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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hey, Doug, can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I hear you well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Fantastic I done want to start out the same way as the last meeting.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Ready when you are Madam Chair.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission, we will bring the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 5:04 p.m.

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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.

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>> 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.

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:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present, attending remotely from Wayne County Michigan.

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?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present, from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Department of State staff.

As a reminder to the public watching, 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.

Second made by Commissioner Rothhorn.

I know everybody's voice at this point.

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.

Did I hear Commissioner Curry on? I thought I heard her voice.

Okay, all right.

Without objection, we will now move on to our public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Madam Chair, I apologize for the interruption. We have guest speakers who requested time, I think, before the public comment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Please invite them up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

Do you want to introduce yourself, please?

>> Hello everyone. I want to start off by introducing myself and welcoming all that are here. My name is Autumn Mueller. And I'm the student Senate President. First off, I want to say thank you for being here and deciding to come to Grand Valley so that our students can watch and learn about Michigan's State House, State Senate and Congressional election District maps.

Being a representative for students I'm so glad I was able to have students that partner with the community service learning center to help bring you all here. As we support and collaborate with GVSU votes initiative that registers students to vote in the area and providing information about how to vote and when we have elections, being an active member in our community and society is so important especially in elections because every vote matters and every voice matters.

Spreading knowledge about voting and election lines is important because it gets students at Grand Valley thinking and being curious about what they can do to help.

On November 6 in 2018, Michigan voters passed proposal two which ended gerrymandering by creating this Commission, which amazing and very needed. It is vital to have fair and transparent processes when deciding district lines and proposal two gave us that.

This Commission gives Michigan citizens the opportunity and power to draw the lines that they are representative and fairly distributed.

We as Michigan citizens and people and students of Grand Valley have a chance and opportunity to become a part of the process and create impartial election District lines. Again, I want to say thank you for spending your time here at Grand Valley and giving us all the opportunity to learn more about District lines and how citizens of Michigan and at Grand Valley are making decisions now.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Student Senate President. We have one more speaker, Madam Chair.

>> Hello. My name is Edward,
One of the associate vice presidents for academic affairs here at Grand Valley State University.

Speaking for the University, we are excited you're here as a Commission, holding your meetings here today and sharing with the community how the process works.

The Grand Valley Community has been interested in redistricting, which, of course, is drawing lines, of drawing districts of representation for Lansing and Washington. The process that you're doing brings together a number of topics that we study here at the University: Political science, mathematics, computer science, justice, and leadership, just to name a few.

Some people here from Grand Valley know I'm a professionally trained mathematician. And I'm personally very interested in what you are doing. You're using different tools in mathematics, geometry. There is something called voting theory, there really is in mathematics, and Algebra.

And all these things are kind of you're using as part of your work.

So, finally, I just want to express my appreciation.
I know you have been working very seriously on this for months. And it's got to be a marathon for you.

So but the outcome is going to be very important to this University and to the state and to the country, too. So thank you very much and we are glad you're here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Assistant Vice President For Academic Affairs. Back to you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So with without objection, we will begin public comment pertaining to
Agenda topics portion of our meeting.
Hearing no objections, people who want to address the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

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

First in line is number one.

>> Hello. My name is David and you may remember when I spoke to you first in Muskegon.

I said don't screw this up.

I have a more subtle message today.

Thank you what you're doing is historic.

It's going to set precedent for Michigan and for the whole country.

When you started you had time stolen from you by the data being late.

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If you need to, steal some back.

I appreciate what you've been doing.

I saw you arranging to work longer hours.

But if you have to go past deadlines, go past deadlines.

We need this to be right.

Second, I've also seen some of the input that comes into you over the I've watched some of it is nakedly well no it's not it's hidden partisan ship when they say keep East Lansing and Lansing together.

That works towards say districts.

That works towards gerrymandering goals.

Realize that.

When someone is claiming they want to keep Eaton County away from Lansing or they want to keep rural people in rural districts, that works towards the same goals as gerrymandering would.

And, finally, if I was doing this job and I imagine I was because I volunteered to, I look -- I would have big poster boards of I saw one map of the racial area of I would have them set up next to your video.

So a visual every time I hear you ask for some information if it's able to be put visually next to you, next to what you can see, if you could see it and look at that, I believe it would speed your process and make you not spend as much of your time as you seem to need to right now.

It might help you out by seeing that.

And that's my time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. That concludes our first opportunity for in-person public comment for the evening. We will now move on to the remote public comments. And the first opportunity for those individuals. So individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission, will now be allowed to do so. I will call your name and our staff will unmute you. If you are on the 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.

Also please note if you experience technical or audio issues or we do not hear from you 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 time.

And the first in line to provide public comment is Mrs. Schlechter.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can,

>> Hi. Hello, Commissioner. My name is Leinda Schlechter and I'm the vice president of API Vote Michigan.

I've had the privilege to meet some of you and speak to you in previous hearings.

Today I'm just here to say I have two comments and they are thank you, thank you.

First of all, thank you for the process of publishing the maps.

And secondly, for additional mapping days.

You know, yesterday a draft Senate mapping plan was finished and uploaded phenomenal job I think from you and your staff.

The maps were available.

And while I realize that there is some work being done for solutions to address the viewing challenges, we really appreciate the timely upload.

And, secondly, I want to say that I want to give you a big shout out to all of you for listening to us because numerous requests from the general public was to add additional mapping time to meet the deadlines.

And you heard us.

So I want to thank you.

The Commissioners, I want to thank your staff for listening to us.

I was talking to someone today who simply said you know that we ask a lot from you.

And you guys have all of you have stepped up to the plate.

So thank you for improving the process of the maps for viewing and for giving us a chance to be heard on those and also for the additional time for mapping and thank you very much.

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

At this point we will move to Anthony Skenell.

>> Good afternoon, Commission. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> While I think the process is getting certain population characteristics of proficiency and due diligence here, which are profound, Commissioners had a year to figure it out and to look at Google maps or something and figure it out from there. But it did take a very long time to find Woodward Avenue, the state's number one road.

And.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. Skenell, you keep breaking up and it's difficult to hear you.

Are you able to fix your reception just a little bit?

>> Sorry. How about now?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That's better, thank you.

>> Sorry. It doesn't look like many are familiar with the old maps that we have, which in are currently in use because number one sort of looks like some of the old ones, and I think that is a big no.

It was as it was being formed, it started by copying the worst element of the 14th and 13th gerrymanders and drawn down for River Rouge and it was something.

But I just...what else? I mean, you shouldn't consider the old Congressional maps, but if you are stuck to resemble them it's kind of a problem.

Portions of who and who doesn't want to be with whom and what neighboring cities are in a direct contradiction to the goal of compactness, I think maybe some of the old should be considered more when drawing these maps because they do have an ancient history long before Michigan was a state and they do kind of define the ways people move around.

I think the strict adherence, 8 Mile Road as a boundary will exacerbate -- thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anthony, are you still there? All right. We will move on to Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me, Madam Chair?

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

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

And I'd like to continue the conversation we have about rules of procedure. And I'd like to kind of, you know, consolidate what we were discussing here about. And I'd like to remind you that the biggest most egregious breach is happening right now with Commissioner Rothhorn facilitating discussion before there's a motion second that creates an immediately pending question.

Because, you know, the quorum of the meeting, the Chair is required to keep the quorum. And that is to, you know, germane to even the question.

So in the rules, Section 4.10, it says, the meeting shall be conducted according to the current Robert's Rules of Order subject to any procedures to the contrary set forth in these rules, applicable laws. And then there is a statement that says or such other rules adopted by the Commission. And would that be the ones that you adopted on the side bar on February 25th, 2020? And it's in the minutes or it's in the, you know, the transcripts, which please get the rest of the transcripts on the website.

And what this does is it...there is no legitimate reason why you would not have a motion pending right now to approve maps.

Because I think the structure should be the full Commission would make a motion to approve the maps and divide the question.

Refer it to committee of the whole. Committee of the whole would then motion to approve a draft for the full Commission to be released to the public for public comment. And then that would give you, this is the exact same structure. You would be able to go

back and forth and have your committee of the whole structure like you're doing. That is exactly what you are doing except for you are breaching the fundamental part about nobody knows what you're talking about. And then you have certain people that are taking advantage of the situation.

And Commissioner Rothhorn seems very confident. And it's like as if it was by design that he was to be the Vice Chair now. Because Commissioner Kellom is the one that started this whole thing back at the beginning. When she refused the nomination for Chair and then she said, oh, I think the Vice Chair should just facilitate discussion and that was the agreement.

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

Now that the first opportunity for both in-person and remote public comment has concluded, without objection, we will hear from individuals who are seeking to provide a second two-minute public comment. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with individuals seeking to provide a second public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide in-person public commentary to the commission will now be allowed to do so. Please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number. You will have two minutes to address the Commission. And please conclude your remarks when the two minutes has ended. Please also and go to the public comment tool and share your concerns in writing, including any specific areas of the map about which you are speaking. And the public comment tool is available at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

So do we have the second...the first person who was going to speak twice? I'm not seeing anyone at the microphone.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It appears they are declining to speak for a second time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, that's good. All right. We will move on. So we will now bounce back to our remote public commentary.

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 with two minutes to speak.

And first in line to provide their remote public comment is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me, Madam Chair?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I can.

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

And the staff is now continuing to cut people off in the middle of sentences. And this was already gone through. In your consensus building process, you agreed that people get to finish their sentence. So, Madam Chair, will you please correct the staff, the Secretary of State, and it must be Secretary Benson who is doing that and it's a problem.

But as I was saying is that the breach here starts with there is no legitimate reason why you don't have a motion pending now.

Other than the understanding of you people on and, you know, I hope it's not my comments that people are...that the member was taking offense to. Because I'm just talking about the manner in which you are performing your duties.

And y'all seem very well versed. And, you know, like you're doing very well at this alternate set of rules that are anti-American.

This is fundamentally circumventing the Constitution of the State and how the voters set it up and voted for it.

And I think that Commissioner Kellom should resign for her part in starting all of this at the beginning. And everybody goes through the transcripts of February 25, 2020. It explains all about it.

And, oh, as I was saying, and Commissioner Lange said you voted on this.

So if she can cite in there where it shows in the minutes. Because the Open Meetings Act requires all decisions to be in the minutes, see. So it's kind of working.

You know, you could kind of make this if you really had just followed the rules.

You could actually change the rules to be consistent with what you are doing, that committee of the whole structure and to actually be doing what you want to say you are doing instead of just cheating.

And this is kind of like a big shell game. And, you know, all the sudden it's going to be batta bing, I believe. And in my personal opinions there are charlatans amongst us and some fraudsters. And all we got to do identify who they are. And you all have an absolute right and a perfect opportunity to be articulate in Court when you explain these things. Somebody told you to do these things. Somebody in your ear, telling you and pulling the strings. And then you just go along and you're fawning to this.

This is not a trauma informed process because it does not recognize the rights of the members.

Trauma informed means you have to respond to the...

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. That concludes our public comment for this afternoon.

We would like to mention that all e-mailed and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting. And Commissioners also view the public comment portal on www.Michigan.gov/MICRC on a regular basis.

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

At this point we are going to move back to our unfinished business, Agenda Item 5A. And, without objection, we will continue draft mapping of the Congressional districts.

I believe we were with Commissioner Witjes who was working on his District. I believe you wanted to come back to that, is that accurate, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is correct, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I will once again hand off the facilitation to Commissioner Rothhorn because he is present in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take it away, Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay. Let's wait for John to pull up the map.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just for the record, I created a copy of what we worked on before so this is exactly the same state as we left it in.

But just for purposes of completeness it's a copy of this with a different designation.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, so what I'm going to do first is add the Township of Northville.

>> MR. MORGAN: So into District 3 all of Northville?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

Can we head to the northern Section? Then the Walled lake and Commerce Township and we will switch over to precincts at this particular point.

Okay we are going to add in the precinct that is between Wixom and Walled lake at this particular point.

And we are also going to add the one that is now still in between on the north of that, that we just added.

And then the two I'm sorry the triangle that is left over.

And the two that are on the east edge.

Now we will head all the way over to the east.

And we are going to take out Madison Heights.

The Township directly below that I believe.

Is it Ferndale? Hazel Park I'm sorry.

Okay and this is where I'm going to leave it at this particular point my reasoning for it is kind of twofold.

One I was able to look at the majority minority sections and percentages of the District as drawn presently.

In my opinion this would be close to a VRA District.

Based on minority percentage.

Secondly it took the shape it did sorry the population is a little higher than the other two but what we are doing here is we are off setting it close to 0 and this also allows us to manipulate these District boundaries if we need to make adjustments in the future of this particular District to either get it closer to a 0 deviation.

Furthermore if District one becomes an issue, we can shift Warren, the Township of Warren over to the east, add potentially add Madison Heights and Hazel parks into it, take off from the bottom and if we need to go north, we potentially could do so.

If that wouldn't help make the VRA analysis better for District 1 as it is drawn now.

That's about where I'm going to leave it.

I hope I answered all the questions that Secretary of State is about to ask.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're getting a thumbs up.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right perfect.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Witjes where do we go next?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Madam Chair.

You're on mute, Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Since we are over on the west side of the state today, let's go over to Kent County.

So are you driving John or is Kent?

>> MR. MORGAN: It's John here hello.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: John take all of Kent County.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And that should bring you past what is it.

>> MR. MORGAN: 658,000 so 117 down.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay that's fine.

Now take out, hold on, don't take out anything yet.

East or I'm sorry west of Grand Rapids.

Let's see in Kent County if you go in the southwest corner, go up a Township.

And go over.

There is a funny shaped Township in the County next to it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it Georgetown?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

Hit Georgetown.

>> MR. MORGAN: In Ottawa in the District with Kent County?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct and that will eliminate in Kent County, let's see, Caledonia County.

Take that out.

Down on the bottom.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay and put in all of Ionia County.

And hold on it's not in yet.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 12000 under the ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 12000 under.

Okay and below Kent County on the southeast side take what is it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it Caledonia.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hold on.

And the one below it and the one right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a moment Irving and Carlton.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hold on let me look I'm running two screens here.

Irving and the one below it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Rutland.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess my screen froze up and then it should be the one just to the left of it, to the west of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that's 776,000, 1071 over.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is what I want to do.

>> MR. MORGAN: That looks like the shape you were expecting?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well I'm trying to get back to my view here.

My screen froze so now I can't see it but I believe so.

That is the number I expected.

1071.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, that is right and as I said before that is usually a good way to check that the District you expect is the District we have here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

So that is a yes.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett and Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Doug, you made a rather odd shape.

What was the purpose of that with taking Caledonia out would put you would have put you a little bit over then you could have adjusted to pull that down a little bit versus going the way you did.

I don't understand.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just got control back of my screen.

Caledonia was the one I took out of Kent County?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So if we added that back in what would you subtract.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The three the Irving, Rutland and Yankee springs.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Why don't you do that John and see what it looks like.

I did this a couple days ago so I don't remember the logic why I did what I did.

But I understand where you are coming from with that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm going to try to let Commissioner Clark finish this with Commissioner Lett and go to Rebecca Szetela and then Anthony.

So Commissioner Clark why don't you let us know when you are finished with that and so Commissioner or the Chair Szetela can get in.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So now we are 3600 off.

The reason I did it I adjusted for population that is what I was trying to do.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: My only suggestion if we -- if you do it this way and it's your screen that you are for sure there is that then we can go you could go around probably on the west side whatever that is over there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Pull off a few voting precincts or blocks just to get down closer to 0.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When we begin to adjust things?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And give more room to the west.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand I'm fine with that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to question the Caledonia too because I know we have gotten specific public comment saying that is a suburb of Grand Rapids and wanted to be included with Grand Rapids.

But yeah so, it's back in I think it belongs there.

I am curious why you wouldn't just take off one of the Townships in Ionia because they have such small population.

Those are pretty rural areas and seems you could get your balance taking off one of the Townships on the fridge rather than trying to keep the whole County whole.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

Well can we see the population in Ionia?

>> MR. MORGAN: Townships within the County?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

Looking for 3690 so if we took off Portland we would be almost there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Portland Township there is Portland Village or Lyons.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or Danbee would be close.

For those of you that live in that area would Portland or Lyon be more.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Any Commissioner Eid? Commissioner Witjes has a hand raised.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah Dustin.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would leave it as is for the fact I said earlier it will give us more wiggle room to make adjustments instead of locking us on a District that is 0 population and make it harder once we start to make our adjustments.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay then let's leave it like that because it will give us some room when we start to adjust.

Then we can go either to the east or the west.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid do you still have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm just curious why did you choose to go to combine Kent County with Ionia? I think it would be better served being with Ottawa to the west.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If I may.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That locks you in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It locks us in but I think if we -- it's a wider area.

There is an opportunity for reflect some of the minority population that is in this area around the Grand Rapids area if we do go west.

What you might do Doug is you might just consider I think what Commissioner Eid is suggesting that if you go west and you look and you pay attention to minority numbers, I think you will see a different District so it's just that opportunity.

Commissioner Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would also say I wouldn't want to go too far west.

Maybe just take a few more Townships because one of the things we've talked about quite a bit as a Commission is creating a lakeshore District and we can really create a nice lakeshore District going almost all the way up the coastline to Traverse City and put all of those communities together if we don't go too far over.

That is something else to consider.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is why I didn't go to the west because I recognize that was one of the objectives that we were trying to do.

I think I want to leave it like it is at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just in comment towards the lakeshore districts I do agree we should have lakeshore districts especially on the Congressional level but from the border all the way to the north seems a little extreme.

I would say that two would be different because what you're going to get into is you are going to have Berrien County saying why am I with Grand Traverse County, that makes no sense. But if you did two different ones right around the halfway line, say, Muskegon, for example, and then have a southern border or southern lakeshore District and northern lakeshore District, that would make more sense.

I'm all for it, one big giant one seems a little off putting to me.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We can discuss that when we get to that.

I want to leave it like it is.

I think, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela did you have something?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to add on the point of splitting it. If you split it, then you have to go into more rural areas and you are no longer on the lakeshore. So that would be counterbalance on that. As we want to keep it lakeshore. But with the size of the districts, cutting it in half means you are grabbing those rural counties that wanted to stay with the rural area so to speak. And I don't like that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree. The size of these districts is all different thinking process than what we did with the Senate District.

Let's leave it like it is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right. We will leave it where it is and we have some questions from the secretary.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, what are they Sarah?

>> It's Mustafa, Commissioner Clark. I wanted to ask how did you take communities of interest into account?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I looked at Kent County and I recognize there is a small Latino population there and a Black population.

It's in the southern part of Grand Rapids.

So I made sure that they were included.

And then diversity standpoint going to the east in Ionia, which is more farming and more rural, I wanted to add that in with the big City with the urban area.

So that's how I look at it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are getting a thumbs up Doug thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sounds good thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry is not with us is that correct?

Okay, so then I believe we are to Commissioner Lett if, no, who am I missing, Eid, I apologize.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay I guess I could start where Commissioner Clark left off then.

So let's go with Clinton so make it a District 5.

So what I'm going to attempt to do is combine the Tri-City areas of Lansing because if you go back to the May 27th meeting in Lansing it was by far the thing we heard most from the people there was that they wanted that District to be together.

So let's go with Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties.

And then let's do let's pull in Livingston Shiawassee and Gratiot.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just a clarifying point Commissioner Eid you mean the try County areas not Tri-Cities?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes Tri-Counties.

Thank you Chair Szetela.

And Shiawassee as well.

And I think that makes a complete District right there.

I think this would be a competitive District that supports and either party could win depending on the candidate and I think it you know, supports everything that we've been doing up until this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Clark's hand and Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I looked at it a little different, Anthony.

I took the counties around Lansing, I think it was Eaton Ingham and Livingston then I went south and took Washtenaw where Ann Arbor is.

And I ended up close to the 775.

I think I took -- I think I was a little over and took off a Township here or there.

I can look it up.

If we wanted to go that direction instead.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes has a point and then Commissioner Orton.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When I did Washtenaw, I did not include Ypsilanti.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Could you run the counties that you had again in that District?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sure hold on.

Let me bring it up.

I'll tell you exactly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I apologize Cynthia.

Let's see I had, hold on I'm trying to get to my map.

Here it is.

Right, okay.

I had Ingham County and then I had Livingston is next to that and then I had Washtenaw but I had to cutoff on Washtenaw was U.S. 23 because I did not include Ypsilanti.

And then I eliminated the far southeastern Township in Washtenaw County.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for pointing that out with your cursor there, John.

Can we go to Commissioner Orton? Or I think John can help.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think he was referring to Augusta as the southeastern Township so south.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, no, no.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me see.

Hold on.

I believe so.

See on my map it doesn't show the Townships.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you have a quick follow-up?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is not what I was asking. Are those the only counties that you have in the District that you drew or did you go up into Gratiot, Shiawassee, and Clinton?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, I did not go north of Lansing at all.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So you just did Ingham, Livingston, Washtenaw without Ipsi and then the one Township you removed, that's it?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hold on. Looking at the boundaries, I think I took the two Townships just west of Lansing as well.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I might want to look at that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks, Commissioner Clark. And I will give it back to Cynthia and it's Commissioner Eid's turn so.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep, yep. I mean, that is the approach I took, so I wanted to bring that up.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Anthony, I just wonder if you could if there might be some other County to include instead of Gratiot because we've had a lot of public comments about those six counties in the center. Osceola, Clare, Mecosta, Isabella, Montcalm and Gratiot being a community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would be okay looking at that. I think we could certainly look at it. I would like to see I believe Commissioner Rothhorn asked for the election data. I don't know if you still want to look at that, but I do think this makes a competitive District that would be good going forward. And it's because it has both types of people in it and Lansing is an area that has both types of people you know you have the City that has you know all of the City folk. You have the surrounding counties and areas that have all of the more rural folk. And I think it would be nice if they had a you know, someone representing them that could look out for both of their interests perhaps. And I think that's backed up by what we've heard when we had our meeting there. But what would you suggest? We could take out Gratiot and go into a little bit of Barry maybe? I wouldn't want to go to Genesee then you are introducing a whole other minority population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Were you asking Commissioner Orton or Commissioner Szetela looks like she has an option. Everybody Commissioner Szetela do you want to weigh in?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: On my practice map playing around I actually included Ionia in with it and took a little bit off of Livingston. The far eastern edge because that's more built up and populated and put it in with other districts. And that is kind of what I was referencing with Grand Rapids going a little further west because there is a lot of population there. And that way we are not getting into the Gratiot Montcalm concern that we've had raised with multiple people. So just a suggestion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark do you have your hand raised for a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No I do not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thanks.

Oh, sorry Commissioner Witjes then back to Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay so I just looked at the political data here real fast on my screen.

And, Anthony, is correct that it does it is a competitive District.

Furthermore, I would not add Washtenaw County into Livingston County at all.

This aligns into what would be a very, very, very close competitive and a District that is taking into communities of interest regarding Livingston County.

Ionia, I believe is a little bit too far from Livingston County to have anything really in common with the two.

But Shiawassee aligns, Ingham County definitely aligns as well as Eaton.

Gratiot does become a little bit of an issue because of the Montcalm, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Saginaw Counties. But this as drawn would be a fair district that I believe takes into account the rural urban split right down to 50/50, making it a fair District. And I do like the way it is drawn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Anthony, you were suggesting that we could look at the data. You and Dustin mentioned it. Do you want to have John pull it up and walk us through it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sure, why not do the bellwether that we talked about before. I think we could also examine what Commissioner Szetela was talking about and compare the two.

The reason I started, you know, it's just what we have drawn collaboratively that Ionia was already used up.

>> MR. MORGAN: This District 5 is drawn with the whole counties Gratiot, Clinton, Shiawassee, Eaton, Ingham and Livingston. 50% for Biden, 50% for Trump. 48% for Clinton 52 for Trump in 2016, 52% for Obama. 48% for Romney in 2012.

For Peters in the U.S. Senate race it's 50% for James, it's 50%.

And then for 2018 Senate Stabenow 52.

James 48.

And then for 2014 is 56 for Peters, 44 for land.

2012, 58 Stabenow, 42 Hoekstra for Governor 54.5 for Whitmer.

And 45.5 for Schuette.

Governor 14 is 47 shower, 53 Snyder.

For Attorney General Nessel is 48.6.

So almost 50.

And 50 for Leonard.

In 2014, Totten48, Schuette 58.

Sorry 42, 58.

Then for Secretary of State Benson 53, Lange 47 and then the Secretary of State in 2014 is 41.5 to 58.5 for Johnson Dillard to Johnson.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you John. Commissioner Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just curious where District 6 is looking at this map. Can someone orient me to where 6 is? Was that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We do not have a District F yet.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: On the list it was showing a District 6 so never mind.

Okay I just want to second what Dustin said about Ann Arbor and Lansing.

I just don't think they go together at all.

I think they should be separated.

I like what Anthony has drawn here and think it fits nicely.

I'm not thrilled about the Gratiot and Montcalm but we can potentially alter that at some point down the road too so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid do you want to make any suggestions?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We could try it.

I quite like how this is drawn I think what we just saw with it being probably the most competitive District we've drawn so far, it works well.

Let's just real quick try it to see what would happen if we replaced Gratiot with Ionia.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can look at the numbers and see how they compare.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let me ask Commissioner Clark because he drew it would you be okay with that change?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think the far eastern Townships in Ionia I would. And then maybe pick up the three Townships south of Kent County.

Two over in Allegan one is in Barry.

I think we are picking up those eight eastern Townships you're going to get the majority of the City of Ionia doing that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so, yeah, let's try that then.

So let's just take off Gratiot.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's put Ionia and does the population matchup between the two of those?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: About 20,000 difference.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's just take the eastern parts of Ionia until we get that population number that we need and then we will do what Commissioner Clark said and start taking south of Kent County into number 4 to make up for those changes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take the City of Ionia.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think you have to.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think you have to, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So now it's 3300 off.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Now we will take the east of.

>> MR. MORGAN: Eaton which will help you with contiguity issues if nothing else.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is about 3,000 yeah, we can do that.

Okay we are pretty close now.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is some contiguity issues the Township versus the City boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's worry about those later. We are making rough strokes now.

So now let's fix 4.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go south of Kent County. Starting in the southwest corner down there.

>> MR. MORGAN: So let me clarify. So.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: So south of Kent County those Townships there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, they are not in Kent County.

So it would be Door, Leighton and Thornapple and I don't know how many we have to pick up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like 36,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You've got a lot of population in Jamestown why not go west and stay in the same County in Ottawa and instead of going into another County?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I understand yep let's do that.

Let's take Hudsonville and then Jamestown.

Hudsonville is a City.

>> MR. MORGAN: That puts you over by 5400.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Boy.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take off the bottom three, Dorr, Leighton and Thornapple and add Tallmadge. I think you might be the same.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think so too. Take off the bottom three south of Kent County, yes, that is it.

And how many do we need now?

>> MR. MORGAN: 18,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We still need a lot.

Can you scroll north a little? Yeah.

I wanted to see what the population of.

>> MR. MORGAN: Tallmadge and write is 3190 and that is 12000 of your 18 if you took both of those.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If I went one more it would be 14,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you referring to Chester for the north Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct well, let's go over to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go a.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Doug if you took Tallmadge and Wright and the village of Coopersville it would be maybe a thousand off or something.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well maybe Chester because that is in that County and we still would be off.

Take Tallmadge and see what it looks like and Wright.

And Chester.

Where are we at?

>> MR. MORGAN: You are about 4500 off which is pretty close to Coopersville.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take Coopersville then we should be good.

>> MR. MORGAN: 137 people over.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay so let's look what the numbers are like now.

Can we look at the.,,

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Partisan.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the minority so can we look at the election data?

It is almost 50/50 before.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not too shabby.

>> MR. MORGAN: President in 2020 it's 50% for Biden, 50% for Trump and Clinton

45.

Trump 55 in 2016.

Obama 43.

Romney 57.

In 2012.

Peters 46.

James.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is good enough let's just leave that will that work for you Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What does that do to 5?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We didn't touch 5.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 5 is still there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Did you just read off the data for District 5 or District 4.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 4.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 4.

>> MR. MORGAN: 4 I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What do the changes do to District 5.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's readout.

>> MR. MORGAN: District 5 is 50% for Biden in 2020.

It's 50% for Trump in 2020.

48 for Clinton.

52 for Trump.

It's pretty similar.

Obama in 52.

Romney 48.

Peters 50.

And then James is 50.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I like these changes better because it puts equality into both of those districts competitiveness into both of those districts.

Yeah, I'm good with it, thanks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid it is your turn.

Do you want to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm good with it.

I think both of these changes that we made for both of these are good districts.

Just for Department of State over there, I drew this District like this mainly to reflect communities of interest specifically what we heard at our May 27th meeting in Lansing where we heard that people wanted the Tri-county areas around Lansing to be together and also reflect communities of interest and try to have a competitive District when applicable.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We got a thumbs up.

>> I'm with the Department of State Commissioner Clark can you restate what change you made to District 4 and why did you do so?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The reason we did it was to assist in getting District 5 more in line than rather than going north.

So we eliminated half the rural area over in Ionia County.

And then added in that area just west of Kent County to compensate for that.

>> Thank you.

Did you have more?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, the only other thing I was going to say and then both ended up to be extending competitive.

So it will work out well.

>> Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Nice collaboration y'all well done.

I believe we are to Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's go back to Detroit.

We got to do it sometime let's get it done.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You skipped over Commissioner Kellom.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I saw you waving your hands.

My apologies Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I was all set to go too Brittini come on.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's okay Commissioner Lett, you can assist you know I don't do the one voice, one sound.

It's collaborative with me.

But, yes, I was going to go in that area so you can go back to the Detroit area.

John hi John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Hello.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: How are you?

>> MR. MORGAN: Doing good.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Good.

Can you Zoom in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Unassigned area of Wayne and the other counties generally in the Metro rare are Macomb and Oakland.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was looking at Macomb.

Let's go let's see what we have.

Will you help me remember this is the area we want to preserve a little of the shoreline, are you all still thinking that I was going to say select Macomb.

Let's select Macomb.

>> MR. MORGAN: At this point all of Macomb is 881 and then but we've taken out the portion that is Warren.

So that's 140 plus 9.

So that would be 730 or so.

So you would with the balance of Macomb you would actually be under what you needed for the population because we took Warren for another District.

So would you like to start with the balance of Macomb?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just following the remaining portion of Macomb and that's 733,000.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, can you Zoom in what do you all think I should go west a little?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Considering the communities you've got and Commissioner Witjes has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It's going to look weird but.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have to speak in the microphone.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It will look weird getting Madison Heights and Hazel Park.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Try adding Madison Heights and Hazel Park is the suggestion.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You have that radio voice. And I know you were talking but I didn't know what you said at all.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Howard Stern taught me well.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Of all people I'll let you have that one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you see Commissioner Clark's hand Brittini?

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>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: But I'm not going to call on him.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks Brittini Roth Randy Travis o-Commissioner Clark go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When we do that it's not contiguous so we have to add a portion of try to make that happen.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was leaving that because I did not sure of the ally way of Madison Heights was left in the first place.

But that would make me uncomfortable the way it looks like.

I don't like Madison Heights with Highland Park so we can unassign it.

Dustin, I see what you were trying to do.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was thinking more going east and get yeah, the anchor Bay shoreline.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you John for assigning that little area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was also going to suggest that you know we split up Warren before for the Senate maps.

Maybe split Warren along where centerline is and put Madison Heights and Hazel Park in with District 1. And then take the other half of Warren and put it in with District 6.

Then we don't have this kind of little narrow peninsula going down.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: John, can we do that and see how it looks? Thank you, Chair Szetela.

Splinting Warren and Centerline.

Putting Madison Heights and Hazel Park with 1, right, yep.

And this is taking into account both communities of interest and we were trying to adjust the contiguity issue we had when we initially had that little alleyway of Madison Heights mixed in with 6 and that didn't make any sense.

But there are some hands I thought I saw.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It might be helpful to put the dots on for Asian population because that is how we drew the original Senate map because there is a significant Asian population on the west side but not so much on the east.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You want John to bring that up Brittini?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, sorry.

I thought when any Commissioner spoke that John or Kent or Kim could respond.

I don't want to become the absolute Commissioner just because it's my turn.

>> MR. MORGAN: So on the west side these are the areas you were alluding to being more Asian, 24% of the population, 19 whereas over here in the northeast corner it's 5.

5.

5.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay and.

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>> MR. MORGAN: You want to take a portion of the Township and put it in with District 6.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, and that would make sense I don't want to call it the overlay but the theme dots that you just have in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and I don't think I was here for this part of the drafting. But you're talking about centerline road. So someone direct me to that please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, centerline is that little block right in the center of Warren. It's a separate municipality.

So we sort of divided it but look at population here and just pull that first wall and see what you got and dance over.

>> MR. MORGAN: Basically this.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That line.

>> MR. MORGAN: To the northeast.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: A little too much John.

Now I'm 17,000 over.

Give.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's try that again.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You can have all the second chances you want.

>> MR. MORGAN: There you go.

That is a little closer.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You all want to try to get it closer or are we okay with that? Taking that little piece where the cursor is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Within half of a percentage and we have Districts that are under and some are over.

I think we got a nice District.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay all right.

Mustafa.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We got a couple commence here Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well just looking at those dots it looks like maybe a couple of the districts that were or the precincts that were taken had larger population, Asian population.

So I just wonder if maybe we could leave some of those that are bigger and if there are some of the ones on the east are smaller to complicate things.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: But it would be a draw that would help reflect demographics which I think is one of our questions.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was considering that maybe the larger dots would build community like that's what I was saying there would be some sort of balance sense of community in looking at it.

But Commissioner Orton I see I do see what you're saying.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it okay to go to Commissioner Lett or do you want to think about it Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You can go to Commissioner Lett and I can still think.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'll give you time.

Understand everything you take off of 6 and put into 1 they balance.

So you take 3,000 off of 6 it goes back into 1 you need 3195 and 3077 so keep going.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Keep going they say.

>> MR. MORGAN: Meaning to just take one precinct out of 6 and put it into 1 for population but Commissioner Orton brought up a different issue about changing the configuration of the precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm going to leave it like this.

I'm going to leave it.

Commissioner Orton what would be your specific suggestion and Commissioner Lett what would be your specific suggestion?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: My suggestion would be John where your cursor is and those few dots down and over to the right are larger meaning a higher Asian population so I would say add those precincts back in to District 1 and then go down, yeah, where the cursor is where there is very small Asian population and put though in to 6 to balance it out.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay so let's try Commissioner Orton's suggestion, John, please assigning the areas of the larger dots reflecting the Asian the higher Asian population and then unassigning the areas south with lower population seemingly of Asian folks and adding that to I mean taking it out of 6, adding it to 1, there we go. Commissioner Orton keep me honest AKA the catcher.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: While we're at it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I knew it.

I knew it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Did you see that one? It's split.

I think it's across the County.

We got one half and not the other half.

So we got to fix that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thanks Commissioner Orton.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is this what you had in mind Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and maybe that bottom one if we need more.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: 3180 or 5049 that one you are taking, okay, there is a delay on my end so my apologies John and Commissioner Orton.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is within about a thousand people.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Go up and get that little town.

>> MR. MORGAN: I missed something you said a town.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Top of 6.

Right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is in the town is split by the County line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner testimony what do you want him to do?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Go in and grab it.

Which I'm sorry I thought Commissioner Orton was directing him to fix the portion up top unless I misunderstood what she was saying.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, that is what I was saying but it's your thing so I think he is waiting for you to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Why do we do this no, guys.

I'm sorry that drives me nuts.

Okay, yes, John you can go in and fix the part up top that should be.

>> MR. MORGAN: Fix you mean take this unassigned portion of the town.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is Memphis.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And include Memphis, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: My apologies.

I'll be more cooperative.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark has a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was just going to make a comment as you were doing that.

I looked at the deviations and all the deviations are within the tolerance that Julianne talked about today.

So I think we are heading on the right track.

I know Kim had mentioned you want to get it down to one person but I think we need to have a further discussion when we get to that point.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good.

Commissioner Kellom nice work.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you.

Thank you, John. Thank you for your patience and thank you Commissioner Orton.

>> MR. MORGAN: You're welcome and had an additional comment regarding if you choose to bring the population down to you know one person, you can easily do that again later in the process.

You're not prohibiting yourself from doing that at this point.

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>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have questions from Mustafa.

>> With the Department of State Commissioner Kellom how did you take communities of interest into account when drafting this District?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: A large part of it was adjusting for the Asian population.

And that was an excellent suggestion by Commissioner Orton.

She caught that there was a larger area of Asian folk and it would be more necessary to include them into District 6 which also allowed switching to maybe another point for you but also allow us to get the deviation even lower in terms of population.

>> And this kind of goes with what you just said but if you wanted to elaborate how did you consider minority populations while drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know what else I would say.

>> That's fine.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay it would be the same answer.

>> Okay thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you so much.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Well done.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn.

Before we leave this District, I'd like to see the voting percentages for it, please, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Certainly.

Okay let me just clarify that I've got the correct District, District 6.

Okay so District 6 as drawn which is principally Macomb County is 45 for Biden or and 55 for Trump.

42 for Clinton.

57 for Trump in 2016.

51 for Obama.

49 for Romney in 2012.

Peters 45.5.

And hang on.

I got this in the way.

And then 54.5 for James in 2020.

Stabenow 50, James 50 in 18.

Peters 55, land 45 in 2014.

Stabenow 60, Hoekstra is 40.

50 for Whitmer for the Governor in 2018, 50.5 to 49.5 for Schuette and 2014 Governor is 44 shower, 56 Snyder for Attorney General Nessel 47, Leonard 53.

Totten 42, Schuette 58 for 2014 Attorney General.

Secretary of State Benson 51.

Lange 49.

And then for 2014 Secretary of State 39 Dillard and 61 Jackson, Johnson, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think we got a problem with competitiveness on this District.

I'm not going to go any further than that.

We may have to come back and look at it at a future date.

I'm going to stay in the Detroit area.

Let's go Down River.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a moment I'm changing the view around.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right as I recall, some point in here we had a large Latino, Latin X community that wanted to stay together, am I wrong MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is in District 1.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay who are we dealing with down here that we need to pay attention to?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe it's the Down River as a whole working class and people that are identifying with, yeah, the river and some of the rural issues, not rural rather environmental issues there along the river.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, the other Commissioners were there other communities of interest that were significantly identified down here?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Not that I can recall Commissioner Lett.

This is Commissioner Kellom.

It's a mixed bag of folks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay all right John let's take it from Wyandotte down to the border and go and if you got them up what Townships here.

>> MR. MORGAN: These are the Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Go in two or three layers.

>> MR. MORGAN: So and also let me change the color on that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And also give you a fresh District instead of District 6.

You said down to the border do you mean to Wayne or down to the border of Michigan?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Michigan.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is Brownstown, wood haven, flat rock, Rockwood, do you want Huron?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay then Monroe County?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is 43% of a Congressional District 333,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out for me, please.

Okay and we are down.

So I need a lot of people.

All right.

I'm looking for some guidance if I go across, if I go west into Washtenaw.

Ann Arbor et cetera, that's where my population is.

That's what I'm going to need.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to suggest that you take Ann Arbor, what hasn't been taken out of that Washtenaw County and then go west and grab I think it's Lenawee County to the west.

You should be pretty close at that point.

You might have to take some things back off but that would get you pretty close.

>> MR. MORGAN: In the intervening area you have these western Wayne

Townships, then Washtenaw, I believe that is what you are suggesting?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is that what you said.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Washtenaw and then that strip of Wayne County that is Plymouth Canton Van Buren and Sumpter.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's try that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You will go over with the counties in there I did not realize we didn't have Plymouth assigned yet.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is that up at the top, John?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is into Oakland County.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the Washtenaw Oakland line.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out for you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Monroe is 150,000 and you're over by 110 at this point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can still take oh, you are over by 110 so.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Close enough.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You are over 110 I would suggest taking off the parts of Monroe that are closest to the border over there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Why not western Washtenaw.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I was going to take off western Washtenaw.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Same.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Give me two Townships on western Washtenaw.

Take those two columns off and see what we do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rebecca did you have your hand up still?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No sorry I forgot to take that off.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was about 30 some thousand.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take it down to where I can see population.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 10, 17 is 27, 33, 35 more there and you're looking for losing about 79.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Scroll up so that I can see the southern tier.

No, no, no all the way I want to see all the way down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: On the border.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

Yes.

Is that one County down there on the border John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Bedford is on the border 32000 people approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out.

If I take -- if I take that County out and start adding back in on the western -- I don't want to go any further in on Ann Arbor and split that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I agree you only have Saline over there and that wouldn't make any sense Commissioner Lett.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would say Dexter there were comments that Dexter would rather align with Jackson.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would agree you can take off the next row of four and then just have Saline be included with Ann Arbor.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You've got significant population up there.

I do think I like your Down River starting at Down River because they did say they associate more with Monroe County.

So I think to keep the Monroe and the down river community together I think you are going to get some good comments.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can try that take off the western Townships on Washtenaw County.

What does that do for me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now you need to shed about 41,000 and the you were considering the southern area here that is close to what you needed.

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

If I do that, I would take the whole County.

>> MR. MORGAN: The whole County is 154,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, I know.

They don't want me to do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: You could potentially unassign some of the areas here to balance one District out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What's the population north of Ann Arbor those two counties north or the two Townships north? That is 15.

>> MR. MORGAN: Salem is 15 and then superior would be another 15. You would still need more.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I would take Salem and Northfield before I took anything in the Down River Area.

But I don't know too much about that.

I know more about Ann Arbor.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out for me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Salem can go with south Lyon and makes sense same with Northfield and will meld in with Jackson on Okra north so I think those are both ease.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do think we have had conflicting comments that Monroe County and Down River go together and then the Monroe County isn't like Down River.

So maybe those just those closest Townships to the west.

I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Pick up some of those and make it come in like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Suggesting taking off Monroe and going back to more of Washtenaw, is that kind of a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was saying just those western Townships of Monroe County possibly could go off.

I don't know how much population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But there is down in the big Temperance area, which is the one right at the border. If you took off that and then went up that line it would probably be about what he needs.

And those are pretty rural areas any way honestly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah. I was going to say the same thing that Commissioner Orton did.

Take off those four Townships to the west and then maybe the one heavily populated one where the arrow is now, I've read comments where the border people feel their lives are different than the inland people.

So maybe the solution is the southern border towns and.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: John go back in and let me see the populations please.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's look at them.

>> MR. MORGAN: Bedford 32000, Whiteford 4500. And then like you're saying if you took these Townships, that is pretty close to what you need population wise.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I understand that is the population wise.

But that is one County on the border.

And it doesn't seem to make much sense to me to cut that County up.

They either leave it in or take it out.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We cut up other counties.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I know but doesn't make any sense to take off you know two or three Townships down in the southern southeast corner of the state.

I just it leave as bad taste in my mouth sed Szetela you would be assigning them with Albion and Hillsdale because that is what will happen move in with Albion and Hillsdale which are more similar to those areas because when you get pretty far past telegraph road Down River it gets really rural really quickly.

So those are the more rural, I think they would be okay being in with Lenawee because they are very similar communities.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do too because they are more industrial going down I-75, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Give me a minute.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just since we have a moment, I'll entertain you with running the analysis.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you John.

>> MR. MORGAN: There are some discontinuities and I think we were aware of some of them.

So this is something that was probably unintentional but when we assigned all of Oakland County, this little piece is I guess it's Fenton City in Oakland.

So if we're looking at correcting this you would probably just unassign that and the other one here is there is a piece of Ionia and I think we are aware of that.

That's the Township-City split.

And at the moment because we selected Ann Arbor, we've got the standard discontinuities associated with the City of Ann Arbor.

And I would say for the moment since we may make changes in the Ann Arbor area, we probably don't want to correct that but I would recommend correcting this here in District 3 which I think we based on our previous work we would assume this is not intentional.

This is a small portion that was intended to be unassigned, I think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you John and because Commissioner Lett asked for some time to think, without objection, I'm going to ask John to just assign it away from the third District unassigned.

Thank you.

Hearing no objection.

>> MR. MORGAN: 36 people in Fenton.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks John.

Commissioner Lett you have the floor when you are ready.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out for me and let me take a look, John.

>> MR. JOHN MORGAN: Looking at Monroe 154 and if you put Washtenaw back you would be towards the way of covering that if that is what you wanted to do.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, if we are going to do that and I've heard everybody say I can take off some of those southern Townships but I want to take Monroe out and I want to go back up and put Washtenaw back in.

I would -- I think that works better than splitting up Monroe.

>> MR. MORGAN: That leaves you needing 44,000 people and your adjacent counties you have Jackson Lenawee Monroe and then unassigned portion of Oakland or you could address it with other districts that have been drawn Lett led --

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How much are in the precincts just north of Washtenaw up in the little.

>> MR. MORGAN: Starting here you have south Lyon, so 11,000 and then 23, that's 34.

And then Milford would be 4441 so they are two third of the way if you are looking at population.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right let's put them in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett if you decided to go in the eastern part of the Jackson County you would sort of keep the Waterloo state recreation area together which was one of the things we were asked to keep.

And western Washtenaw that eastern Jackson were considered I think they were considering themselves a community of interest.

I can't speak to it anymore but I just think that that may actually, yeah, be more similar interest rather than heading into the suburban areas of South Lyon.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Not enough population.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you did South Lyon and Lyon like you did and these two is about 9,000 if you wanted to do that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Grass lake and Waterloo.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That might be the answer.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can try it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so that is 143 people off.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not too shabby.

Well done Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let me look at the voting.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure.

Okay so this is District 7.

Okay so District 7 is drawn is 62.5% for Biden.

37.5 for Trump.

Clinton 60.

Trump 40.

Obama is 61.

Romney 39.

President 2012.

Senate 2020 is 61 Peters, 39 James.

Senate 18 is 63 Stabenow.

37 James.

Senate 14 is Peters 63, land 37.

And Stabenow 66, Hoekstra is 34.

And then for Governor 65 Whitmer, 35 Schuette.

Shower is 52.

Snyder 48.

Then for Attorney General Nessel 62.

Leonard 38.

Attorney General 14Totten was 53, Schuette 47.

Secretary of State 65 Benson, 35 Lange and 2014 Secretary of State is 50 for Dillard or 49.5 and 50.5 for Johnson.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> Commissioner Lett this is Mustafa to clarify you completed this District?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Almost.

Cool your jets for a second.

>> Mustafa, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right. I am done.

And the District clearly is not a competitive District.

It is from the voting patterns A democratic District.

From a demographic point of view, it's 71.43% non-Hispanic white.

9.67% non-Hispanic Black.

Latino Hispanic is 5.25. And Asian is 7.88. So we have a good Asian population mix in this District in this district, in this Congressional District.

I think that was important to keep together.

It's a compact District.

It is one that I think will be representative of the people in it.

And I'm satisfied with it.

Do you got any other questions Mustafa?

>> Were there any particular COIs that you felt were representative?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, we have the non-Hispanic Black, we have Hispanics and the non-Hispanic Asians and other COIs would be scroll out or give me some landmarks on there.

Ann Arbor is a University town.

The other one that we included right at the end was the parks over on the west side of the District.

We've also included some rural in the southwest part of the District.

So this will give the whoever is ends up in this District something to do.

>> Mustafa: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Ie.

Above we move on to Commissioner Orton I think our General Counsel has some thoughts.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you Vice Chair Rothorn.

I just wanted to state for the record again for the benefit of the Commissioners and the public that competitiveness is not one of your 7 criteria.

And the election data you are looking at is bellwether election with minority candidates for purposes of VRA analysis.

Again, the other measures will be dealt with as more districts are drawn.

And also the compactness scores can be rated at that time.

But again I and I do want to also acknowledge that competitiveness was articulated very often in public comment as a priority first for citizens presumably resulting from the allegations and partisan gerrymandering that has historically exists with the maps that we have now.

But I just wanted to highlight that again for the record that not only is it a criteria but the manner in which that would be measured is not currently available.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you General Counsel.

What I'm hearing is we can use these election results to help us with VRA analysis because they are pole liked voting in Michigan are racially polarized voting in Michigan but we cannot understand we have all the election results and therefore cannot draw out that they are fully balanced electorally.

Okay thank you for that clarification.

Any Commissioner Orton? You have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, John can you scroll out just a little bit so I can see just everything? Okay, I think I'll need to do across the bottom.

So choose Monroe and Lenawee counties.

And Hillsdale and Branch.

Okay just a second.

>> MR. MORGAN: 345,000 people 40% of the District so far, need 430.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so I'd like other Commissioner input on this.

We can go all the way across the bottom.

But then we have had several comments as well about including Jackson and possibly Calhoun County with Hillsdale, Branch and those.

So can you scroll up a little bit or should I go over.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What do you think Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think you got it on the money.

I would take Jackson the rest of Washtenaw, Calhoun then I think you will still probably need some more people to get into St. Joseph and Cass.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay let's try that John the rest, well, the rest of Jackson and Calhoun.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For the rationale, that Jackson, Hillsdale, Lenawee was a service area that recommended was recommended as a community of interest.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that closed about 300,000, so 144 would be remaining.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So what the population? This is where it gets tricky, I think.

So I know that we also had lots of comments that Cass and St. Joseph counties should be with Berrien.

But we can't take all that.

So take St. Joseph let's just see what this looks like and Cass.

All right so take the bottom row of Townships in Berrien County.

Over to the west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Along the Indiana border here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> MR. MORGAN: All the way to New Buffalo?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For now, yes, please.

Okay that is too much.

So take off those, yeah, those five Townships, please.

Remove those.

Well or maybe we should look at populations I don't know what those what the population of those Townships are.

>> MR. MORGAN: Need to lose 17,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Take those out, that is for sure, okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now you are within 4600 so Niles has substantial population here and then these two are.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Take off Buchanan Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Yeah, that kind of -- that bothers me.

Hanging out there like that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take that one out then?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Then we will be low.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can look at another Township if you wanted to.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay take that out.

Anyone have any -- add in Berrien Township.

Okay can you Zoom out now so we can see it? What are people's thoughts about this?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: A nice border County.

Got Battle Creek and Jackson together which was something that was not wrong if I remember.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We are 1700 over. Do you think that is close enough for now?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see nodding heads.

>> Can you tell us how you took communities of interest into account?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: These are the southern border counties which we've heard a lot about.

Also I included Jackson, the rest of Jackson County because that was also listed as a community of interest with Hillsdale and Lenawee counties.

And we also did hear public comment about including Calhoun County with that area.

I didn't include the Townships closest to the lake because that leaves it to be included with the lakeshore counties.

And for population.

>> Can you tell us how did you consider minority populations while drawing the District?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Not really.

Because there isn't significant minority populations, but I can read those numbers off to you if that helps.

>> Whatever works best for you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so total minority population is 17%.

And non-Hispanic white is 82.8%.

Is that good?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Well done Commissioner Orton.

I think we are on to Commissioner Rothorn if I'm not mistaken.

Commissioner Rothorn are you ready? Aye aye captain.

Yes, thank you Commissioner Lett would you Chair? Excuse me facilitate, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Go ahead Commissioner Rothorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm going to try to finish out this so we are going to stay with we are in the southwest.

Yeah, yes.

We will just try this here and see how so all the way up from that the southern border of 4 Kent we are just going to take all of Kalamazoo, wait, yes keep going.

We have 775 so we need it all, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want Allegan and Barry as well?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Would you like a side of fries with that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we are at 134 under so we are going to head up the lakeshore, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Ottawa next.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Ottawa and 71 over.

>> MR. MORGAN: A little bit over for a Congressional District a lot for any other District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right, so Commissioners, yeah, taking out do I take out more of Grand Haven lakeshore and leave the inland areas in order to keep you know allow the next District with Muskegon?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to suggest a better way would oops sorry I'm not talking in the microphone.

If you were to take the what County is this? Hold on I can't even see Ottawa County. The bottom six Townships including Holland take those and then work north.

Because if you take those six, you're only short 15,000.

So you may want you can potentially mess around with some precincts in the area then we can worry about the lakeshore going north at that particular point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are removing the top, the northern six yes, please, John.

Right so we are going to so we need 15 so Allendale would put us over.

But we are in Allendale aren't we so it feels appropriate.

Let's include Allendale I feel included by them let's include Allendale just try it.

So we are over so it's too large so port Sheldon and olive let's try it and remove those please John.

Thank you.

That was a thumbs up?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I thought you were raising your hand Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: He is good on the numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

And the District yeah so, the non-Hispanic or the minority numbers are consistent with what we've drawn and you know 6, 7 and 8 at least.

Not too far off.

And.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John has something maybe he wants to go first.

>> MR. MORGAN:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: John.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was just going to say on the water boundaries here at some point you may look at adjusting those to be more congruent with the districts that they are adjacent to.

At this point I don't think it makes that much difference.

It will be 0 population water blocks.

So for example you might unassign this but not necessary at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thanks for that clarification.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we have heard about community of interest of Hispanic population in on this western side of the state.

So I'm wondering exactly where those populations are and how this affects that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I hear you excellent suggestion.

Can we put up the Hispanic I guess right that is so it's we need the Hispanic I guess I want white Hispanic and Black Hispanic so the most comprehensive Hispanic numbers that we can get, John.

Because it's not just a racial category it's also ethnic.

So how that is displayed will be, I guess what I'm asking you to do John for me is if you can have a population total and then Hispanic white and Hispanic Black.

I think those are the three numbers I would like to see, please.

If I'm, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want to put those on as opposed to doing non-Hispanic white or something which would be kind of the opposite of that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see, yeah.

So yeah so, I am trying to distinguish.

>> MR. MORGAN: I can put the numbers on but what you're doing is I would have to do a calculation to add those two together.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't know if this program has formula fields for calculations.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm hearing you say I will do the math the difference between the population total and non-Hispanic white is the potential Hispanic population is that what I'm hearing? I'm just trying to figure out how do we see what you know I think Cynthia is raising.

>> MR. MORGAN: That would not be isolating only Hispanic because non-Hispanic white.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are very soft.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is not isolating the Hispanic only it would just be looking at the non-Hispanic whites so there would be other minority groups included in the inverse of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What do you have a suggestion on how to get that number?

>> MR. MORGAN: Well I think that there was an A and a C and I don't have Kim Brace here to describe how these are calculated.

But one is more inclusive than the other.

So I think the A is alone and the C might be in combination.

So I think your Hispanic with the C designation is closer to what you want.

That is more maximized in the minority or this case Hispanic population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I've got the code it says pop HISP Hispanic population and Hispanic single race and Hispanic multi race so maybe Hispanic population which is pop HISP.

Yeah, let's try that one.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is at the Township level so far you have not looked below the Township level.

So let's see I think you had Holland, that calculation is 26%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

So we diluted that voice quite a bit in this District but it is a large District.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm not sure in what sense.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, dilution may be too much, it may be too strong a word.

And we have not divided that District.

We have not excuse me we have not divided that population and we okay thank you for showing me that, John, yeah and in the Grand Rapids area but that is a good District so I think at this point we have a reasonable Allegan and Eaton.

>> MR. MORGAN: Resize when I Zoom so let me hold the Zoom so Ottawa is the area you were focusing on before.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct yes.

And I think what we saw was in the Holland area we didn't break up the community there that the Hispanic community that we've got them together.

So at this point it's we've got the right population number.

We have not broken up the Hispanic community with this District.

And we have a southern shoreline.

Let's look at the voting let's see if we have like that if what the cross over votes might be for this community, the Spanish community, Hispanic I should say.

>> MR. MORGAN: Political information here is okay so it's Biden 48, Trump 52, Clinton 45.

Trump 55.

Obama 47.

Romney 53.

For U.S. Senate Peters 45.

James 55.

For Governor Stabenow is sorry Senator Stabenow is 47.

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Land 53 for U.S. Senate.

And then for 2012 Stabenow 50.

Hoekstra is 50.

For Governor Whitmer is 49.

Schuette is 51.

And then in 2014 shower 39.

Snyder 61.

And then you've got Nessel 45.

Leonard 55 for Attorney General.

And then 2014 is 38 for Totten and 62 for Schuette.

Secretary of State Benson is 48 and Lange is 52.

And then Secretary of State 14 is 36 for Dillard and 64 for Johnson.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thanks John this is one of those districts I would love to flag for VRA analysis to make sure that you know that again because we are looking at Hispanic community and recognizing those votes what that means if there is a potential cross over or if it is yeah balanced District and therefore not cross over but I think I'm done and I'm wondering if I have questions to answer.

>> Just any other community of interest that you didn't mention?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is the shoreline.

I do think because we have the New Buffalo all the way up to it's not quite Grand Haven at the northern edge but we have a nice shoreline.

It's not only shoreline which I yeah up to Holland.

Yeah, but that is reflected in the voting patterns that we do have a more balanced republican and democratic outcomes.

So just the shoreline community.

>> Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Commissioner Lett thank you very much, Commissioner Eid? You have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I don't think we are going to be able to make every District competitive just because of how the population you know works out.

So yeah, I think we should just keep that in mind too because the de-Detroit districts are not competitive and hard to make one here that is doable and hard to make it more competitive than what we are doing now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is where we need the analysis with the whole map and how we have been talking about and then once we get that we can do that analysis.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is what I was hearing from our General Counsel VRA they give us racially polarized voting data but not the whole so we can't actually understand that balance or not. General Counsel, please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes, thank you Vice Chair Rothorn.
That is correct.

So the partisan fairness measure that is a criteria under the Constitution would be measured off the statewide maps.

And competitiveness is not a constitutional criteria.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are humming along fellow Commissioners we have nine out of 13 districts, Congressional districts done and we have about a little over 45 minutes left.

I believe the next person to draw is Commissioner Chair Szetela take it away

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are going to go over to Genesee, Lapeer, which is the eastern side of the state. And I'm just going to kind of take what we have here and go from there.

So I want you to put Genesee and Lapeer together and then take what is left in Oakland and let's see where we are at number wise.

I would love it if you would change the color too so I can see it.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was already on it.

Okay that is 171,000 over with all of Oakland, Lapeer sorry all of the remaining Oakland, Lapeer and Genesee.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How much is in Lapeer again? Lapeer is 88?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will have to take off Lapeer.

Now we are at what?

>> MR. MORGAN: 82000 over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's start chipping away.

Richard and Doug since this is more your area would you chip from the north or would you chip from the eastern border of Flint? I can't hear you, Doug.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Doug you have to take yourself off mute.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Doug, you are on mute.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would take Troy, Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township out.

It doesn't fit in with Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where with we going to put them?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: They will have to go with the mitten or the thumb.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do you think they fit with the thumb because I don't really think they fit with the thumb.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No they don't.

But if you took them out what would your population be?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: While you're thinking Commissioner Eid has a thought.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid fire away.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Northern Oakland County sort of the ex-burbs and ex-suburbs of it could go with the thumb actually.

I think once you get that far north you are a little bit closer to the thumb than you would be with Flint.

And then from there you could put Genesee with Saginaw and Bay up there which might make it easier going forward.

The ones I'm not sure about are like the ones in southern Oakland County.

Those probably wouldn't be good with the thumb.

But the northern ones I would be all for it se Szetela what northern ones what are you talking about?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All the ones like north of Waterford like what we have there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oxford Brandon, Addison.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe Oakland Township Addison Oxford Szetela se can't take Oakland off then you are isolating.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I thought that was on the top row. Oxford, Addison Brandon.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's take off Brandon, Oxford and Addison and that is going to knock us down 45,000 about.

So we need 38 less.

So let's go back up to the northern part of Flint.

And I think Davidson is right along there right.

So let's Zoom in a bit.

So do you feel that Davidson associates with more with Flint or with Lapeer? I sort of associate it with Lapeer but is anyone from that region? Want to weigh in?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think Davidson associates more with Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We don't have anyone in the room Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well I'm not from the region but I think one of the things we heard was that Flint wanted to be more with that lakeshore or not lakeshore but watershed area up there going north instead of with the suburbs of Metro Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I would agree.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Unfortunately the way that everything else is drawn I don't really have many options here.

So I'm kind of trying to work with what's already drawn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You could deselect Genesee and try to go up to Lapeer and see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I do not Rochester Hills goes with Lapeer at all.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't either and I don't think it goes with Flint either.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's got to go somewhere.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I realize that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree but I think maybe just try it and see if we can makeup that population maybe we reconfigure three and six later down the line to make up for it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Try what I don't understand what you are asking me to try.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What Commissioner Rothorn said if you take off Genesee and go up to the thumb area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's not going to work there is just not going to be enough population and I'm going to end up grabbing all of Lapeer and Sanilac and Huron and those are very different from anywhere in Metro Detroit region. Even northern suburbs.

So 610 I'm looking for 38, 610, 23.

Can you give me the values on the top four Townships going across like what does that come out to?

>> MR. MORGAN: The top four of Genesee County.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yup, Vienna, forest, Montrose.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so 77, 23, 30, 34. A little over 34. You are close.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why don't we take those off.

So that is 3,000 over.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are still in the range of a half of percent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't love this by any stretch of the imagination but you know and maybe we could readjust it by moving Rochester, Rochester Hills into 6 and shifting 6 over but I'm just going to leave this for now because I think we can one we get the rest on here we can kind of move things around.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark, do you have your hand raised for a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will make a comment.

The last comment you just made I think will be more appropriate because Rochester and Troy are more associated with the communities to the east of them then they are and then if you shifted 6, I think you would be okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why don't we try that then.

So let's take that three Townships Oakland, Rochester and Troy.

Let's take those three.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have Rochester Hills and Rochester. You have them both.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, so put those three.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: In Troy.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do you want to do Oakland too or leave Oakland?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Prefer Oakland the southern half of Oakland.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's just do those three.

Including that portion of try and we will move it over to six and then we will see kind of what we need to do to six to balance it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 6 would probably have to move east.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Six is down by six is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Over by.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you take off the top three Rebecca? What is that? Yeah, the top three on the eastern side in or 6 sed Szetela take off those top three I didn't think there was a ton of population there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's see what we can do.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: A nicer shape as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You might consider that right the St. Clair area if you want to take away from the shoreline you might build a little bit more of a shoreline.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is where I was going to go next so let's get that little blurb, I think it's Morris up there, yes.

Further north there was a little town that's cross, yep there we go right there.

Let's get rid of that.

All right so six.

>> MR. MORGAN: Member sister.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Memphis I knew it started with an M I couldn't remember.

Can I see the population numbers in these areas so I can kind of see what we have? For the Township level? Because I suspect if we take off new Baltimore region, we might be good.

So Chester field new Baltimore Lennox.

Let's take those off.

And that area of Richmond too.

Okay so now what do we have? So we are still 100,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, see you are up in the area is more rural.

But not a whole lot you can do .

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Macomb and Ray take those off.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you go down the shoreline instead of Macomb and Ray you can go down the shoreline where there is population and you will have the St. Clair the District that we drew as a Senate District would be reflected also in this you know this idea of a shoreline District right around St. Clair Shores.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is six at right now population wise? I'm not seeing it.

There we go.

5,000 over. Okay, all right, so let's turn the attention back to is that Township on the very corner right there. Is that near Romeo? Is that a low population or is that pretty high?

Let's leave that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Washington and Washington Township that is 2000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back to ten and see where we can pick up population in ten to balance that baby out.

All right. So let's pick up.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One of the things you could do on Oakland Township keep the southern part of it and move the northern part of it up into the unassigned area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You're suggesting splitting Oakland by precinct?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay let's do that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: About halvesie all the Groves down in the south and associated with Rochester Hills area.

And the north is more rural.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to take out another precinct?

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

>> MR. MORGAN: There is three here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know what the populations are somewhere around 2600 take out.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is one that is 2700 here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, take that one out.

I don't think it matters.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are saying.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wait, wait, wait. Let me take a look at that.

Let's do...I'd go to the other side of the other Township.

You took that one, yeah, I'd keep that one fixed.

Twin lakes there is a lot of growth.

I would not go south of twin lakes over on that side.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So then.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 1977 population

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Waiting for it to adjust.

>> MR. MORGAN: I took both of those and takes you District 6 within a thousand people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's put those into ten.

Let's go to the next row in the same Township and assign them to ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was the balance of Oakland County

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lapeer is how much 88?

>> MR. MORGAN: That's right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would just put well before we do that so go back to those four, I took off Genesee and put those back in and see where we are at.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you need 100,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So let's do Lapeer.

And then what is that one little Township right below? What is that? How much? So.

>> MR. MORGAN: 5,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's add in Bruce Township.

All right so we are.

>> MR. MORGAN: Up by 9600 and this is Amanda and Ray are pretty close to what you need or we could go Berlin.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's do Berlin and Armada.

I'm not sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this would be here in this area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Berlin, yep.

All right.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is within 1200.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we go look at a partisan.

>> MR. MORGAN: So District ten as drawn is 46 for Biden.

54 for Trump.

It's 44 for Clinton.

56 for Trump.

For Obama 53.

Romney 47.

For president.

And then for Senate 46 Peters 54.

James Stabenow 49.

James 51 in 2018.

2014 is 57 Peters.

And sorry 43 land.

U.S. Senate in 2012 is 60.

And 40 for Hoekstra.

Governor 51 for Whitmer and 49 for Schuette.

2014 is 48 for shower.

52 for Snyder.

Nessel is sorry Nessel is 47.

And Leonard is 53.

For Attorney General 45 for Totten, 55 for Schuette for Secretary of State Benson 51.

Lange 49.

And then Dillard 43.

And Johnson 57.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What does 6 look like now?

>> MR. MORGAN: Population wise or you want to look at the election data.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the election data.

>> MR. MORGAN: For District 6, Biden 49, Trump 51.

Clinton 46.

Trump 54.

Obama 51.

Romney 49.

Peters 49.

James 51.

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And then 2014 Dillard 38 and Johnson 62.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think that is in the ballpark what we are looking for.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm happy with this District and looks good and better than what it was originally so yeah so Mustafa do you have some questions for me?

>> I do first off how did you take communities of interest into account.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was trying to preserve the Troy Rochester Hills Asian American community and trying to keep them together so that was why we sort of reshifted it to 6 to preserve that so we didn't have to break it up.

Also considering the community within Flint and trying to keep them together to make sure the African/American community is represented and not diluted.

And then also just trying to balance out the population in that area.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we are on to Janice Vallette at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How you feeling Janice? She started us off this morning.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I know we are making good progress.

We only have three more to go, right? And those should be faster.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you go south? And I'm going to start St. Clair.

>> MR. MORGAN: All of St. Clair except this one Township?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

Sorry imaging the color.

I'm not happy with that.

Well it will be light for a little bit.

Okay and you want the balance of Macomb?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: John if you move that you have to move the dot over to make it darker.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay thanks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Change color.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That one there you go.

Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is not good either now we have the dot issue figured out let's get a color that makes more sense.

What? I guess I must have done two at once sorry about that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's a sign John.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's getting late in the day.

Just one second.

Okay now I think we got it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And then also to the west of it, the new haven and Macomb.

Okay so that takes you up to 330,000ish.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then let's go north.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sanilac Huron and Tuscola.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You need 318.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And Bay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Bay.

You want Saginaw?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You will be close so you need 24,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you move up so I can see south just a little?

Can I see the population of Ingersoll below?

>> MR. MORGAN: 2700.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So I'll take Ingersoll and mount Hadley.

And then can I see porter.

>> MR. MORGAN: You still need 18,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So what is south of that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Hey Janice the thumb is rural and if you keep the Tri-Cities together you may get a nice democratic republican mix if you try to take off some of the north of Bay County to get into Midland.

That is all I'm thinking about there may be a nice balanced District in terms of partisan. I don't know right because we don't have the election results to confirm it but it would also keep the Tri-City.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I don't understand are you saying put Midland in and take something out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct I wanted to explore removing the upper, the northern part of your District north of Bay County.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay then let's put Midland in.

>> MR. MORGAN: For the moment you want the entire County in and then adjust?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> MR. MORGAN: You would have by Midland and Saginaw on the edge.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Northern parts of Bay and Midland to remove that.

And then keep going.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I still just I'm pretty uncomfortable with Flint not being included with the Saginaw and Bay Area now.

I just you know I don't -- I see much more in common there and we heard in the public comments that you know the people there viewed themselves as being more so with Saginaw than with Oakland County because right now this 11 has St. Clair going all the way up to Bay and I just...it's making me a little uncomfortable.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We may have to get to an alternative District at this point.

Yeah.

So Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to say just keep in mind that the District currently is huge because it's a big District and the current District is St. Clair Sanilac Huron Tuscola and Lapeer so this isn't a huge variation from that other District.

It's just including a little bit more balance I think by including the Tri-Cities in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Back to you Commissioner Vallette.

>> MR. MORGAN: Three counties here you were talking about possibly taking some population off of Bay, Midland or Saginaw.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So Commissioner Orton, what do you think?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I don't know if there would be enough population but I think chipping out around if you are willing to keep the Tri-City area.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Are you thinking taking this off?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, north of the word Bay there and north of those Townships that are around the City of Midland.

And but I don't know if there is enough population.

>> MR. MORGAN: They are pretty sparsely populated up here. But, you know, if you took out part of Midland and Bay you would get closer to where you are looking to go or you have also potentially the outer Townships of Saginaw County.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can we take the western four Townships.

>> MR. MORGAN: Western 8 of Midland?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN: That took off about 15, 18,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. And see where that number 13 is across west and north?

>> MR. MORGAN: That still leaves you 25,000. So would you look at Saginaw or continuing more into Bay or more into Midland?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: All the way from here down.

Can you move west? Okay and then let me see south.

So Lakefield.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay. So I was just Zooming in on this.

So these are all fairly sparsely populated.

So you're contemplating looking at taking out areas of Saginaw County is that what you are looking at?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Taking out all of Saginaw.

>> MR. MORGAN: Portions of Saginaw County here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Just the western.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so these six that I'm indicating?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You still need 17,000 so again there is more Townships here or you also have Midland and Bay if you want to look at those.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What am I over still?

>> MR. MORGAN: Over by 17,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And yeah, what is the population of those the Hemlock and above?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry I didn't see Hemlock.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I didn't either now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm talking like Richard and.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: [Talking to her dog get off]

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Richland, Jonesfield.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like Commissioner Weiss has his microphone on.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take out swan cream James Spaulding and going down to see where that get us taking out those six, I guess it is or seven because of the way the boundaries look.

Yes, right in there and going right.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You're talking about swan creek.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: James Spaulding and see where we get with that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Within 1100 people and there is a little discontinuity we can look there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Why don't you fix it quick if you can.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay that is good.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Nice teamwork.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want Spaulding back in.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take it out or in.

>> MR. MORGAN: City or the Township.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take it out and see what it does.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's already low.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No put it back in, the area that is not assigned in also and then that square above it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Put this into the District which will give you population.

So because you're short of population right now.

So add this in which will probably be all the way down here as well.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Wow.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was basically the whole Township pretty much.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: This is weird, isn't it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looking good Janice.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are within the half percentage Janice.

It looks good.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: In Midland take off those last those western.

Is that with Jonesfield? And Mount Haley.

Take both of those off.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 556.

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I'm good there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Well done.

You have some questions to answer Commissioner Vallette.

>> This is Mustafa. Commissioner Vallette, how did you take communities of interest into account?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: On the eastern side I did the shore and the thumb. As a community of interest.

>> And how did you consider minority population while drawing the District?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Janice John has some answers for you too.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's our old friend Memphis.

We inadvertently unassigned it should I include it in your District 11 you are drawing?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Put him back in wherever he was.

>> MR. MORGAN: That puts you within 203.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Back to Department of State with Mustafa.

>> Just following up on the consideration of minority populations in the District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess I don't know the totals, I know part of east side of Saginaw has a Black community quite large.

There is some also on the east or west side of Saginaw.

Midland I'm not 100% sure and Bay City I'm not that sure as far as population.

>> If there is nothing else, we are good.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you very much.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Voting please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Request to look at the voting the election results, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay for District 11, so it's 40% for Biden.

60% for Trump.

39 for Clinton.

60 for Trump.

48 for Obama.

Sorry 49 for Obama.

51 for Romney.

In the U.S. Senate 42 for Peters.

58 for James.

Stabenow 45.

James 55.

Peters 54.

Land 46.

Stabenow is sorry wait a minute let me double check this, I feel, no, that is right, okay.

Stabenow 45.

James 55.

I said Peters 54, land 46.

Stabenow is 60.

Hoekstra is sorry 59.

For Stabenow 41 for Hoekstra.

Whitmer 46.5.

Schuetz is 53.5.

For Governor.

Shower 45.

Snyder 55.

For Attorney General Nessel 42.

Leonard 58.

For Attorney General Totten 39, Schuetz 61.

Secretary of State Benson 46.

Lange 54.

Then Dillard 40.

And Johnson 60.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Going to Commissioner Weiss at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. Vice Chair can I make a comment?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please and we are at 7:45 so it's almost time to finish mapping.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I support what Commissioner Eid said about Flint being with Saginaw and Bay City and Midland.

And I would probably go that way but I think it gives us a real population problem up in the thumb so I think we are probably better off with the way we configured District 11 and 10.

So I just wanted to make that point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Yeah, we may have to redraw it because we do have...we had substantial Black population as Commissioner Weiss noted and not a very strong voter cross over vote. But at this point it is Commissioner Eid you have something or sorry John?

>> MR. MORGAN: I was just going to say if you intend to draw the last District it's two for one so what you draw and what is left would potentially be final.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe Commissioner Orton may have a suggestion but Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, we will have to reexamine this when we come back. And there is not a population. If you do Genesee, Saginaw Bay and some of

Midland, you can then just put Lapeer and those northern Oakland County districts. I'm sorry, those northern Oakland County Townships and the population would balance. Not ideal for northern Oakland County but more equitable for Genesee.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks, Commissioner Eid. So it is to Commissioner Weiss as was said. But I do believe that Commissioner Orton has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If I can say two thoughts. I think these particular 10 and 11 might be Districts that we want to offer an alternate map for.

And I think we should just finish.

Do we have a hard stop at 8 or can we have a couple more minutes? Like he said it's a two for one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Seems like we should go for it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Draw quickly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's do it and I do believe Commissioner Weiss you are up.

Pencils and erasers will work.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take me to the UP and put it all in place.

>> MR. MORGAN: I can do that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That won't take you very long.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do you need an eraser.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No eraser is needed, just colored pencils.

>> MR. MORGAN: I do have colored pencils in my car.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Duly noted, John.

Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: I took these before you said take these so let me back that out and then I will stop here so we are at the bridge here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Is your District correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: You have taken in 300,000 people which is all of the UP.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Would you take me down the right side, please.

Yes, that will work.

>> MR. MORGAN: Down to Alcona.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, let's see what we get there.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was about 50,000 people which way? Go left.

Let's take Iosco and Aranac and puts it altogether on the shoreline.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take the.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Oscoda.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has a question.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take those three, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I think you will probably get there but just don't forget that community of interest of those six counties that are kind of in the center. It goes down to Gratiot and Montcalm.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Which ones would you like me to put in.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Gratiot Macomb Isabella Mecosta.
Montcalm.

Sorry I can't read this.

Osceola and Clare were the.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: You want to come right down Gladwin and the rest to Midland John Gladwin and the rest to Midland, please and fill those four or five I should say.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is the balance of Bay and Midland.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, and bring just go below Saginaw there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Taking the rural part of Saginaw?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, and the next County over.

All of Gratiot.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I don't think you want to do Gratiot.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Are you sure?

>> MR. MORGAN: I thought you wanted the six in one group.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it part of the thing? I apologize.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Cynthia what other ones? Montcalm and Isabella and then Clare.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that will put you a little bit over.

But only 9,000.

And then the unassigned area is basically equivalent to a District.

So you might look at taking a County out, a whole County like one of these that is pretty close to the population you want or a Township or several Townships.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are we contiguous with the bridge? Do we split Mackinac?

>> MR. MORGAN: You're not contiguous to the bridge with Cheboygan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Add Cheboygan and Emmet.

You got to cross the bridge, we are not contiguous.

Because the bridge is where Emmet and Cheboygan meet that is the bridge es.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Put Cheboygan in will that take care of us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No we are splitting the City of Mackinac.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right take off Osceola.

>> MR. MORGAN: 12000 off.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel asked to Zoom in at the bridge to make sure we do have with Cheboygan, we have covered the bridge.

Very narrow look at that.

We just got it.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess what do you think, Cynthia? Give me a hand here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I got a hand with Chair Kellom excuse me Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was thinking you can take out Montmorency that is 9,000 and may get you a little closer.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay give it a try.

I guess I don't think that is too bad what do you think Cynthia? Give me a shot.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe this is another area we want to do an alternate thing but just wondering this could be very unpopular I don't know.

But what if we came down across the bridge and just made it straight across? We heard what?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you say it louder.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Is that how it is now?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're talking about coming down far enough to get the population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And just straight across.

I don't remember how many comments we had for one way or the other but I do remember the one man that said you just take the knuckles up.

I thought that was clever.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Equally a number that split them and left them east and west and I'll tell you right now I'm advocating for an east-west split because I think that's a better Congressional District, the vision than is what there now.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right Cynthia tell me what you were talking about? I'm not 100% what you were talking about you are talking Crawford and Ross common and two above that? And then taking off some down at the bottom?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah but I.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: John give it a try Crawford Ross common and the two above it.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are talking about putting those in.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, putting them in and we will take off some below.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want Montmorency back in?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I will acknowledge so Commissioner Weiss I was talking about all the way across, straight line across.

However if we do that, I think the argument against that is then we break up the shoreline.

It's not a shoreline thing.

So population wise it would work.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So we are 12000 over yet.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right 12000 over but I just put Montmorency back so this is where we were before were took Montmorency.

Give me just a second here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark do you have your hand raised?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not concerned.

I don't think I would be concerned about the shoreline because this is Congressional and I don't see Congress talking about the Michigan shoreline from Traverse City down to Muskegon and Muskegon down to the Indiana border.

So I think they are more interested in the big picture of the Great Lakes, you know.

So where we are going east-west or north-south like we are making the change I think is the appropriate thing to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: On the other hand there are lots of contaminants and waterways we might want to consider.

I'm not sure about that Doug.

I think there actually may be reasons to keep a shoreline District.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would agree with Commissioner Clark 100% of that statement.

A bigger picture.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Speak in the microphone more.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Bigger picture approach is what Congress definitely does.

Protection of the shorelines is something that is handled within the state itself so I would advocate for going straight across and then taking the rest of the middle for the remaining District that will be left over.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And we thought this was going to be a quick draw.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well you have basically on the eastern shore you have international shipping going up from Detroit through the Locks.

You don't have that much going over on the western shore.

More tourism.

And there have been a number of maps submitted on the portal that show the split coming down east and west rather than north and south.

So I don't agree with that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Were those maps Senate maps.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't agree with that coming straight down across.

I think coming down with an east-west split makes more sense.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Were the maps submitted.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela has a hand raised and want to bring it back.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are over time at this point and the whole point of this was to try to finish it quickly and we are now spiraling which we like to do and that is great. But we are out of time.

And I know people have expectations about when we are supposed to be out.

So my suggestion would be to leave this where it is.

Fill in the other area.

With District 13 and then on Monday we can create an alternative map where we draw it a different way rather than continue to sort of discuss and debate since we are over our time at this point and it's 8:00.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How do you feel about that Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I say take out the eraser please and take out the last thing I did and I will be happy with that for now.

>> MR. MORGAN: To clarify putting Montmorency in District 13.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Following the Chair's comments put the unassigned area into District 13.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will pick up with you Commissioner Weiss back on Monday and we will do the final we will finalize all the Department of State questions on Monday.

Thank you.

So we've concluded mapping and so Chair Szetela it is back to you.

You're on mute.

Figures I would be on mute we done have meeting minutes to approve so we will move on to staff reports.

I believe our Executive Director Hammersmith has a staff report today so without objection we will hear from Executive Director Hammersmith.

Please proceed Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Between the meetings the staff talked, AV talked and Yvonne you can chime in here also if you need to.

But tentatively what was proposed was Monday we could run 10-6.

Tuesdays 9-6 and Wednesday 9-5 in Lansing next week.

And then Friday put in if we can keep the AV equipment there on Thursday when we are not in session and go to Friday and add a 9-6 or 10-6 that would give additional 12-13 hours of mapping time next week.

Edward was also checking to see if on the upcoming Thursdays we could add 10-12 so again that would be two extra hours each week.

However also next week we need the local council committee to meet and we were hoping either to book an hour ahead of our Tuesday or Wednesday meeting or take that first hour for that committee meeting because those proposals are ready to be reviewed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It sounds like we need to and Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry it's back to you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, yeah. So I was just going to see if anyone has any questions.

MC since you are in the room feel free to facilitate any discussion on this or we can just pick it up again on Monday either way.

I'm not seeing any hands raised in the room so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That's true and I think Executive Director Hammersmith?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We can't change Monday or Monday or Tuesday on Monday especially next week the interpreters need to be booked and have to extend their hours, we have to redo the AV contracts so if you want to add the hours next week, it would be very helpful to make a decision today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you repeat the hours that the change that you were saying?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: So moving Monday from 12-5 to 10-6.

Tuesday would move that from 10-5 to 9-6 so we gain two hours there.

Wednesday change 10-5 to 9-5.

To allow AV time to get out and then also get to Mount Pleasant to set up.

And then on Friday which would be a new day either 9-6 or 10-6.

If AV can leave their equipment on Thursday, we could go the earlier schedule from 9-6.

Assuming we want to travel from Mount Pleasant to Lansing either the evening before or the morning of.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move to accept the changes of the schedule as presented by Sue Hammersmith and Szetela can we discuss the Thursday separately? Because it might be difficult for people with that travel time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I heard in so I want clarity Commissioner Witjes because I think there was an either or.

Was it either 9 or 10 did I get that correct?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Depends if the AV contractor can leave their equipment at the MSU union if they can leave their equipment in the room and the room is not rented on Thursday then we could start a little earlier however you need to allow for some travel time if we are in Mount Pleasant until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday.

So depending on if Commissioners wanted to head back to Lansing that evening or go the next morning you need to allow for travel time.

So you may want to just consider the 10:00 a.m. start.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: On Monday.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: On Friday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: On Friday.

So Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess my original suggestion if it would be possible if we could just stay in Mount Pleasant would they allow that and do Thursday, Friday and Saturday if Commissioners wanted to do that? And then the next week stay at the college again Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: The Commissioners have already voted against Saturday.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What about just Friday? That would save travel time and give us more time to do some work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How about I make this easy let's make this easy.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There are a couple hands in the room so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: My suggestion since we're not sure on what we want to do on Friday and we have urgency on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

Why tonight we just have a motion to extent the time on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday then when we come back on Monday, we can deal with the Friday start or just agree to do Friday and then potential just have the time be open as to the start time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Executive Director communications director Woods is nodding his head.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That will work.

We will know tomorrow as relates to both central Michigan University and Oakland University.

As to their availability on Friday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so what I'm hearing is that Commissioner Witjes may want to amend the motion, no, not amend it, it hasn't been seconded so we don't need to amend it sorry I apologize.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I will make a motion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please go ahead.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Make a motion to extent meeting times on Monday from 10-6 our meeting time on Tuesday from 9-6.

And our meeting time on Wednesday from 9-5.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So moved.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was a second from Commissioner Witjes.

That was a motion that you made, correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that was a motion yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so it's seconded by Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Discussion on the motion?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, no discussion no hands? Please continue, Chair Szetela.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So let's go ahead and vote.

All in favor of the motion as presented which is changing the times from Monday 10-6, Tuesday 9-6, Wednesday 9-5 raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Nay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The ayes prevail and the motion carries so let's deal with the separate issue of Friday.

I move that we add a Friday meeting next week with an ending time of 6:00 p.m. the start time to be determined based on location and feedback from vendors so the start time could be 9:00 or 10 or later but we will meet on Friday the start time will be determined the end time will be 6:00 p.m.

Second.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly that motion could be made, but we would need to update it at the beginning of next week to be able to properly notice it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is fine.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: What the start time is thank you and I was a shameless plug for local council committee as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For the record there was a second by Commissioner Witjes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any discussion or debate on the motion?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No hand here Commissioner Orton has one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't know if it's about this motion necessarily but there was a shameless plug for the local counsel.

When is that committee going to be able to meet? With all these hours? Was that listed?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair for Commissioner Orton's purpose, there is a motion on the table pending that has been moved and seconded about the Friday meeting.

So you would be raising a new issue for after the vote is concluded.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would also suggest because the start time for that Friday meeting is open, I think we could give consideration to having the local council committee meet first and potentially have the regular full Commission meet later. So something that we can kind of sort out on Monday I think but I just want to make sure that Edward has the authority to notice that up that meeting and that our staff has the ability to know that we want to meet on Friday so that they can make those

arrangements and we are not putting them in a crunch on Monday is kind of my thought process.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Executive Director Hammersmith?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: The Friday has already been approved in the previous meeting so there is a Friday meeting in your schedule.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I don't know what times and I would ask General Counsel if she would prefer the local council committee to meet earlier in the week versus on Friday also.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: May I call on General Counsel, Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, go ahead.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Vice Chair Rothorn.

Yes, to respond to the Executive Director's yes, my understanding was that it would be either on Tuesday or Wednesday.

That that was what the committee was looking towards.

That was my understanding from the Executive Director.

And again you have the motion on the table moved and seconded.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It sounds like can I withdraw the motion since it sounds like it's not needed?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly sed Szetela I'm going to withdraw the motion then since she is saying we approved it there is no need to do it now.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So to withdraw the motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm withdrawing it.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: You're the Chair so we have to Vice Chair Rothorn would have to facilitate give me one second.

Excuse me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So without objection the previous motion from Chair Szetela would be withdrawn.

Hearing no objection that action is taken Shazam.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I got a question.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Who is on the committee for the attorney? You?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Chairperson, the Chairperson of the committee is Commissioner Lett as he knows.

Commissioner Witjes, Curry and Clark are the other three members of that committee.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Doug you got any problem with Tuesday or Wednesdays does it make a difference?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm good any time.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Dustin? Good any time? We don't have Juanita here. She probably either be coming in or be coming in by Zoom so let's do Tuesday. Prior to 9:00 so we will do it at 8:00.

Is that good? Se Szetela just another section because Edward said that the how long Thursday was available from 10-12 that may be another option too where you don't have to come in so early just a suggestion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the idea was to try to get the committee to meet earlier in the week rather than later in the week.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sarah, can we do Tuesday at 8:00?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Is that a.m. or p.m.?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: A.m. sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks y'all pretty collaborative map together and Commissioner Witjes has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Based on time I move to adjourn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wait a minute, we need a moment to confer to make sure we done need a motion for the Tuesday meeting to happen with the committee. We don't know if it's going to happen so we are just trying to figure out.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I think we would still need to confirm availability of the space.

So I would not recommend a motion at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent we will wait until Monday to take it on Monday.

And there was a motion, there was no second do we want to just Chair Szetela do you want to take it? There was a second from Commissioner Lett to move to adjourn, a motion to adjourn.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So who it was Witjes who moved it and Lett seconded it. We can go ahead and do that all in favor raise your hand and say aye. All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

All right. It is 8:18 and we are adjourning for the evening thank you everybody.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks, everybody.