of the Grand Rapids Metro and I urge you to include them in the Senate districts that represent our area.

Again, I applaud you for recognizing that cities may need to be split in order to create these fair maps. And I urge you to create Senate districts that represent the community where our people live, work and play. Thank you.

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

Number three?

>> Good afternoon, everybody. I'm Scott from Kentwood and I want to first of all reiterate I like to thank you all for all you have been doing. I have to say I'm very

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impressed by the work that you have put into this process. And you're going above and beyond in terms of public comment and seeking out people's ideas.

Another good thing I want to mention is I think the State House maps for Kent County where I live, those are very good.

I think they really accurately reflect communities of interest.

We have a Voting Rights Act based District in Grand Rapids.

You have a Wyoming, Grandville District, which a lot of people across the spectrum were calling for at the Grand Rapids hearing on July 1st, just a lot of great things going on.

I think those districts are very accurate and very competitive and very reflective of what we...of our communities of interest.

I do want to make a couple of suggestions. First of all to reiterate the State Senate districts, I think there is room for improvement there. As a Kentwood resident, I'd like to see, first of all, it's good to split Grand Rapids north and south.

But I think that putting southern Grand Rapids in with, say, Kentwood and Wyoming and then maybe some of the southern Townships like Cascade, Gaines Township, which is a right next to Kentwood and has a lot in common with Kentwood, I think that would be great.

You can also have like a northern Grand Rapids District plus East Grand Rapids, Walker, Grand Rapids Township, you know, some of those other areas that really kind of keep the Metro area together.

Another thing I'd like to suggest is to try to put the maps online each day if you can. So basically there are files online with the State Senate districts, but I think there should be actual maps every day to show where you are going and how much progress you are making. And also, I would encourage folks to schedule more time into the Commission's schedule for more mapping session. Thanks again for all you are doing.

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

Number four.

>> Good afternoon, Commission.

As you know my name is Sarah Howard. I'm the attorney for the AFLCIO fair maps project. It's a pleasure and an honor to be here in front of you again today. As I'm sure you suspect, we are thrilled you are considering the partisan data. We wanted to talk about some nuisances with that type of data that we think it's important for you to be cognizant of to make the best use of the partisan information.

First, we absolutely believe you are doing the right thing by looking at statewide partisan elections because we think you want to be able to compare apples to apples between different parts of the state.

It's also good to look at a wide variety of such elections for the partisan data.

However, we think you should bear in mind that political coalitions change.

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For this reason you should give more recent election results greater consideration than the more distant ones.

For example, the 2012 Presidential election results don't really tell us anything about the political world in 2021.

Second, bear in mind that the State Senate it's elected every four years on the gubernatorial cycle, not Presidential one. So the voting public is significantly different from the Presidential and the gubernatorial years, often differing by over a million voters.

Because of this, you shouldn't use Presidential election data to calculate the VRA districts or the partisan fairness for the State Senate map.

You have to look at 2014 and 2018 for the fairness and the VRA districts for the State Senate map.

Third, we think that the...that it's absolutely essential for the partisan fairness criteria to make sure that the winner of the statewide popular vote for given election wins that majority of the districts that you draw.

Perfect proportionality between the election results and number of seats would be ideal. But it's absolutely essential that a majority of the voters be able to elect a majority of the state legislature.

Thank you very much.

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

Number five.

>> Good afternoon, everybody. And thank you for inviting us today for public comment and thank you very much for all the work here you have been doing. My name is Aly and I represent the Islamic mosque and the religious institute of Grand Rapids. And we are actually despite the name we are part of the City of Kentwood. And we represent a significant number of families the Muslims here in the area, is about 10,000.

And two of the mosques that actually representing fall on the east Paris address so our address is 3357 East Paris Avenue. So we fall between Kentwood and Grand Rapids Townships.

A significant number of about 65% of our congregants actually come from the City of Kentwood. And that actually was a major consideration for us when we planned for the mosque is to be in the City of Kentwood.

And I would like we urge that we stay that way given the fact that significant number of our population come from this area.

And we really appreciate the input that you have for that.

Thank you.

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

Number six.

>> Hello and good afternoon to you all my name is Chris Herweyer. I'm a City of Wyoming resident, not the state of Wyoming but the City, just a few miles down the road.

I am here today to talk mostly about the State Senate districts we have for Grand Rapids area.

I want to applaud all of you for the work you have done in putting together districts that really do represent the Grand Rapids Metro area quite well.

I just wanted to recommend a few potential tweaks that could fix a couple areas as a couple people before me mentioned Cascade Township being in lumped in with a District that goes all the way down to South Haven Benton Harbor St. Joseph does not really represent community of interest in the same way that it could if it were with neighboring communities.

So I took the liberty earlier today of submitting a map of two State Senate districts slightly tweaked from what you have on the public comment portal IDP4701 if you would do me the I would appreciate it if you would take a look at it.

It basically takes out for the southern Grand Rapids District portions of the City along the borderline borders two and three in Grand Rapids so it's a pretty good split in terms of community of interest there.

So that's a few precincts south that it would adjust and take in Gaines Township as a result this would allow the northern District to take in Cascade, those small portions of Grand Rapids, East Grand Rapids and then take out the portions of Ottawa County that are drawn into that northern Grand Rapids District.

Additionally this would allow a lot of people in Ottawa County to have one of their requests made of having an Ottawa County community of interest in that opening up those four Townships in Coopersville would allow most of Ottawa County to maintain its own State Senate District.

I thank you so much for your time.

Have a wonderful meeting.

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

That concludes our first round of in-person public comments.

We are now going to move on to the first round of remote public comments and then we will come back for people who have requested a second in-person comment.

So individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. I will call on your name and our staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak.

If you are on the phone, a voice will say that the host would like you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute. I will call on you by your name.

If you experience technical or audio issues and we do not hear from you for 3-5

seconds, we will move on to the next person in line and then return to you after they are done speaking.

If your audio still does not work, you can e-mail redistricting@Michigan.gov and we will help you troubleshoot so you can participate during the next public comment period at a later hearing or meeting.

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

First in line to provide public comment is Anthony.

>> Good afternoon, Commission. Thank you. Sorry. I don't know why it takes so long to unmute, but whatever.

So just a quick note.

The live stream is not on the Secretary of State YouTube channel. You guys have your own YouTube channel and then, okay, that's cool.

Just in general it's good to see you guys, you know, getting the hang of the mapping and all that.

I think it's kind of, you know, I can see you guys moving along and getting better at it as time goes on so kudos for that.

I'm still just kind of concerned about, you know, the process.

I think, you know, it's getting better; but just, you know, I intended to make comment the last two days but sorry I missed it. But I still want to make the point that new Chair election was that was unhinged.

It was chaotic.

It was very strange to me.

They had motions being laid upon the table and seconded that were almost circumvented by people proposing new votes and all that kind of stuff.

I agree with Mr. Galant. It should have been the first order of business on that day's meeting.

I mean you had people proposing bracket style voting without proper consideration.

And I also think it was just...it was just really disorganized. But I appreciate the effort to make it better, so thanks.

And then as I missed the last two days, I wanted to note the other day I found it strange. I agree with Commissioner Lange when I thought it was odd for a Commissioner Rothhorn to take exception at Commissioner Wagner of the presiding Chair's attendance for whatever reason and considering the nominations for the new Chair.

I think it was 100% as valid as comments made about Lange's virtual attendance, but it's all right.

That's it for process.

And then on the maps, my last comment is I think in number 19 with Dearborn and Tyler it was the first District drawn in Metro Detroit area. And I think it's kind of boxing you guys in.

I'm not also seeing the justification of Dearborn and Taylor and Dearborn Heights other than it meets the population requirement. And I don't know if you can explain that.

Thanks.

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

We will now move on to Sarah Lambi.

>> Lambi.

>> Okay. Thank you for letting me speak first of all.

I just wanted to thank the Commissioners for taking the time to take on this really important job.

I just wanted to express a couple of concerns that I had.

The first is about getting the draft maps on the website.

I understand that you're trying your best with the process of publishing the draft maps online daily as quickly as possible.

But even though you posted the Senate plan yesterday, it's not in an accessible format for the general public to view unless they have a mapping program.

And my concern with that is at this point really the only way to see what you're working on is to watch the meetings and not everyone has the time or resources to watch multiple meetings per week.

So I would really appreciate if you could find a solution to get the draft maps online in a way that is accessible for everyone.

As quickly as possible.

And my other concern is with mapping time.

I believe more time is needed for mapping in order for it to be done well and correctly.

Many suggestions have been made on how to add more hours of mapping to the Commissioners' schedule but I still have not seen it discussed in a meeting.

So I would urge you to schedule more time to finish drafting maps online so that this important job can be done in the best way possible.

And again I thank you for taking this on and for all the time that you put into it.

Thank you.

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

We will now move on to Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

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

And I appreciate some folks are starting to, you know, follow along in about the process and rules of procedure.

And I think that now we can, from the former speaker from the fair maps project that, you know, their attorney has now spoken. And I'm assuming they use these words on purpose, absolutely the right thing. I'm assuming that that includes the rules of procedure and the way that you run along in the Robert's Rules and all that. So we now can clarify that with their attorney.

But I believe, my personal opinion, that you are relying upon a little illegitimate, allegedly voted upon agreement establishing side bar virtual rules. Commissioner Lange spoke of this. Commissioner Witjes spoke of this and these side bar rules. Well, those were not in the minutes. They are not found in the minutes. See, Mike Brady explained to you September 25 last year in 2020 to Commissioner Clark's question about what is in the minutes is that it has to be in the motion. It has to be part, it has to be an actual decision and it has to be in the minutes. And that is requirement of the Open Meetings Act. So we will go back to say your decisions are not listed in the minutes. And Sarah Reinhardt was speaking, oh, well, the deliberation is going to be about the 27th, the week of the 27th of September.

Well, you mean this is not deliberation? You're not actually deliberating towards a decision that you know you have to vote on, which is required? And, you know, this part about under consideration. It's facilitating the discussion while it's under consideration, which is the motion second. And that's where the collaborative part comes from. So you are all doing it together because you all agreed upon the immediately pending question.

So that's where this...you're going away from the collaborative process to this in between, you know, making it up on the fly. And Commissioner Szetela has got two hours on the floor and she is mapping all the maps all the sudden.

And you got one person explaining why the other person drew the map. And you got Commissioner Curry, you know, asking other people to explain because she clearly does not understand.

And, you know, we did give you folks 6 million bucks to run this outfit, so can you get that girl a new pair of glasses, a new pair of glasses so she can actually see what is going on because that is not...

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Mr. Galant. We will now move on to Leila.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Leila, you are unmuted if you would like to proceed with addressing the Commissioner.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, ma'am.

>> Okay. Great. Thank you.

Good afternoon. My name is Leila. I'm a representative for the APIA vote.

I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to this date.

We see how hard you're working on our District maps.

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We want to support your maps, but we are concerned as they're not available for all of us to review on the website.

So I too would like to request that the Commission makes the draft maps more accessible to the public.

I do want to thank you as the website was updated last night with the two September 14th map files.

We want to support your hard work and we want to provide public comment on the draft maps.

We just need access to them.

Thank you for your time.

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

Now move on to Ken Whitaker.

>> Hello, Commissioners. My name is Ken Whitaker. I'm here to implore you to allow more time for mapping. And transparency and accessibility, you were going to release maps daily. And I understand that technically sometimes gets in the way. So when that happens it's not appropriate for us to just push through, ignoring and eroding the trust that this Commission has to have to be successful.

Thank you for releasing maps last night. But the previous release was on August 23rd, which is over three weeks ago.

The Senate map released last night was in a format that has a very steep learning curve. I want you to think back about a year and you were very new to the process and think about the understanding you had. And then empathize with the everyday citizen that have not had the training that you've had when it comes to reading those maps from last night.

The only way to see what you've been working on and see the progress is to sit through each and every meeting in its entirety.

And that's not a fair and equitable process for the public to weigh in.

I know you're ready to deliberate, but it's important for the fairness of this process that you allow more time for mapping and public comment.

I'm also concerned with how Commissioners are talking about public comment.

At the meeting yesterday some Commissioners mentioned that they didn't want to change maps based upon comments received post drafting.

These are drafts.

The public comment process is ongoing.

The public must not lose trust in this Commission by thinking that our input is no longer valid or doesn't matter.

Certainly take time to vet public comments properly. And, of course, there will be competing opinions, but totally disregarding any feedback on maps as Commissioners alluded to yesterday, some Commissioners alluded to yesterday, is completely unacceptable and not what the voters of this state called for.

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We have lived under partisan gerrymandered maps all of my 46 years.

And we elected a Commission of citizens to end this.

I implore you to allow more time for maps. I implore you to make sure you are releasing these maps on the daily and to allow more public comment.

Thank you.

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

Katherine Schmidt.

>> Hello. Can you hear me all right?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> All right. Thank you so much for the opportunity to address the Commission today.

I really appreciate your time and your work on this.

I would also say I agree with the comments from some of the previous speakers about accessibility to the maps and room for improvement on that is something we can certainly work on going forward.

But the main point that I would like to speak to I'm a resident of the Greater Lansing Area.

I live in Potterville.

Out in the small town and I work in economic development throughout, Ingham, Eaton and Clinton County Area. And I'm very concerned about what has been defined as a community of interest and the way that the rule outlining the communities of this area are being sort of lumped in with the more urban communities that surround Lansing and East Lansing.

And my biggest concern is that the small communities, the things we would consider place making or the agricultural based communities are going to lose their voice if this map goes through as presented.

When we think about what makes a community of interest, it should never be a one way thing.

It's true that some people in the rural areas do sometimes make their way into Lansing, but many of them don't and very few of the people from downtown Lansing or Ingham County in the more urban areas make their way to the rural outlying areas.

Communities should have a common location. They should have common interests.

And they should have a common history, common social, economic interests that would define them and bring them together so they can be represented by someone who understands how to articulate the values that matter most to them.

Someone that lives in downtown Lansing is not going to be concerned about agricultural or maybe the roads that would need attention in outlying counties or understand the Amish community and other things like that that are active parts of the area where I live. And for many business owners, it's concerning they would be losing their voice in our State Senate if this map is approved as is. So I would strongly urge the Commission redraft that.

And thank you so much for your time.

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

We will now move on to Andrea Smith.

>> Hello.

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

>> My name is Andrea Smith, I live in Charlotte, Michigan.

And I represent a group of women called the Eaton County Republican Women's Alliance. And I just want to say, first of all, the whole fact that this Secretary of State has anything to do with this is a huge concern for me.

And I am concerned that some of the Commissioners that were actually brought on are not actually who they say they are and what they represent.

A lot of people from Lansing, I used to live in Lansing, they want...you guys are talking about grouping Ingham County and Eaton County together.

And I used to live in Ingham County.

I know Lansing well, East Lansing well. You know, those people are like minded. And I moved out of the City and into the rural community to get away from crime, which is big in Ingham County.

And we have kind of already a spillover of that in Eaton County because of the jail that's here.

People get released out here.

They are not able to get back to wherever it is that they came from.

People move out to rural areas because of the school districts.

I just think it's really a bad idea to lump Ingham County with Eaton County when we have other areas, Barry, Ionia, that are more like minded as we are.

And I would just really appreciate it if you guys would actually take that into consideration when you're doing these.

Because, like Katie said, we really don't have a lot, you know, Frontier Days, people from Lansing are not coming out here for things like that.

And they don't understand what we're doing out here.

So thank you for your time.

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

Randolph.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For purposes of the public record, participant number eight and nine are not currently present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Eight and nine, okay. So we will move on to...I'm not sure if it's Tara Kopietz.

>> Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Tara Kopietz. I'm a Clinton County resident and reside in Grand Ledge. I've been local to the area my entire life. I'm concerned with the redistricting plan to group Clinton County in with East Lansing, Lansing, and Ingham County for the south central region.

There are distinct differences between the urban areas of East Lansing and Lansing compared to the rural areas within Clinton County.

My family and I live in a rural portion of Clinton County. We value our freedoms to house livestock, farm our land, discharge firearms, and use our property for other outdoor various recreational activities.

I do hold great value in that our current 24th District represents the rural area where I reside. And also do appreciate that our senator resides within the rural area that they represent.

They're most familiar with the rural interests of the counties and District that they live in. And they are more apt to be in the know of what is most valued with their local community.

I would like to end this and just stating, again, that I don't agree with the redistricting plan for Clinton County to move within the south central region.

I would like to see that Clinton County remains with its other urban counties since there is such a great difference within the Lansing and East Lansing locations.

That is all that I have to say.

I really appreciate everyone for the time here today. Thank you.

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

We will now move on to Katie Smith.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the purposes of the public record, number 11, 12 and 13 are not present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, so that's going to conclude our opportunity for first in-person and remote public comment. So, without objection, we will now hear from individuals seeking to provide a second two-minute public comment. Hearing no objection, we will proceed with individuals seeking to provide a second two-minute public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide in-person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do. So you can step to the microphone when I call your number. You will have two minutes to address the Commission as before.

Please conclude your remarks when the two minute timer has ended. And then as always, we remind people to go to the public comment tool and share your comments in writing including any specific areas of the map about which are you are speaking. The public comment tool is available at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

First in line to provide public comment is number one.

>> Good afternoon again Commission.

My name is Sarah Howard. I represent the AFLCIO's fair maps project.

Your staff is working on analyzing the partisan fairness of the current draft you have of the State Senate map.

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We've taken a rough crack at analyzing the partisan fairness data ourselves based on the screen shots from the meetings.

And the drafts as they currently exist.

We think the numbers may be off by a small amount because of that.

But here is what we found so far.

We hope this information is useful to you as you think about what tweaks you are going to make to ensure partisan fairness in your next draft.

You have six districts in the current draft that typically vote at least 70% for democratic candidates.

And you have 0 districts that typically vote at least 70% for republicans.

Of the 38 Senate districts that you drew 21 of them are more republican than the state as a whole.

That means that in a hypothetical 50/50 election republicans are likely to enjoy a 21-17 majority in the legislature.

To get a majority of seats from this map republicans would need to win 47% of the popular vote and democrats would need to win 53% of the popular vote.

We want you to succeed in drawing truly fair maps.

But if you draw final maps that are only marginally better than the current ones that we have right now it would be a failure to everyone who voted to create this Commission.

We urge you to continue to work towards partisan fairness.

We appreciate everything that you're doing so far in that regard and in meeting all of the other constitutional criteria that you must meet.

Thank you again so much for your efforts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. That concludes our second in-person public comments. So now we move to the second live, remote public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. We will use the same process as the first round. First in line to provide public comment is Mr. James Galant. You are now invited to address the Commission and you have two minutes to address the Commission.

>> James Galant. Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay, James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition. And these are my opinions and a couple of comments concerning the other comments.

Today's public meeting notice does not mention this second two-minute round of public comment and it says two minutes total. So that is misinformation.

Please correct that.

And also the former speaker was saying you're about to deliberate.

Could you explain to everybody how this process is going to begin that you are going to start deliberations the week of the 27th? How is that going t...how does that pan out? I didn't find that in rules or anything.

You have published draft maps. So now the 45-day comment period begins. But you're going to not do that. You are going to publish maps. You are going to get comments back. You are going to publish then again. And you are going to do all this, direct contradiction it appears of the Constitution.

But now back to the rules of procedure. Yesterday's meeting Commissioner Witjes requested a point of order.

And then he answered his own point of order. And that is based on those side bar rules. And it says that the Chair is not going to answer, have any more authority. The Chair does not answer the point of order, the member does.

Commissioner Witjes answers his own point of order, but it appears he lied to the Commission and the Chair and to the community.

He said that the rules of procedure concerning the...and the consensus building, you know, the collaborative map process, the consensus building, he said the rules of procedure and then he pointed out that it's now his turn.

It's not this, it's not that way, it's this way.

Well, the Executive Director stated in her...I guess it's the process paper. It's not even in the process. It's not even in a policy format. But the Executive Director Hammersmith stated very clearly the consensus building process is not contained in the rules of procedure. So he lied. And he is trying to say this is the rules now. And it's not. It's process overriding rules is what this is.

And, you know, so please let's get back to...let's get a special meeting. Let's get a report from your litigation attorney. Because I think you people don't think that the rules are important enough that the Court would reverse your decision.

This was told to me by one of the top folks that have advised you. I talked to them about an hour, hour-and-a-half.

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

This concludes our public comment for this afternoon. However, I'd like to mention that all e-mail and mailed public comment is provided to Commission before each meeting. And Commissioners also review the public comment portal on our www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website on a regular basis.

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

At this time we are going to continue our unfinished business, Agenda Item 5A. Without objection, we will continue with the draft mapping of alternative Senate districts. Hearing no objection, we are going to proceed with that process. So as of yesterday we actually ended on my turn.

But I wanted to let everybody know looking at the maps last night and looking at the Ann Arbor area and analyzing the public comment that we've received and the different communities of interest, I decided to abandon the concept of trying to create a District that divides Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

So I am satisfied with that area as of our maps as of right now.

So if someone else is interested in creating an alternative map, I will hand this process over to MC so that because he is in the room so he can facilitate conversations about additional Senate maps at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They Chair Szetela I think we should acknowledge Commissioner Orton has joined us, thank you.

Glad you are with us.

So we have -- are there any other proposed alternatives or do we want to sort of put a pin in our Senate maps for the moment and move to Congressional? Okay so I've got one hand, two hands.

Commissioner Orton first then Commissioner Eid then I see Commissioner Clark next.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do feel that there are several other areas where we received significant conflicting public comment.

And I'm not prepared to present any at this moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, agreed we are certainly going to make changes to the first draft Senate plan going forward but I think we would be better served with getting started on Congressional at this point.

And that will also give the public more time to you know publish maps on our website and give us comments about it as time goes on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Today we received quite a few comments about the Grand Rapids area from different people.

It may benefit us to take a look at that today and just discuss what we've done and if changes are appropriate at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark, are you suggesting we do that in an open session or are you thinking moment work and coming back on Monday.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Open session.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay would you like to bring up the map and sort of help direct that?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you said yes; is that correct?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I said yes, I will.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Witjes sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would have to agree with Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Orton we should move to the Congressional maps at this particular point

and allow public comment to come in so that we can make informed decision with the public comments that are going to be received.

Otherwise we are just going to be chasing public comment all over the place.

So my suggestion would be the Congressional map at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner or Vice Chair or Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I concur with that sediment I don't want with comments we need to go back and look at things and let it sit over the weekend especially because there are a lot of people who have commented that the maps are not readily accessible to them right now and want to be able to download them and look at them and hopefully that functionality will be up and running by the weekend and I think we are going to get more meaningful comments over the weekend and then evaluate them then because otherwise they will become available then we will redo that process again on Monday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark what do you think we can have the -- I think we may feel a little motivation to move on.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It appears that is what the consensus is so imperfectly willing to go by that and we will move on to the Congressional maps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent I think you were acknowledging we did get a lot of input about the Grand Rapids area.

We got input about East Lansing, Lansing area so we will as Commissioners continue to review the public comment portal and of course create maps and I see Commissioner Lett also has a hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I agree with that.

And I wanted to specifically address Mr. Whitaker's comments on the -- today. I take it he was talking about me because I was the one that made the comment yesterday.

We are not going to, not consider comments that come in.

My comment was based upon another part of the public comments.

The portal remains open.

That's a fallacy that has been proposed by people that we are going to close it.

We are not.

We are going to keep it open.

We are going to continue to keep comments coming in and we will consider all comments.

And all comments will consist of those that come in now and those that have come in over the last year.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Well said Commissioner Lett thank you. Commissioner Clark?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So as I understand it, we are going to move on to Congressional maps and we have identified the Lansing and the Grand Rapids area to go back to specifically at this point and review it at some later date.

I'd also like to include that northern District but I don't want to talk about that until Commissioner Lange is with us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent thanks Commissioner Clark.

So at this point I think we are ready to move on to our Congressional maps but I'm not sure who should start, do we have any guidance on who will begin our Congressional.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe we are starting with Janice because she would have been next in line after me yesterday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

And I see a hand from Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just something to think about, I was thinking about this last night, since the U.S. Congressional District has sorry has a lot more weight to it than the State House and State Senate as in the votes that those that the electorate cast is not only for our state but technically effects the entire nation, I would like to see the population deviation be zero on all of them.

Now we have an odd number.

So one of them is going to have one or negative one.

But I do feel like that is very important.

And if we need to go into a block level to assign one or two and break up one particular voting District to do that or voting precinct to do that, I feel like that is very important.

And should be done.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for that.

And I see Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Orton.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think we should take our consultant's recommendation from yesterday.

And as I understood it, when you do the Congressional maps do it from don't get down to the exact to the 0 level of population.

Get it a general concept and agree on the general concept.

And then make adjustments and whittle it down to zero or one person difference.

Because it's going to be hard to do as we move along.

So I would suggest that we approach it like that.

So let's say try to get every District you know below .5% let's say and then come back and get down to the block level or the precinct level and I would support that and I characterized it right if John could comment on that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will let John go after Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I've tried it both ways getting it down to 0 person deviation.

As I go or trying to get it below .0 something and then changing it later.

And that didn't seem to work very well for me.

So I would like to hear more from our consultants how to do it but I was able on a test run to get ten districts done or down to 0.

Although there are four extra people.

So we are going to have to have four districts with one extra person or however we are going to do that.

According to my calculation any way.

But I would like to know how they think works best with their experience.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: John then Kim.

>> MR. MORGAN: So my experience with doing this is you know you get the concepts that you like for a Congressional districts and you're pretty clear on what it is you intend to do.

Then in order to get down to 0 you do a little bit of what you did in the Detroit area where you end up locking some districts because in order to do this you have to focus on one District at a time.

And for example, you might say your first District you're going to get that one to 0. And you're going to have an adjacent boundary with one other District and you're going to sort of you know keep that first District exactly the way you have it so it's at the 0 point and then you are going to work on another District and kind of a round Robin fashion one at a time so you get each one and you know you can reconcile them with adjacent districts.

So you can say okay I'm going to get one exactly right then I'm going to pick another District and get that exactly right and then there is going to be a boundary between say District two and District three and you will reconcile between them as well.

So it's sort of a second process to what you describe where you get pretty close and then you go through and you make them all exact.

And again you just do it one at a time and circle through each District.

And you will know which districts you're trying to equalize between.

And that usually would happen at the very lowest level.

You get a Township you have already split and you have a precinct you split and if you are careful, we can keep the actual equalization in one area rather than four or five areas along the border which gets much more complicated.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks John and sounds like in summary we will get to what Commissioner Witjes is intending in the process.

We have General Counsel and sorry Kim we will get to you after General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Vice Chair Rothorn I wanted to highlight for the Commission's benefit in the mapping process document on Page three that outlines your District details for Congressional 13 districts.

The ideal District size is 775,179 people.

The deviation, the goal obviously 0 deviation is the ultimate goal.

But the range that's listed is plus or minus 0.5%.

So the size that and the range that the Commission is striving for, again, is very small between 773,303 people through 779,055 people so I just wanted to highlight that for the benefit of the Commission thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks General Counsel, Kim.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you very much everybody. I bring greetings from Providence, Rhode Island is where I am today.

I would concur with John certainly in terms of trying to get the overall concept down as you can.

The other thing I would add to it is that it may be that you would want to wait until you get all three plans in close to where you want to be and then try to balance between them because other lines may come into play.

So certainly looking at Congressional as well as State Senate and then State House, you kind of look at all three of them and try to bring them down to that 0 degree if you want to do that.

But certainly knowing where the other lines are will probably help you in trying to get one person, one vote.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Kim.

So at and I see Commissioner Clark.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I just want to run a quick analogy on the concept.

I used to be in the software development area and that is what we did.

We had a conceptual design put together then we went down to the detail level after we all agreed on a conceptual design.

So I see a very similar to that.

And I would concur that's the way we proceed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for that analogy I believe we are ready to hand it to you, Commissioner Vallette.

Are you ready to do some collaborative mapping with the Congressional districts?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I am.

>> MR. MORGAN: For the benefit of the Commission and the public at large I have here a blank map that is adjusted for the correct population that the General Counsel mentioned for the target population for Congressional districts.

As a starting point I've created this plan.

And it has all the features of the Senate plan drawing process that we did before.

So we should be able to bring up information as we have in the Senate plans.

But again this is a starting point with nothing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for orienting us.

Janice? Commissioner Vallette you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Does the Commission have a suggestion on where I should start?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do believe there are several Commissioners who drafted some plans so please speak Commissioners if you would like to help. I see Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think part of what made the doing the Senate plan harder was that you know we started in the upper peninsula. Because once we got down to Detroit, you know we had to readjust a lot of what we do to the VRA concerns and undo the population there and wondering if it would be more efficient to start in the Detroit area for these.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Do we have Mr. Adelson with us today?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We do not.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just wonder if we will need him for those.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I think we would be safe to start in Detroit because we have an idea of what we are looking for in regards to percentages of what districts should be because I'm assuming it's going to follow roughly the same as the Senate District in regards to minority population.

So we can actually start there and have a starting point I suppose.

If we do it wrong, I'm sure he will let us know so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm going to ask Commissioner Orton to help me so would you turn your mic on so they can hear what you're saying to me?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have not done those down there.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you move south to Detroit? I guess we are starting there, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You do not have to and it was the recommendation, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well I'm taking the recommendation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: In the Metro area just as a starting point I have the population of each of the counties listed.

So that gives you an idea of how much population is in this area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Wayne County alone is more than two.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wonder if the overlay we had when we were doing the Senate maps which is that cities overlay that excuse me the neighborhoods the Detroit neighborhoods if we can get that overlay that might help Commissioner Vallette also keep the neighborhoods whole while we are doing this, if that is, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want me to bring up the neighborhood map?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette one of the things we will struggle with this Detroit is with the VRAs is trying to make sure that we have a balance of white and minority.

So if we do if you do decide to keep the whole Detroit together it will be a high almost 90% population so you have to decide somewhere just to split the City somewhere, maybe up to maybe three districts, it's not clear just two.

But I guess what I was going to offer is that if you go in knowing you have to split it somewhere that maybe what you want to think about.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I completed a Congressional map.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you take your hand away from your mouth we can't hear you very well.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I had a Congressional map that I submitted to EDS that we could bring up if you want.

And I believe it had Detroit split into three districts moving out into the suburbs on each of the Congressional maps.

On each of the districts in the Congressional map.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark we have the Secretary of State who can help us with that.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioner Clark this is Sarah Reinhardt with the Department of State.

Per the process documented adopted by the Commission, for a map to be shared during a mapping process session the map has to be sent to your line drawing consultant as well as our office so it can be maybe publicly posted for the public to view prior to discussion.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I will just comment I mailed it to our Executive Director yesterday and forwarded it on to EDS and whoever because she is the focal point for all the communications to the vendor.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies the document the process does state it needs to be sent directly to us.

So it can be posted on the website.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Doug that still means you can look at your map and help collaboratively draw with Commissioner Vallette if you would like.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That I will.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I would like that Commissioner Clark if you can start me off where we should split.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me take a look we are talking about Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, we are.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, let me see what I did.

Okay what I did let me start over on the east side.

What I did was I took that area that was next to Grosse Pointe and then in Detroit and then I moved it up north in the East Point, let me back up.

I took Grosse Pointe area then I moved it up into Roseville and Warren and Madison Heights and Sterling Heights.

And captured all that area.

Is what I did.

That's one.

And that didn't include Detroit, I thought it did when I looked at the map.

So I have Detroit in two different districts.

And I believe what I did in the City of Detroit was I broke it at Woodward and I came down to on the east side and I came down to the Edsel Ford Freeway and went a little bit to the west.

I just passed the Lodge and then I came back down and went over, I went into Delray and just the Delray area and into the Dearborn, Ecorse Lincoln Park, and Allen Park. It's a big District and Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Westland and Wayne was one District coming out of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So you're saying you started at Woodward?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I went east to go to.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you let us know what area you started at?

So John can.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Highland Park is buy seconded by Woodward.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It went right through Highland Park.

So Woodward goes right through Highland Park and I went down to.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Started at Woodward and took all the area from Woodward to Highland Park?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, on the east side.

I went.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark can I try to help translate?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN:

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Please do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So if you Zoom in and the northern Section, yep, between Ferndale and Hazel park, yeah, and I think John you know where Woodward is, right? Yep, you got it.

That's it.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I think what he was suggesting Janice is right that and heading east and creating a District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So we are going to take Ferndale.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was going to recommend pick one town that's in one of the districts that you want to create and let's put that town in if it's entirely in a District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which town.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did not have Ferndale in it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Say that again please Commissioner Clark.

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did not have Ferndale.

We can put Ferndale in if you want.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sounds like in the District he is talking about it's not including Ferndale.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No it's not, no.

It's only includes the part of Detroit that's east of Woodward.

So about 8 mile and then head east from Woodward.

I mean this is a big District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so from Woodward.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is this approximately where Woodward is? This is I-75 right.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think Woodward is a little further over to that yellow line, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you take back to that other not that one the other one? I'm sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so I'm clicking on a precinct that should be to the east of that and if I don't have the right line, it's still.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Right there with you have I think it's a 51.

We will start there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I would go further west to and further west I'm having trouble reading it because I have a split screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry the numbers of the population let me turn the population labels off.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again this is I-75 here.

And this line, no.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Further west that is John.

R and further west a little bit and then I think Woodward is one more District over.

One more precinct.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to try one more view that may have streets a little better labeled.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I've got a small screen right at the moment because I have to split it between the other.

So, yeah, so I think come over one more precinct and you are at Woodward.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think I see this as Woodward.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That is Woodward so go over to Woodward.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then do under the number one there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is in Oakland County I believe in Ferndale.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

I don't want to.

I'm going to go eventually go west.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I want to go south.

And take that Section.

>> MR. MORGAN: Following the Woodward boundary for the moment.

And then this is the City of Highland Park.

So Commissioner Clark said that he may have divided Highland Park.

Do you want to divide it or.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: At the moment, yeah, at the moment I do, we can adjust things.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark I think may I suggest that we don't just to select it as a Township and then just keep going down Woodward.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that's fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: So again would this be in this District 1 or would this be outside of it?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: In it.

>> MR. MORGAN: In okay so select by Township.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay this also helps us with reference points so now we can see where the boundary of Highland Park is and the roads.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct so then we continue south.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you take the area above Highland Park and fill in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Back to the border at 8 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And go south with it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's go south then we can fill things in.

And I went south till Edsel Ford Freeway. I went south to that point.

Yeah, keep going.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then just take the next, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now you are up to Hamtramck so in this District did you have Hamtramck in it?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, and keep going south.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Go down and take Hamtramck.

And what is to the west of Hamtramck?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hold on.

Let me look.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I think this is I think this is the Lodge freeway; is that right?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I went down to the.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, that the Lodge.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: South of Hamtramck to Edsel Ford Freeway.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me go back to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want this area here that I'm pointing to?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is south of Highland Park and then west of Hamtramck.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I had that in, yeah.

I didn't go all the way south Hamtramck.

I did not do those.

We can if you want to include them.

>> MR. MORGAN: So stop here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go down to 94 or yeah 94 the highway, yeah.

Okay now everything east that is in no wait.

Let me finish going south.

So then what I did, John, and Janice was then I went when I stopped at I-94 I went west a little to.

>> MR. MORGAN: This area is around Wayne State, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe so, yes, it is.

>> MR. MORGAN: So a little bit west.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: More yep and then I went one more precinct west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And south then I went south again.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is just on the west side of Lodge, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so staying just on the west side towards the river?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

All the way to the river and everything to the east, yeah.

And now everything to the east only in the City of Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Doug may I suggest, Doug there is a community of interest that we may want to keep to the west.

And what I'm suggesting here is that if you do stay to the eastern part of the Hart Plaza area, instead of wrapping around, we may be able to preserve that community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I mean this District these districts are so large that I was going to fill in the rest of Detroit to the east and then come west. And the west will come all the way into Dearborn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The number one District that you're drawing right now this is sort of the eastern District; is that correct?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: East, no, it's going to go west as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Oh, okay then keep going.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, so fill in the rest of Detroit to the east then we will come back to that point on the river and we are going to head west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When I drew these 13 districts, I mean they are huge.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark in your map that you've drawn do you have the minority percentage your District has that you are drawing for number one?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me see if I do. I drew this map before we got that data.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is not about elections, this is just the minority percentage.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So the tab I want is what?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's the overview tab if you stay in the overview tab and look at the racial demographics as a percent of the total population, whatever that minority percentage is for the District you want to draw.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I'll read it all. This is okay see what District number I used.

I did not use one.

I used 12.

Okay.

I did not start up in Detroit.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: John maybe we should go east of Highland Park.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Clark was take in all of Detroit and not including the Grosse Pointes I think is what he was saying.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's not Detroit.

So 12 ends up with a minority population of 51.02.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The way I drew it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, that is reasonable.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that is why I did.

We will end up going back into Dearborn and Dearborn Heights and the rest of that as well just because of population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette take it away.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm sorry but I'm kind of confused.

Okay, so Doug did you go you went east you filled in that area that says Wayne where John is circling?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That whole eastern part of Detroit from 8 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Go ahead John take that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 8 mile to the river, yeah.

That is what I did.

Yeah, I thought 51.02% was reasonable.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again to repeat do not take the Grosse Pointes?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct do not.

>> MR. MORGAN: In this plan.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think I had that in there.

I will look again.

I did not have that in there.

Some of these precincts are slightly populated is the problem.

And we got to get 775,000 people in one of these districts.

With all this we built Janice we only have 250,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I know we will have to go north.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Once you have done that and looks like you have then what I did was down at the river now I went west.

So I went down to the Delray area.

Yes.

And I didn't go that far out so you will have to go a little east as well.

Those two, yeah, those two.

Yep, that is it.

>> MR. MORGAN: About how far north did you go you mentioned Dearborn?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is it and go back down to Delray and we are going to head west.

Down, nope, not that one.

I didn't do that one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that whole spike that goes up I didn't do either. Right next to the one you just deleted.

Come west to where it says Delray and then go no, wait yeah, there is a Township yeah you just took it out okay good.

So now at Delray what I did was I went down into river Rouge.

Keep going down.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you take all of river Rouge?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Looks like I did, yes.

I took all of Melvindale, Lincoln Park and Ecorse and South Gate and Allen Park.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a minute I just assigned all of Detroit.

Did you mention Melvindale?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct I did and South Gate as well.

Ecorse, Lincoln Park, South Gate Allen Park as well.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I will move down to get South Gate.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that's fine.

And then from well I'll wait until you get South Gate.

>> MR. MORGAN: Allen Park Lincoln Park South Gate Ecorse river Rouge Melvindale.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct I think that's all of them.

>> MR. MORGAN: And.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hold only.

I don't believe I did.

So and I got all of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, garden City. Westland.

Wayne.

And we are still not to 775,000 people.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's different in Detroit from what I have on the screen versus what you have on your map so I'm getting Westland.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: You said Wayne; is that right?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And Garden City, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I'm taking Wayne as well.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Garden City.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Garden City.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay and I think let's see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now it's pretty close 745 out of 775 so you probably want to look back at the boundary here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm having a hard time.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner will say something.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Janice then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: See that big space in Detroit that we have not done? It's not assigned? Yeah, most all of that, most of that, that is a whole second District that I put in.

And that ran north into Southfield and oak park and so forth.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Clark Commissioner Vallette back to you and Commissioner Eid had something too.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm concerned now we have more white than Black.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have the Dearborn area too and I think Commissioner Curry will be able to help us and I see Rebecca Commissioner Chair Szetela also has her hand.

So Commissioner thank you for your comment, Commissioner Vallette and it's still yours to draw.

But I want to try to get our comments Commissioner Eid and Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will handle it from here and if you need help.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn you are doing great facilitating this as always.

I don't -- I think we you know first off this is a very hard thing to balance because we have to balance VRA along with communities of interest and I think there is a way to have you know Detroit be with Detroit while keeping the non-Hispanic Black population low or low enough that they are able to elect their own candidate without putting the Dearborn Westland Romulus area, Wayne area into it.

I don't for these for the Congressional districts I mean I don't like having the idea of Woodward being a divider.

Because I mean that just divides the you know the City of Detroit and there is a way to do it where we can have most of the City of Detroit and still have two VRA protected districts.

So I'd just caution against using that Woodward Road as a divider.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela and then back to Commissioner Vallette.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't have a problem with pulling Detroit out.

And I think we need to.

I just don't understand why you could combine Dearborn, Dearborn Heights kind of the west side suburbs with the east side of Detroit.

I mean why not just put in the west side of Detroit with Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, because they are border commutes why to the river and back again instead of just going with the west side, I'm just curious what the thought process was there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Want to respond to that Commissioner Clark and I want to give it back to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When I looked at the population you know I couldn't take all of Detroit and put it in to one District.

And you know with maybe a few outlying areas because the VRA just wouldn't have accepted that at all.

So I decided to spread it out into the suburbs.

And the reason I went west, see, when I went south, I knew I picked up some of the Hispanic population and then when I went west, I knew I picked up a lot of the white population to try to balance that District out.

And with the other District, which would go north in the Southfield and I forget Lathrup Village and Oak Park the same concept I was trying to get white folks to balance it out so I did not sit there with a District of 95% Black.

So that's just the way I went.

I mean we can divide this up so many different ways.

And I kept Grosse Pointe out of it because, again, I wanted to go up towards the north on that side.

And I wanted to include them there.

So and keep them out of Detroit because the comments we had regarding that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark we do have I see Chair Szetela I know Commissioner Eid but it is Commissioner Vallette's turn and she has her hand up too so I want to try to help her sort of get the floor back.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay Anthony Commissioner Eid, what is your suggestion? Because I honestly do not like the Garden City and Westland either.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Do you mind if I make a few changes?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Please do.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Because it's your turn and if you want to draw, I want you to draw.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, so I would let's look at the map going a little bit more south.

In fact, let's start at the Monroe Wayne border.

Yeah so, I would Zoom in south there.

And I would start you know taking more of these Down River communities.

So I would say add all of those that you see.

So Brownstown, Riverview, Trenton, Woodhaven, Flat Rock, Grosse Ile, and I'm thinking, Belle Isle.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela, I do see your hand.

Is it still up? For a purpose?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

I was just going to say that I don't think you can exclude the points from a Detroit Congressional District.

They are connected to that area.

And I think if you're going to try to carve them out, you are going to have a very ridiculous looking District.

I think that you know I think they probably belong with the Detroit District for this Congressional District because they are so large.

And then like I said my suggestion would be kind of to cut that off at kind of Cobo center and put the west side with western suburbs and the east side with the eastern suburbs which is kind of I think what Anthony is trying to do a little more of.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Chair Szetela back to Anthony.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I think you it does look a little weird.

But I think you can make a District with Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, St. Clair shores, going up to like the more Warren and Sterling Heights area.

But you know it's...there are so many ways to do this.

We are going to have all different configurations and we will all have to bring them up and weigh them.

I was able to finish you know my own draft of the map yesterday.

That has two Detroit districts, one being 46% Black the other being 45% Black.

That's just non-Hispanic Black then minority population is 64% of 55% respectively.

I will submit it so we can all look at it on Monday.

But it was exactly what Commissioner Szetela was just saying with the Down River communities being more so with Detroit.

So my next change would be to remove so if you Zoom if on like Taylor, Dearborn yeah right over there.

So I would remove that chunk of Dearborn all the way to west land.

Then Dearborn as well.

>> MR. MORGAN: Dearborn as well, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So this is not my area but why are we leaving that like hole in there?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well I mean if I have it filled.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: By Melvindale and river Rouge why are we leaving that area out?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You're talking about in between.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Where John is circling.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you Zoom in on that I can't see it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Straw in the coconut analogy we were using earlier.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I have that included.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You can't leave that out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Curry.

So I think John just needs to be directs to fill it in.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: John can you add that part in.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Add that part in, thank you.

So we still need 200,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you Zoom if -- in on Taylor.

It's a little bit west of Allen Park.

Yeah, right there.

So this would break Taylor up from the voting districts in order to have a closer population deviation.

So well you know let's worry about that later.

Let's move up.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was going to say before worrying about the deviation let's make sure you got most of what you want in and then see where you were splitting for deviation reasons.

So from this point we will go back out of Taylor area and look back in Detroit?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh. Now, where that border that Commissioner Clark drew, let's Zoom in on that.

>> MR. MORGAN: As a reference here is the boundary of Highland Park and Hamtramck.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right let's go I'm just trying to think about the best way to communicate this.

If you can go.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What was that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Is that you talking?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's Commissioner Eid, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You know Highland and Highland Park right there by Hamilton and Hamtramck, Detroit don't have anything contiguous with them.

Nothing.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean I think you know this is such a large.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I know.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know a way to do it without including them in here but what would you suggest Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm just looking at it because I go through right through here all the time.

And there is just the same people that lived in these little areas.

We don't -- I only go through it the expressway.

But I don't stop there that much or anything.

I wouldn't stop at all.

Not even to get gas.

But it's just that we don't have -- we are not that contiguous now.

Maybe back 20 years ago or something but I don't -- I see nobody, period, that well I shouldn't say I see nobody but it's just a lot of people that I know that's northwest and everything.

They never come down near there.

Northwest of Detroit.

So do we have a -- what Congressional would this be the 13? Is this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What existing Congressional.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Is this 13 or 14 existing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: First District we are drawing and Janice is trying to draw collaboratively and Commissioner Eid is trying to give suggestions and I think you are giving some input on that right now but this is the first District.

There is no 13, correct, this is the very first District we are drawing.

Congressional District.

Draft District.

I see your hand Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Probably need to go more west than north.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Are you asking what Congressional digit it is now.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's not numbered but I think I would take it more west.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm thinking about is it thinking through the process I see your hand Commissioner Clark and I know Anthony is trying to help out Commissioner Vallette and I wonder if we could let Anthony finish potentially and again Janice, I want you to take the floor as much as you can.

I'm trying to facilitate us getting something that feels like we sort of got something from Commissioner Clark now we are tweaking it with Commissioner Eid.

And I think it is Janice's turn so I want you to have the floor, Janice.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We will let Commissioner Eid then we will look at it. Okay Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Add the parent of Detroit around Dearborn but don't go into Dearborn.

So that neighborhood there.

>> MR. MORGAN: This internal area south of 94.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

It's going to be that whole area east of Dearborn.

It's going to be included in a Detroit District.

I mean this is now we are mapping now in Detroit, so okay so now let's move up and fill in the rest of that area.

Now I see those two little boxes right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is the northern border with Dearborn.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So to the east of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: East, okay up to the Interstate?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that whole area to the east of it.

Right now this is adding to the Black population.

>> MR. MORGAN: So continuing north?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, continue north.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again this corner here is the boundary with Dearborn and Detroit so do you want this or not?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you Zoom in on that boundary? So there is a road.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like Tremont does that sound right? No.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's Tireman, yes, it's Tireman.

I'm sorry, John, can you Zoom out.

Trying to make sure we are in the same area.

Zoom out a little more.

Okay, the border between Oakland County and Wayne County where Royal Oak is, can you Zoom in on there? Yeah, right over there.

So I would say include everything to the right of Meijer Road, which is if you Zoom in it's kind of in the middle of Royal Oak Township.

Yeah, right there.

I think you were just hovering over the road as well.

Yeah.

Right, do you see that road? That one.

Yep, everything to the right of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was a voting precinct that straddles Meijer road.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Now if you go down and Zoom out these are kind of the boundaries of the District.

So that whole area from Dearborn up let's add it in.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I'm following the extension of my road even if it's not called my road here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

Essentially to where it meets up with Dearborn.

Then I would just fill in the rest of that box that you made.

This is going to put us a little over.

We went slightly more west on that road than what I'm looking at.

But generally this is what I'm thinking about having a District like this that's composed mainly of Down River and Detroit.

>> MR. MORGAN: What about the Grosse Pointes?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I actually would leave them out and have the Grosse Pointes with Warren, Sterling Heights and Clemens Harrison so they have a little bit more of that lakeshore area.

But I think kind of on a different note this gives you the opportunity to have a second District with the rest of Detroit up to the Oakland County border so you see where all the open red neighborhoods are that are not painted right now you can have them with Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Romulus and some of Taylor and that would make a second District that I believe is also VRA compliant.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Eid I want to give the floor back to Commissioner Vallette but I see Commissioner Clark.

So Commissioner Vallette you can proceed or take the comment.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We are 50,000 people over so I would like to take under I'm sorry, so I'm sorry so I think that we need to add 50,000 people.

And I think I would like to ask Commissioner Curry.

This is her area.

Where she thinks we should add more people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry then we have Commissioner Clark and then Chair Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You know, thank you for that thought.

But I would like to hear what Madam Chair would say to this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we take Commissioner Clark first?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I understand what Anthony is doing.

I went west, he went south instead.

But he also went further west in the City of Detroit.

And I'm afraid that we are diluting the Black population in Detroit by going so far west in the precincts in the Detroit area.

I mean we wouldn't know until we map the next District.

But that is the comment I have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Chair Szetela sorry Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That is what I was going to say.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Janice, go ahead Chair Szetela.

You are on mute.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

I am not a fan of this at all.

I don't think that the Down River communities really have any ties to Detroit whatsoever. I think if you think about what I mentioned the other day about the tier one suburbs which are Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Redford, Southfield, Huntington Woods, Sterling Heights, Warren, East Point, Grosse Pointes, those are all sort of the 1950s first round suburbs.

I think those are most closely affiliated with Detroit.

And I think if we are going to Branch out to try to balance out the Detroit District, we should go there instead of down to Down River, Ecorse, Allen Park, Melvindale are close to Detroit and include Taylor and similar to Dearborn Heights. But South Gate and Brownstown and Gibraltar, the people in there don't have ties to Detroit whatsoever. And I think they are going to have serious concerns about being you know drawn up into an area that just doesn't represent their interests or their needs or their desires whereas those first tier suburbs I think have a lot of ties to Detroit, a lot of people who work in those communities work in Detroit.

They go shopping in those areas.

They you know there is a lot of back and forth.

They send their kids downtown for the universities, they send their kids downtown for doctors.

I just think this is a very odd configuration to roping Down River and I suspect we will hear that in public comments if we were to put this as a draft map that you're going to get a lot of push back from Down River why they are being roped in with Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I agree.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You're suggesting we take, start with that Section that goes south and remove that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's fine to take it down to Allen Park Ecorse and Lincoln Park but I think once you start going more southerly than that into true Down River it doesn't make sense you would include that.

It makes more sense to go to Dearborn, Inkster, Dearborn Heights, or up to Madison Heights, and Warren the Grosse Pointes are right there as well.

It's not like they have different shoreline issues from people in Detroit who are on the shoreline so and I think traditionally they have been included in the Detroit districts or Congressional.

So yeah, I just don't you just don't think this makes a ton of sense to me honestly.

Having grown up in this area I don't think this makes a lot of sense.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I like the way you said that.

I agree.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, thank you.

Janice there are two comments maybe three I see Commissioner Lett, I saw Commissioner Orton and Commissioner Eid how do you want to proceed Janice?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Eid has a comment, do you? I don't know I don't see your hand up.

Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We drew Senate districts, State Senate districts yesterday.

And we drew them in quite frankly MC when you started, I had no clue as to what you were doing but it worked out pretty well and you did spokes coming out from the center of Detroit going out.

Congressional districts basically are just a lot bigger Senate districts why are we not kind of following that process? Instead of making a rather unusual looking District? I mean they are all going to be unusual but that seemed to work pretty well to go out. And you know with all due respect to the points if we need to balance the populations and the demographics the points may have to come in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where do you want to go next Janice.

We have Commissioner Orton and Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I'm just thinking if we have some Commissioners that think this is a good idea and some Commissioners that think the other way is a good idea maybe this is where we have two different options.

I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Actually I personally also don't like the way this goes south.

I actually think that we should go like we did the Senate.

We would go up further north.

And take in those areas.

So I would like to remove.

I can't read that.

>> MR. MORGAN: You're talking about the area in the south here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, see the red lines down below the red lines at the south.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Trenton.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I can't read that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Trenton gross Ile, Gibraltar, flat rock, wood haven all of those.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would leave in Ecorse Lincoln Park because that has a high Hispanic community that wanted to be included with Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So below those.

South Gate, Wyandotte.

>> MR. MORGAN: To clarify I'm taking Brownstown, Wood Haven, Grosse Ile, Trenton, Riverview, Gibraltar, Flat Rock.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: South Gate and Wyandotte I would take too.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Vallette, South Gate and Wyandotte as well?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks. Commissioner Eid wanted to say something.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You know, I mean I agree with what most of you are saying.

So it's just a starting point.

I drew it that way.

I started with like Commissioner Szetela was saying with Allen Park, Lincoln Park Ecorse Melvindale you know even Wyandotte South Gate and a little bit of Taylor.

I think those do go with Detroit like you said.

But you know going more south that was mainly just to get the Black population down to an acceptable level to be compliant with the V RA.

But you know we could go a different way, that's totally fine too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And it's a community of interest.

Right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is the hard thing with these Congressional districts. The concentration of population is so large that we have to balance so many things. So I think we will have a lot of ideas here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good to get it on record thanks for the discussion, Janice back to you. You have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Should we take in Royal Oak and Warren?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And Southfield.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can go that way but I probably would save those for the western side.

I would focus on grabbing the points and going north from there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Especially Warren because Warren we have the request from the Bengali community to be tied in with Hamtramck.

And so if we are grabbing Warren then you're putting those two communities together that asked to be together.

So I would definitely do Warren and I would definitely include the points.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so let's do that we will take Warren and the points.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So we are taking centerline.

>> MR. MORGAN: I took the Grosse Pointes and then you want center line and Warren.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Now we are over in population.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is fine.

I will just complete the task then you can look and see where you stand.

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So yes, it's over, this is almost a million people with all of those towns, the southern towns we discussed, this Section of Detroit the Grosse Pointes Warren.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You ended up taking the other half of Detroit that is why. Remember originally part of Detroit was not included now we have all of Detroit included.

>> MR. MORGAN: I understand it was what happened is I had a portion of Detroit was selected when I selected the Grosse Pointes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I still contend that we should not have the points in here.

I would look at going north to Warren and to east Detroit, East Point.

I think they are more and maybe even Hazel park more associated with the City of Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

I know Grosse Pointe is next to Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It right next to it but there is not that much contiguousism with it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As far as, no, like two different areas personally.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: From what I've seen.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Use Grosse Pointe and go north like we did yesterday and spread out.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think Grosse Pointes need to be with St. Clair shores East Point and those places.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I will refer to you Juanita on that

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Curry. Janice, John had his hand up and then back to you.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm getting back to the correct division of Detroit.

Okay. So now this does not have the western part of Detroit and I will add Warren and centerline and stop.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: There you go you are within half a percent with this configuration so the southern towns portion of Detroit Warren and centerline and the Grosse Pointes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So does anybody have any comments?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is the population?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Population great idea do you want to read it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Population of this configuration is 773,000 your target is 775, 179 and as we discussed earlier you are not looking to get it to 0 deviation at this moment.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In terms of minority percentages we got about 67% minority.

And the racial that we have about 49% Black.

Non-Hispanic Black.

And we are at in terms of voting population we have about 48% non-Hispanic Black so it's within reason.

It's not, yeah.

We would like to get it lower and Janice how are you feeling about it?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I will stop here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Department of State we need some questions?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioner Vallette.

Could you please describe could you please describe what communities of interest were taken into account and any other Commissioner who contributed to this map please feel free to provide input as well.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Janice I can say we pretty sure we took into consideration there is a community of interest I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Businesses the businesses that are there and those places.

I think the people in Detroit will shop in Melvindale Allen Park, they will shop everywhere in all those places I have so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry so we have the business interests.

I see Chair Szetela and Commissioner Clark do you want to help Janice provide rationale is that why your hands are up do you want to provide rationale.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You have the Latino community coming up, from Lincoln Park into the western edge of Detroit and then you also got the Bangladeshi community coming up, from Hamtramck into Warren.

And then you've also got the voting rights analysis of not packing in the African/American population.

And then I would just throw in we need to highlight Belle Isle because it's sitting out there by itself.

I don't think there is anyone out there but we want to include that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Doug did you have your hand up because you wanted to provide rationale for Janice?

>> >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

I want to make a comment.

I still don't think.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you hold it sorry Doug I want to help the Secretary of State get their comments and Janice then we will come back to you. Any other okay we have a thumbs up so Doug take it away. It's all yours.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I still don't think gross point needs to be there. I think east Detroit and maybe even Roseville is more appropriate. I don't know how that fits out population wise.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Doug didn't one of the people that represented Grosse Pointe come out I think they were in the open hearing where they said they wanted to be involved in Detroit? They wanted to be in Detroit. I did.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was conflicting interest and I think what Doug is suggesting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Part of Wayne County too.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I looked at some of the comments today about East Point and people congratulated us for associating them with Detroit on the Senate maps.

And they gave some reasons why.

I can't remember exactly what they are now.

That's why I thought that would be more appropriate.

But I don't know how that would fit population wise.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Clark Secretary of State has a hand.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Publish record that Commissioner Kellom has joined. Commissioner Kellom can you tell us where you are attending remotely from?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Attending we remotely from Wayne County Michigan.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Juanita and Janice say.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think the lady that was speaking was from the lower part because she said she wanted to bring her end down to Detroit. I'm just a voice that's all.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry. So I think we have concluded with Commissioner Vallette's turn thank you for taking on the hard work of, yeah, doing this.

And doing it collaboratively very good.

So the next so we do have a 3, 3:20, 3:30 and pick up agenda item so we have about a half an hour of mapping.

I believe the next person is Weiss because we don't have Commissioner Wagner; is that correct Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you Vice Chair.

Being I understand Detroit is a difficult area to do and I do not know the area, so I'd like to go home now.

But I guess I won't do that.

So I would like all the Commissioners from the Detroit area Curry, Szetela, Clark, Anthony, and even Mr. MC because you do a good job of keeping an eye on us on our racial balance.

I'd like some help.

My thinking is I should go west.

Is that a good idea?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see a hand from Chair Szetela.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I would just start with the west and grab Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Redford, Detroit, and go up from there and see what population you have.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right John could you do that, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay starting with Dearborn for District 2.

And that's the whole County of Wayne.

Sorry.

Making sure everyone is paying attention.

>> MR. MORGAN: Redford and Dearborn Heights and highlight this area of Detroit and will take this area of Detroit at this point, yes?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I believe so.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can we just put a question mark there?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Say that again Commissioner Curry what do you mean by a question mark?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I mean come back if we need it Redford.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Of course everything we are doing is drafted so we will be able to come back to it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I mean just keep going west.

I mean north, Richard.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Did you hear the encouraging words?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Doing exactly what I hope you would do.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Brittini is here so she knows it pretty well too.

Her and Madam Chair and myself.

But I'd like to hear all the input.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I only really speak if I have an objection.

I don't see anything wrong and I also don't want to speak out of turn Commissioner Curry.

I'm just watching and it looks fine to me.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sorry Commissioner Kellom I ignored you and would like your input as well.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Weiss I know your heart it's okay you didn't do it intentionally.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just pausing at this point so we have Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Redford, and the balance of Detroit. So now which way do you want to go?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Should we go a little bit west or should we go a little more south.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's go a little bit west.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What do you think of Inkster.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what I was.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Inkster.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I would go west.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have Garden City.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Garden.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Westland.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wayne I would grab Livonia too.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right do that John.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you are helping Commissioner Weiss will you help name or with if you have COIs I'm wondering if this is an Arab community District you are thinking of if you can help.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No.

It's pretty diverse.

>> MR. MORGAN: South you have Romulus and Taylor and west you have Northville and Canton.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Romulus and Taylor might put us fairly close.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Do we pull into Southfield? I'm looking at the racial demographics if I'm noticing them correctly.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Doing the Congressional Brittini.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I understand.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay I'm just letting you know because you just came in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Southfield on the north then we mentioned Canton Northville Plymouth on the west and Romulus and Taylor to the south.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's try Romulus and Taylor first just for the heck of it to see what it looks like.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Weiss Commissioner Eid wants to jump in here too.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would suggest Romulus and Taylor instead of Livonia then Livonia can go with Canton Plymouth Northville up to like Ypsilanti and part of Ann Arbor.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And that is true too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a pretty good District.

And the numbers so we've got John do you want to help us read the numbers including minority percentages, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the population is 773, almost 774,000.

Out of 775 I deal, that's within .15.

It's 1184 under.

On the total population the non-Hispanic Black is 37.2.

It's about a little less than 2% non-Hispanic Asian total population 4% Hispanic, and then the total minority which is the inverse of the non-Hispanic white is 48% and voting age numbers are here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The white is Arab Americans from Dearborn, Dearborn Heights Area too.

Minority is probably a little higher than being reflected.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner or ton did you have something?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just wondering these are both really close.

I'm wondering if we want one to be a little high as we go along.

If one is low then one beside it needs to be a little high or what the...our mapping experts would suggest.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, I like how it looks but I'm a little concerned with how low that 35% number is for non-Hispanic Black.

And I think that's probably because Livonia is in here.

I would like to see that number you know around at least you know 40-45% so that it's compliant.

I know the minority amount is.

But I think that non-Hispanic Black population of voting age population is a little low with what we have drawn currently.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you're open to it Commissioner Eid what I'm thinking about is we can look at the election results to see how much cross over we have.

So in election two so John could you highlight or open up that tab and just for District two see what we what sort of yeah, the focus minority or yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: For District 2 as drawn at this point it's 70% for Biden and 20 and 30% for Trump in 20.

69 for Clinton.

31 Trump in 16.

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2012, 74% for Obama.

24 for Romney.

Peters 71, James 29 in 2020.

Stabenow 70.

James 30 in 2018.

U.S. Senate race in 2014 Peters 75 and 25.

U.S. Senate race in 12 is 79 for Stabenow and 21 for Hoekstra.

And then for Governor Whitmer is 71.5 and Schuette is 28.5.

For Governor and 14, 65 Snyder, 35 Snyder.

For Attorney General 70, for Nessel, 30 for Leonard.

And 2014 it was 66 for Totten, 34 for Schuette.

And then for Secretary of State it's 72 Benson.

28 Lange.

And then 64 for Dillard and 34 for Johnson in 2014 for Secretary of State.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Obvious we let our VRA consultant to confirm it but we have a pretty lopsided so I think we can say that, yeah.

Concerns.

There is a cross over vote probably for like the minority.

Thanks, John.

All right do we Chair Szetela thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was going to say if I remember correctly and I think Bruce Adelson will weigh in on this and tell us if we are going the right way but from what I remember from Lisa Handley or Dr. Lisa Handley's report she had identified that in Wayne County in particular there is significant cross over voting that goes on to the point that there was almost balance in Wayne County in terms of minority districts so you could tolerate a lower percentage and I think it was down to 35%.

So that's just a thought to consider and again our experts for VRA and for voting analysis will inform us on that better.

But then the other concept to keep in mind two is right now one and two have significant borders between the two of them.

And two or one is a little high and two is maybe a little low and we could potentially adjust some of those borders along the way to maybe balance that out if we need to in the future so just something to think about.

We could get them both to 43% pretty easily I would think.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so talking about the outer borders, we men -- mentioned population both are down in population 1700 and 1200.

So to Commissioner Szetela's point of how you could exchange population between these two Directors to affect the minority percentage yes you could.

But to Commissioner Orton's question about the population if you were to take roughly 3,000 people into one of the other of these districts then you would have those two districts balance.

However at the moment you have the geographic boundaries following the Township lines as well.

So you would have to pick another Township to either split or put entirely in like a smaller Township or village if you wanted to, to bring the population closer to 0 for future you know trimming the population to be exactly 0.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks John.

I think we have Commissioner Weiss has he have we answered the question Secretary of State?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I think I can answer it, I hope.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Richard I'm not seeing a thumbs up yet from Sarah do we need to answer questions Sarah sorry?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, I do just have a few questions thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Richard.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you describe as before Commissioners who contributed to the formation of this District, please feel free to provide input.

Can you describe why this District took on the shape that it did and includes these areas and what COIs were considered?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well as I said I'm not very familiar with the area.

And I fortunately have some Commissioners that live down in this area.

And obviously we used their information and drew a District that looks pretty good, it's pretty squared up.

It seems to have a racial balance pretty good.

With cross over vote and everything.

And I kind of like the way it looks.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Any other comments from other Commissioners who contributed?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I would say that they are pretty contiguous because I'm all up in everywhere up in there.

Whenever I can.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Excellent thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Curry.

Fantastic.

All right so I believe we have about 15 minutes still and Commissioner Witjes I believe you're up.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I would like to say thank you Commissioners for your help.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Richard.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'll try my best.

I think I'm just going to move north here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can't hear you very well.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm trying to adjust this thing.

Bear with me.

Okay so let's take the balance of Oakland County.

>> MR. MORGAN: All of Oakland as a starting point, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

>> MR. MORGAN: That is one District and 64% of another District.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Take the top ten Townships out there is 1.1 million.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The leftmost three Townships.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay just down to one million.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Take White Lake and Waterford out.

>> MR. MORGAN: 922000, 19% over.

147 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would put Waterford in association with Pontiac and I don't know if the whole thing would fit in but I like what you are doing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He is still over so if he puts Waterford.

It was a never mind and he didn't speak in the mic but go ahead Commissioner Witjes it's all yours.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Commissioner Dustin don't you think that people what is that Keego.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Keego Harbor.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And Sylvan Lake go better with Waterford? You kind of go up under there and catch them.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is a good question. I've never been there before so.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I've been through there, too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We did get public comment that Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Orchard Lake Village and West Bloomfield, and even the Bloomfield Hills Areas were sort of...I think they suggested that I were a community of interest.

Commissioner Eid has that comment, too.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean, yeah, they definitely...I mean, Keego, Sylvan Lake should definitely 100% be with Orchard Lake and West Bloomfield. But this whole area goes together, Waterford and Pontiac goes with it.

The only thing I maybe say doesn't as much go with this is like.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Auburn Hills.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Maybe like the west side of commerce Township or maybe some of Novi or maybe some of Rochester Hills.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I have an idea Dustin if you want.

There is an LGBTQ community we were talking about in the Senate maps and would it be appropriate to designate it with the first District that we've drawn and so taking Hazel park or portions if you take away from the southern area and add it to one, I will be over. But that may be a place to chip away the Hazel Park and moving west into Oak Park, Southfield is LGBTQ community of interest. That is part of District 1 at the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What about what about adding Waterford back in and removing Rochester Hills and Troy and aligning that most more over with Sterling Heights?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have oh.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Troy and Rochester go together.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: They still would it would just be in a different District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see your hand Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Szetela are you also there? Do Commissioner Kellom first then Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So I was just echoing Commissioner Rothorn's sentiment about the Hazel Park Area.

That is what I was thinking about in District 2 because I'm look at the minority population for District 3.

And that might not be the worst suggestion because it could balance you out Commissioner Witjes in terms of folks depending on what you're thinking about I don't know how else to say it but if we keep pushing up you are not going to get many more minorities to help you out so you might want to dig into the Metro Detroit area while you have time.

Whatever that means for you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela and back to Commissioner Witjes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was sort of agreeing with what you had just suggested Dustin about taking off Rochester Hills and Troy adding on Waterford.

I think you might still be over at that point.

But I would suggest taking off Novi because then you can combine Novi can with south Lyon and Brighton which I feel they affiliate a little bit more that way so just a suggestion.

Then I don't know about pulling Hazel Park because I think Hazel Park is going to throw you way off and Hazel Park wanted to be with Ferndale and now they are together and if you pull them out, we will have to change around one to account for that 35,000 people that would be in that District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: True.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commerce has two school districts, Walled Lake Schools and Huron Valley Schools. Huron Valley Schools is Hyland and Milford. So if I were you, I would take part of Commerce or all of Commerce.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is what I was leaning to taking Commerce out and adding back in Waterford and taking out Rochester Hills and Troy for now to take a look at what it would do. Because it would keep Rochester and Rochester Hills and Troy together somewhere at this particular point.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The floor is yours Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's do that and move Commerce Township.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Rochester and Troy Witjes Winn Rochester Hills and Rochester.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And Troy.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: And Troy and add Waterford in.

Now, as far as Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake and Farmington Hills go, I've worked in Novi and Farmington Hills. Farmington Hills and Novi in my opinion should go together. I really do same with Wixom and Walled lake and parts of Commerce but I do agree Commerce Milford White Lake and Highland would be a better pick for Commerce Township.

In my humble opinion.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It may be true.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Your numbers are looking pretty good Commissioner Witjes Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You have a piece of Northville and I don't know if you see that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I saw that too and want to add the City of Northville in there.

>> MR. MORGAN: You're saying Northville you want the portion to be added to this District or do you want this portion taken out?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Added in north village and Novi need to be together. Northville Township is going to be a little bit of a problem.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton did you have something.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was going to say about Northville.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We get in a situation where we could work on Northville Township and we could remove the Hazel Park area at that point to offset it potentially but that is an area that I don't know.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Hazel Park they always appear to kind of always be by their selves some kind of way.

I don't know when I look at Hazel Park and even going through it, I look at it as a place that is too itself but I don't know.

Someone will have to speak on that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioners looking at our time I want to see if we can help Commissioner Witjes wrap this up.

I want to give the floor back to Commissioner Witjes and I want to try to yeah do the explanations then we need to move on to our next agenda item.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It's fine we can come back to me at the beginning of the next meeting at that particular point so I can have a chance to think about that a bit if that is fine with you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Great idea John?

>> MR. MORGAN: That District as drawn is 1300 over so between the three districts you are pretty close on overall population deviation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Did we look at the voting on this District?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett wanted to look at the voting John can you help us out there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay. So this District 3 as drawn, which is principally Oakland, including Pontiac and areas to the south 65% for Biden in 2020.

35 for Trump.

63 for Clinton.

37 for Trump in 16.

62 for Obama in 2012.

38 for Romney.

Peters in 20 was about 64.

And 36 for James in 2020.

U.S. Senate in 18. 65 for Stabenow, 35 for James.

And 2014 is 65 and a half for Peters and 35 and a half for Land.

And then Stabenow in 2012 was 66.5.

Hoekstra was 35.5.

And then for Governor Whitmer is 67.

Schuetz is 33.

2014 is 51 for Shower.

49 for Snyder.

Nessel is 64.

Leonard is 35 for Attorney General.

And Attorney General 14 is Totten, 54, Schuetz 46.

Secretary of State 67 for Benson.

33 for Lange in 2018 and then in 2014 is 49 for Dillard and 51 for Johnson.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: More balanced races at the end of it.

But it looks like we've got some cross over voting large percentages in the statewide districts.

Statewide Governor districts any way.

Thanks for that.

So we will put a pin in it for now Dustin or what do you want to do.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I want to come back to this because I want to take a look at this District as drawn a little bit over our break to see if I can get the percentages a little bit better however, I do like the way they are showing currently with minority and, yeah, I mean it's pretty close to a VRE District at that point .

I just don't know about the Northville Township because there is many, many public comments stating Northville and Northville Township should be together and I do agree that should be the case.

I just don't know where we could carve off some extra population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well it's more population than I was thinking but since District 3 touches both 1 and 2 we could give the population that they need from District 3.

But if you add Northville Township it still would be significantly high.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you are okay with putting a pin in this for now and pick it up with Commissioner Witjes I will turn the floor this will conclude sort of our mapping session for the day and I will turn it back over to our hair Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For the next agenda item.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, okay let me get me script back here.

Like working on mapping.

All right, so without objection we are going to move on to new business item 6A which is consideration for scheduling additional time for mapping.

I know this has come up a couple times and we had different suggestions so the question is there a feeling that there is a need to add more time? If so, what time do we want to add? What days do we want to add and we are just opening the floor from floor suggestions from Commissioners.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we have any recommendations from staff? Are there any like sometimes we've had to think about the places that we could gather to do we have any recommendations from staff or Secretary of State, those who have helped us? Do these things? I'm not seeing any heads nodding here.

So, maybe definite maybe so we are going to hold on Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And Commissioner Lett has a hand.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'd like to hear from.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Secretary of State on what extra time would look like when, where, et cetera.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think they are convening to see if they can help us with that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothorn feel free to facilitate this discussion because you are in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I couldn't hear you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Feel free to facilitate the discussion because you are in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you and I see a hand Executive Director Hammersmith that is a hand.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We did ask Yvonne young from MDOS to check on facilities to see about availability so one of the suggestions from a Commissioner was to extent our meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the MSU union when we are there.

There is an option to meet earlier or extent our meetings later on those days. Edward checked on our college tour visits upcoming next week and the following week and they also have options for extended time. So it's up to the Commission to decide what it feels it needs and then we can help build out the schedule from there Sarah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm hearing from Commissioner Lett is that we want to sort of to get that was it written or were you just thinking about just verbal from the Secretary of State Commissioner Lett? Verbal is okay Secretary of State.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Appreciate the patience there while I was working to confirm with our staff. What options are available so anticipating that the Commission may indeed want to schedule more time and we have endeavored to explore venues and their availability our meetings for next week aside from the college campus tour next Thursday our scheduled to be in the MSU union hall.

We have confirmed that that space is available starting at 7:00 a.m. and can go as late as 7:00 p.m.

Furthermore we have confirmed that that space is available for next Saturday.

And are also working to confirm that it is available for Friday.

But one consideration that the Commission may want to keep in mind having that space for Friday would involve returning to that space from where the college campus tours next week so if the Commission would like to instead explore other options in that area, that's for you to consider.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Keep in mind that if we are going back to MSU on a Saturday make sure it's not a football Saturday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Speaking truth.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Amen.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the record the reason we are still trying to confirm if it's available for that Friday is because I believe it is the MSU home coming game that day.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Outreach Director communication Outreach Director do you have any insights of the availability of like a Friday for example we wouldn't start tomorrow but that would be a Friday next week so a week from tomorrow, do you have any idea if we can meet, Edward? If we can meet next Friday or the following Friday at our venues.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I can check with regards to that.

I do know there is a football game for those that are wanting to know on the 25th. And it's saying it's a night game it starts at 7:00.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so we have got some so if we are going to decide on our when we meet, we have got to be able to meet with Open Meetings Act and have to have that venue secured.

I'm wondering Commissioners if we feel like we can actually make a decision without that information.

What do you -- what are you thinking Commissioner Lett then Commissioner Vallette, Commissioner Vallette, please.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I was thinking and I know that Edward has done a wonderful job setting all of these up but I was wondering if we cancelled the next two University ones, we could meet Monday-Friday in Lansing and we could meet I don't care what time and you know until afternoon.

That would give us quite a few more hours.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Vallette.

Mr. Woods you still have your microphone on do you want to respond? Okay.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I don't know exactly when we will get the hours but I think we can all agree we are going to need as many hours as we can possibly fit in.

So extending the day or whatever we can do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For what it's worth I did think that public comment we got there was analysis of how many days we might use.

That felt like it was useful so a three day minimum feels important Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I do think that we need to have more time. But I'm against cancelling I'm against cancelling, any meetings on University campuses for the sole fact that I prefer to have students come out or at least have them have the ability to come out. I'm pretty sure Commissioner Eid is on the same Page with me on that one.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would like General Counsel to give us some guidance if we are for some reason have a burst of energy and get done, is there a problem cancelling scheduled meetings?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Lett. No, certainly the Commission is in control of its schedule. The Commission can schedule additional meetings that are properly noticed so the public is aware of the date, time and location. The Commission can cancel meetings and those would also be notices also posted when the Commission cancels meetings. So it is at the Commission's discretion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks General Counsel Commissioner Eid and Chair Szetela then I see Commissioner Clark. So Commissioner Eid, please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, the public thinks we need more meetings. I think they made that pretty clear. As far as the University tour thing goes, I like being here on campuses but I do think we need to do like a cost benefit analysis because we are spending a lot of time on the road.

And you know if we are being honest not many students have come to engage with us. At least not as many as I you know would like to see. So you know it's just a discussion. How do we best use our time to you know maximize our time mapping versus engagement with the community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Eid. Chair Szetela and then Commissioner Clark.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I mean I think Edward had mentioned this but we can also make those meetings on Thursdays a little earlier so they don't start until 1:00 I thought he mentioned that we could start at 11:00 or you know 12 and sneak in an extra hour there if everybody was interested in that. I think that is sort of an easy solution because we already have the venue selected. I don't want to I'm not sure what the burden of travel is for people who aren't close by to those but that is something to consider because it's quick and easy. I also think the Fridays are quick and easy too.

It's a little logistical challenge because we do have these two University visits coming up, and so we would be in Lansing the first week and then I think we are going to Rochester Hills next week, I'm not 100% on that.

And then going back to Lansing and then the following week we would be in Detroit and then going somewhere else and coming back to Detroit.

So it's a little logistically challenging for travel.

But I feel like we have Fridays wide open and we should take advantage of that.

In terms of like going all the way to 7 in the morning that would be impossible for me as would extending later in the evening is difficult for me.

And that's fine if that is what the Commission chooses to do, I would just arrive late and leave early for those meetings and the same would be for Saturdays but if you know 12 people on the Commission decides that works better certainly do it. I would have to leave early on those days and not make it by 7 that would never happen.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark and Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would say that we extend the meetings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is already extended really but maybe start that a little earlier to get some of the time.

And then schedule two Fridays.

Basically we only have two Fridays left after this week in September.

And then schedule that for you know, well we will have to compensate for some travel time from the universities.

But maybe start that at 11:00 and go to 8 at night on Fridays I would be okay with that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Weiss and Witjes. But I see the Secretary of State and wondering if she has information which one should it be?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I just wanted to clarify the hours that I mentioned for the availability at the MSU union.

So the 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. time is the total time that the venue is available but that also would include time for AV contractor set up and break down.

So realistically if the Commission were to expand time the time that that would include for Commission meeting would realistically be around 9:00 a.m. start time and a 6:00 p.m. end time which is beyond what is currently scheduled.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, since we already have two meetings or two more weeks scheduled is it a possibility to extend maybe Friday at central Michigan and maybe even Saturday, this is just a thought, but I'd like input from the west of the Commissioners.

And that would give us two more days and then the next week do the same thing at Oakland University if they would allow us to have Friday and Saturday.

And that would give us four more days and we don't have to change too much.

Whether we can -- and that gives Edward time for reservations and stuff.

And then I guess whatever the state says we can or can't do on that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Weiss.

I like that idea.

I do know we can have and I see Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, instead of cancelling the University, if we could do like Sarah said we could go from 9-6 it's only you know a little bit earlier in the morning and at night.

And most of us would be spending the night any way.

So it wouldn't be like we would be you know having to drive home.

Except for the people who live close by.

And then if Edward says we could meet here earlier, I guess we would need to know how early and you know I mean we are doing three hours and four hours we could do four hours and four hours and then I don't know what to do.

But we could meet Friday afternoon.

We could spend the night, get up, drive and go to a meeting after on Friday.

And then we would still be able to do the University meetings.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And what I suggested I like Janice idea that would be adding a couple more hours either way to those two days so now you've picked up even more hours.

And we don't have a lot of travel time.

We could use the time better to draw some maps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do think that our next two meetings and I see Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Just for the sake of participating in discussion I will continue to yield to the Commission.

But I can't sacrifice an entire Friday or a Saturday because I'm thankful enough to have a job that allows flex time for this position but I do use my weekends and all extra hours to accomplish my 40 hour workweek for my other work.

But as always, I will be here and be as productive as possible when I'm able to.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.

So I'm wondering in terms of process we have I think a couple of ideas that have been floated I'm wondering if we can help you know craft them or you know how do -- help us staff members and Secretary of State please help us try to put together a proposal so we can give clarity and direction for you.

Is there something we can provide now? Edward.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: It would be helpful what we can do Monday and we can bring you I don't know if you can hear me now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: And bring you a recommendation to fill out the rest of the weeks that would give us time to contact the universities.

And also contact our AV contractors to make sure they are available for these extended times.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I see Secretary of State has her hand.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please Secretary of State.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I would also note that in order to reserve space for additional days the more time we have to make that happen the better.

So if a particular space isn't available, we can examine alternative spaces.

So I'm happy to if Commission staff is able connect in the interim between this meeting and next meeting and possibly come up with a proposal for your review during the next meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That would be wonderful and that would be Monday I believe; is that correct?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I mean the 5:00 p.m. meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wonderful that would be even better.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I can't commit to that when it relates to the universities but we could get to Monday you know that could help obviously with some of the others to just be clear as relates to the universities and get the exact time and work with the AV contractors to see if they are available.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: AV contractors and universities will sort of talk about on Monday.

And potentially for the second half meeting we will understand if we can use Secretary of State facilities.

I do believe we have some tentative or reserved dates so reserved Fridays do you need the Commission right now to just say we want to hold those? Okay, so that's what we are looking at I think Commissioners.

We have some tentative Fridays we wanted to hold and I think what we are considering right now is actually saying we want to move from tentative to affirmative.

And I'm seeing some nodding heads, okay, and do we need anything more than that General Counsel? Do we need to make an official motion in order to amend this calendar?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes.

You would Mr. Vice Chair, you would need an official motion.

And again the clarity being for the publishing of the notices again and I certainly hear the concern about the coordinating with the University tour and that.

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But for Monday and Tuesday of next week, whether the AV would be available.

But yes, you would need a motion a formal motion to amend your calendar that is already adopted.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss? Witjes sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move we add Fridays to our calendar.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I'm going to wait for a second because I wonder if the Secretary of State needs a.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes.

There was also the question of whether you would like to direct us to reserve space for Saturday the 25th.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You want to keep going with your motion.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: And reserve space for Saturday the 25th.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we add to that space earlier and later in the day?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looking for options.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: On the days that we have meetings.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you restate the motion.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Do the dates first and the times separately.

So the motion would be to add Fridays to our calendar as well as Saturday the 25th.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there a second.

Second Commissioner Lett sorry Commissioner sorry Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I just had I was going to ask if we can separate that motion because I would vote no on Saturday and yes, sir on Friday so I'm going to end up voting no because it's combined into one motion so can we separate it to Fridays and Saturdays.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Want to do that Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move we add Fridays to the calendar.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And we have the same second person second.

I do believe that I wonder if we have to because we had one on the floor earlier that was modified.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair it's appropriate to divide the question.

So you can separate it into two distinct questions if that's what the Commission chooses to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we do.

Thank you so we have a first and a second.

All in favor of the motion to have I'm going to try to restate it.

Add Fridays to the calendar please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Nay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: One nay the eyes have it and the motion is approved
Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move we add September the 25th to the calendar.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we have a second? Commissioner Lett has the second.

To add Saturdays to the calendar.

General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Just to clarify Mr. Chair the motion I logged was to add Saturday the 25th to the calendar.

So would it be add Saturday the 25th or add Saturdays to the calendar? And again the motion that was just adopted was to add Fridays, plural to the calendar.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Just clarification on the motion that commission Witjes stated was to add Saturday the 25th to the calendar.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Can I exchange that and add Saturdays to the calendar.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Motion is to add Saturdays to the calendar.

We have a second from Commissioner Lett.

All in favor of the motion to add Saturdays to the calendar please vote with an aye if you are in favor.

All of those opposed please say nay and raise your hand.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Three nays and we need to capture this and
Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I just got to have a quick question here.

Since we have two Commissioners that aren't here could that possibly change the vote one way or the other? Could be in favor or could be a negative? Does that make any difference? Do we need to consider that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not at this point because we have a quorum and
Commissioner Orton, I saw your hand and want to make sure we clarify the vote
whether it passed or not.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Could Commissioners who voted no please raise your
hand so I can count?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 12345 Secretary of State do you have an announce M
czar the count was five to five so the motion would fail.

Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: A comment the reason I voted know Saturday is a
blanket statement how many Saturdays is that going to be? Without talking about the
calendar and what our schedule is I'm not sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To review Commissioners we will be able to have
more options later this afternoon at our second meeting and will understand more

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options then we will also hear communications director Woods on Monday about other options Commissioner Curry you have a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, I just wanted to say for the record that I am taking therapy.

So I'm working around that.

And also, I just had a sister that passed this morning.

So I will be going to a funeral whenever they get the date ready, it may be a Saturday.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Very sorry to hear that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for sharing that.

With all that in mind Commissioners we are at 3:52.

I believe we have some other items on our agenda and I'm going to pass it to our Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, I will take back over so moving on to agenda item 7 we have no meetings or minutes to approve today.

Without objection I will ask communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III to provide a staff report today.

Please proceed Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Just want to inform the Commission we had a revised files that we sent to the press that were a little bit more user friendly than the shape files that were initially provided.

And they are saying thank you and appreciate that.

And we are still on track for our test tomorrow with regards to updating this information on the website.

Through my Districting to make it user friendly for the entire public to be able to access all the information.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Mr. Woods.

General Counsel did you indicate that you also had an update?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I did Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Without objection I will ask General Counsel to provide her update and please proceed General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much, Madam Chair. On Wednesday, September 8th, during my counsel report I referenced a mandamus action that was filed against the MICRC in the Michigan Supreme Court. At that time I noted that the action had not been properly served on the Commission as a party under the Michigan Court rules.

I wanted to inform both the Commission and viewing public that today I received notice of a dispositive order from the Michigan Supreme Court which granted the request for immediate consideration and simultaneously dismissed the complaint that was filed.

So I just wanted to provide that very brief update. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

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All right. Without objection I will ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State if she has a report.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello, Commissioners. No report from me. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much.

Correspondence received in advance of our meeting today was provided along with written public comment submissions to the Commissioners in our meeting materials.

It's my understanding that there is no future agenda items to share at this time.

Are there any announcements?

All right. Seeing no...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was one hand here, Commissioner Eid.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Who is it, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I just want to take a moment to remind the public that we do have rules for public comment.

We welcome your criticism.

And actually love your criticism for policy.

But just please don't make it personal.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Commissioner Eid.

As the items on the agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business, a motion to adjourn is in order.

Motion made by Commissioner Kellom.

Seconded by Commissioner Lett.

All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the meeting is adjourned at 3:56.

Thank you everybody.