

ADDENDUM

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Is there apartment complex mixed in there somewhere I'm not seeing? Like here or here or I don't know.

You can see what the road patterns, what you got going on.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you blow up around East Lansing 24777 total population? Okay, no, I guess bring it down a little bit.

Yeah.

Right there to the left there is a little hook up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: A little higher.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: There you go.

And when we run -- let's run this check on there and we will find out real quick so we don't, yeah, there is six of them so we need to start District two has a bunch of little pieces to it.

And it's actually the pieces, parts are floating around in District two.

For example and we probably should that is in District one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is District two and not the one we are concerned about.

I will put it in four and this is a neat little tool here.

It's telling you where stuff is going.

You just keep going to the pieces, parts and I'll do a quick look.

That is pretty obviously District Four.

If you wait until the very end to do all this you could have hundreds and it will be one census block with 12000 people and it just messes you up.

So get this stuff cleaned up while you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I wanted to acknowledge the comment made about school districts and that community of interest with the school districts I think we will get an overlay of the school districts and I know that that's going to help so I just wanted to acknowledge that I think you are absolutely right that we do want to draw these things with that in mind.

And it will be a lot simpler when we get that overlay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Everything is nice and clear clean now and a quick look at our numbers, and you see two is 6,000 under, 3 is 8,000 under so those blocks did have some population in them that we fixed, the districts we fixed.

Five is less than a percent off.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I like it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have to go all the way around it.

So don't be surprised if that has to change and move because you're going to do districts all the way around it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Are you satisfied, Richard?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I'm satisfied.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're talking the western part.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, I'm sorry the western part of Oakland county.

You have Holly.

Associated with that.

Scratch that instead of doing those two let's go into the western parts of Oakland County such as rose or Holly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Am I in the right area here.

>> KIM BRACE: To the right, to the east.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: East, yeah, and to.

>> KIM BRACE: Into Oakland Township rose and Holly now I see them so you add those two six, is that the desire?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, then we can do the Flint areas when we get to them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 18,000.

And 6 is still 13,000 light.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay what if we add Highland? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then you will be about 6,000 over because that is 19,000 and you need 13,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's do it for now, it will be within the variables.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 2.31%.

You are still getting a bunch of districts that are all high.

You know, they are over.

I just want to bring that to everybody's attention.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So what the reason I want to do this like I said was to get the Lansing area to be like one whole area made of two districts and not have parts of other counties in them.

And I also think it goes with the public comments that we've had.

The other comment I had was in the Ann Arbor, Monroe area but I feel if we get into that, it's going to mess up everything we have so we might not want to do that at this point.

What do y'all think?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I mean it's just another alternative why not take a look at it?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It's on it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett I'm the Chair you know I'm the one supposed to be calling on people.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you Commissioner Szetela.

I see what you're doing.

Obviously.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right it's high because and this is something we will have to decide as a Commission.

It's high because we are including Ypsilanti with Ann Arbor.

My idea would be to not include Ypsilanti with Ann Arbor.

We've got a lot of public comments saying that while they are in close proximity, they have different values.

I'll point specifically to public comment P2594 on the public comment tool.

Which says as much.

So what I would do is I would put Ypsilanti with the District we have drawn for Monroe right now, that purple one.

I'm not sure the District number.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is one, District one.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is going to move 76,000 people.

And I did not do that appropriately so I will do it again.

Got it right this time.

Now four is small and 8.7% and one corresponding is 28% high or 76,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I also included saline and York with four, those two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Those two.

And also that small little Township of Milan and I did not see that.

That presents some problems.

Let's put both halves with District Four.

It's interesting there are Townships that cross County boundaries.

>> KIM BRACE: That is common on that side and the election administrator the one up above is working the precincts up above but the County clerk below is doing those other precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I like to point out there is one census block is in District one. Shall we put it in District Four?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Four is 2.1% high.

One is still 68,000 high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's Zoom out to District one because now we have to take parts out of one to make it work.

So I would just have one be Monroe county plus the two that we added and then so, yeah, I would unassign which county was it? But unassign Lenawee County from the District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The whole county.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner? Thank you.

So District three was short on people.

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I do that too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I never rarely do I argue with myself.

It does happen.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Kent I would like to go south and work north and let's try to grab, yes, along the border again.

And if we can let's keep the -- let's take portions of looks like, yeah, there is more of a City, right, in Monroe there so if we can take the whole City, looks like 53,000 short so we got 14, 20.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have 46 coming.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 46 coming, go ahead and assign that.

Okay so we are 11 short.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Raisinville and Exeter and London we will be pretty close there, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 12000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We will leave it at that and it's all because of population.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Next is Commissioner Szetela.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right, if you could just start where we are at. So we are now on what on District Four? And carry it up all the way to the county line.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We will see what we come up with population wise. And that is the danger of starting in the middle and running to the water because District Four is seriously under populated.

District 4 needs 17,400 people.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So can you grab the Township above it new Boston and put that in? To the yep that one that is right above it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sumpter, Huron, Rockwood, which one?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It has new Boston and I think it's Huron I think the Township is Huron but it has new Boston in the center of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will put your District good within 456 people.

Ideal.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay sounds good.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Szetela, can you provide any explanation about why you grouped this particular area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was looking at the population.

And then on the border of Wayne County that is where you start to get into Down River. You have Gibraltar and Brownstown, Flat Rock. Those communities have identified as a community of interest or in our meetings. So I did not want to take from those communities because ideally, I want them to be grouped together, into a House District

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rather than pulling one or two of those communities off. So Huron is similar to the county below it and New Boston is more rural and more park areas. So I thought it made sense to put them in with I think that is Ash Township underneath.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Next is Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Janice turn your mic on.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Somebody suggest someplace to start.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Down River.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Down River

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Brownstown, those are all right on that border there, just to the east of where I drew my line. Those are all considered Down River counties.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is Metro region rather than the southeast region.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this the area you were referencing.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That is a different region.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are not going in that region.

You are right Commissioner Rothorn then you got to go somewhere else.

You got to go up.

Back into Ann Arbor land.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Didn't we do the Ann Arbor area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are doing the house.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: This is the house so smaller districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are looking at 91,000.

It's much smaller geographic area.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay thank you.

So we will do Augusta.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I think that's what it says.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it does and this is York and this is Sumpter.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then let's take Sumpter and York and Saline.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's approximately 28,128.

We still have 70,000 to go.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The City of Saline and then Lodi,

And Van Buren and Belleville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No, above Sumpter.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Above Sumpter, I'm sorry.

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>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think we are good and I saw Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just to add to that to it might help you Sarah. From a COI perspective one of the things we constantly heard was keep Midland Bay City Saginaw together. So I look at that as a COI either it may or may not be written in the tool. And we adhere to that by doing the District this way. The other comment I had was from the previous question, we originally started going down the coastline trying to keep the coastline intact. But what we saw was happening is we got too far into the thumb and the thumb is more or less a region of its own. And so we backed off of that. And took another approach. So those two comments to help you out.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton then Eid then General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn. I know that the distinction again on the as far as the diverse population of the state is as distinct from communities of interest and those diverse populations self identifying or being identified again by the racial or census data or the ACS data and other data that the Commission has in front of them would again be separate and distinct from both the communities of interest as well as compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Again I know in Ann Arbor I mentioned that you may have minority communities whose numbers are not sufficient or who do not necessarily the numbers are not sufficient enough for a racial bloc voting analysis that was performed by Dr. Handley. But that they are present in that community and could be maintained under the third criteria.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you General Counsel Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So two things. The comment I was going to make just to support the use of communities of interest for the record is we have had a lot of comments about the sunrise coast which I assume is that right there that we did. Keeping that together. But what General Counsel just said brings up a good point that I thought this weekend as I was contemplating this I thought maybe we should have a discussion about or at least I just need clarification I guess in the third criteria when it says to reflect the diverse population it sound like General Counsel you're saying that that is racial. I wasn't thinking of diverse population as racial. I was thinking of it as farming and lakeshore and things like that.

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So what is it? Or do we decide?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly the Commission decides.

It can be racial.

Again, as long as race is not the predominant factor in redistricting.

Either under a voting rights analysis or a community of interest analysis.

It could be kind of by virtue of location as you were indicating, you know, center, state, farming community versus the shoreline community.

Not versus it's not the word that I meant to select.

As distinguished from ashore line community of interest.

So hopefully that's helpful.

It can be a minority community, again, I think there are some that Dr. Handley found that there were no Hispanic or Asian populations that were sufficient in number to under take a bloc racial bloc voting analysis so those communities as they are apparent in your data you can take that under consideration with all the other factors that you're taking into consideration.

Just not would be the primary driving factor.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It's the speed limit but not the driver
Commissioner Lett and I did say Commissioner Eid first then Commissioner Lett unless you have a direct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would caution against confusing population with geography.

So if you're talking about urban to me that's geography.

You're talking about rural that's geography.

If you are talking about farmers, that's a population.

You are talking about City dwellers that is a population.

If you are talking about polish that is a population.

So diverse population is the people in the state, not to be confused with different geographical areas which obviously we are taking into consideration now when we are drawing the counties and using Townships, et cetera, those are all geographical if that is helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So two things to clarify my understanding.

The first is I would like us to have a larger discussion on the first thing that General Counsel said about what communities of interest are and aren't as it pertains to counties versus townships.

Because I think she made a great point and please correct me I do not want to put words in your mouth but you know when people came to us and said yeah my specific Township has these values and are similar to this Township that could be a community of interest.

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But I'm not sure if just saying my whole county is a community of interest, you know, meets the criteria that's been established.

So I think and I think it would be helpful if we had a discussion about that.

Because it's something that we keep coming back to over and over.

And the second thing is do we have to justify diversity when we are working in a part of the state that honestly doesn't have that much diversity? I think that is a little kind of an elephant in the room here.

You look at District 4 and look at most of northern Michigan I mean it's you can look out 3, 4 and 5 it's 91% white, 93% white and 88% white so there isn't much diversity up there unfortunately and I think that's just how it is.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Lange and Chair Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's get back to the diversity.

We just heard that diversity is not necessarily race.

So to sit there and say there is not a diverse population within Northern Michigan I think some people may take that a little offensively.

Diversity can be so many different things.

It's not just -- based on race.

It was just said it can be a farm community, it can be diverse.

Our job is to define what is diverse but to say there is no diversity in the area because 96% is white that is a little shallow.

I think we need to voice things a little bit better.

And I'm not trying to start a thing.

But I think when we look -- diversity could be LGBTQ.

So I mean, I think we need to be a little more open minded when it comes to the category of diversity.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett and Chair Kellom had her hand up first.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I won't be labor the point Commissioner Lange said what I was essentially going to say in line of the conversation of what defines diversity and will also respond to what was said earlier regarding a Township, not necessarily or a County not necessarily being a community of interest.

And I think what folks in the community are trying to say is that there is a concentration of a similar interest in which they live, which speaking to Commissioner Lange and I's point of diversity, that makes them develop a sense of community that they want to protect.

So I think it's our job because we can't expect the public to know the lingo to use.

They are never going to catch up, we can't catch up to some of the things we have to learn.

So it's our job to do the research to see why these groups of people are calling this Township or this County a community of interest.

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To that point, I would also caution us just because we hear the word urban and rural we also know that sometimes those labels can be context for other things.

So I just think that we have to think critically about some of these labels.

But not over do the conversation to the point where we are scared to make justifications and to that point I just wanted a clarification to make sure I'm tracking.

I believe that Sarah Reinhardt asked Commissioner Weiss a question regarding diverse populations in this District and I'm just trying to track how we have got to a discussion of our individual definitions of diversity just in the essence of time just to make sure I have an understanding of what this conversation is.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Madam Chair person would it be helpful if I repeated the question?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes I thought the question was directed to either one or two people not to say everyone can't answer just asking.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sure, the question was: How did you consider reflection of the state's diverse populations, how did you take that into account when drawing this District?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay yes I understood correctly.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't disagree that there are more than what's listed on this matrix of white, Black, Asian, Hispanic and minority.

But I will go to our map drawers and say how can we drill down to see what's other, quote, communities of interest are out there that are not listed on this matrix.

>> I believe the information you are looking for is in the ACS American community survey so this may be a point you have heard but let me repeat this.

Originally the census had a long form and a short form so you actually had to answer all these questions if you were the one out of one hundred people or I don't remember I think it was one out of a hundred they had to answer all the long form questions which included information about ethnicity.

You know, do you have German heritage, do you have in the case of western Michigan we've heard a lot of discussion or a little bit about Dutch heritage being significant in western Michigan.

That is contained in the American community survey.

The change was the census decided to get that information using a sample survey where they use survey data you know, statistics to capture the same kind of information about the population.

So the ACS data can provide the ethnicity information and that is contained in this ACS data.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do we have access to that? .

>> MR. MORGAN: My understanding is we do have access to that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So the question becomes how are we going to use it?

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I made the change because we had a District already there and it was under populated.

And the next District or next I'm sorry, next Township that was further south filled that void and kept us well almost perfect as far as numbers go.

So it was most logical thing to do.

And then it also supported the COI that we have heard.

All the public comments we have heard about having the lakeshore represented.

And this was one or this was an opportunity to have that done in the Senate.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: And the final question how did you take into account reflection of the state's diverse populations?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well to me the diverse population was the lakeshore people and the values that the people living along the lake have compared to those living inland.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry I mean within the District.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, within this District?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Boy, I could need a little help on this.

I mean basically what we were doing is focusing in on the people living along the lake and their economic concerns on the lakeshore, on the lakeshore community.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Lange nodding her head.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I will help you out a little Doug as far as diversity you have a wide range of people with different economics.

You have orchard farmers.

You have your industrial areas Mason County also.

You have your lakeshore areas, Muskegon County has their population, their African/American population living within it.

I think there is a broad base of diversity within those counties.

Manistee I'm not 100% positive but I think you might also have some Native American there is a reservation but there is a Native American tribal community within Manistee County also.

So I think you kind of got the diversity covered from economics to ethnicity covered.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you Rhonda.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay, so after Commissioner Clark we have Commissioner Eid I believe.

Is that true? Curry.

I apologize.

Yes, Commissioner Curry are you with us? Okay Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: So earlier I showed or talked about the idea of showing layers from previous regions that you've already done some work in.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, Delta Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: Put that into this District?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well can you pull that up so we can know what the distribution of population is? Demographics.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so let's do this, the quick way I'm going to do this is I'm just going to create a new District with just Delta Township.

And then you will see the results in that.

And then I will undo that.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much while Mr. Morgan is facilitating Commissioner Lett's request, I wanted to address that the packing and cracking terms while I know we are using them casually in this context they have significant meaning particularly to Voting Rights Act compliance.

And I just would like to highlight for the benefit of the public that based on the racial bloc voting analysis done by the Commission's consultant expert, that they were not sufficient numbers of minorities in the community that the Commission is currently discussing.

So that the Voting Rights Act would not be implicated in this area.

However, under the third criteria which I believe is what Commissioner Rothhorn was focusing on as far as communities of interest and that the maps shall reflect the state's diverse population, what I understand to be happening is that a conscious choice to not split the concentrated minority communities would be undertaken in consideration with a variety of other factors.

However, that it's more trying to respect the diverse population of that area and keep it intact.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you General Counsel.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When I look at the numbers of what Steve did and then what we just did and including Delta, those percentages are basically the same. I mean, non-Hispanic white is basically two thirds and your minority is basically one-third.

Either way you do it.

I prefer and I know you don't like the shape but I prefer what Steve has done.

But I'm not an expert on Lansing area.

And I think I would defer to you and Steve.

>> MR. MORGAN: And also just to clarify for the moment I'm just putting Delta in its own District so you can display the demographic information easily.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So what number is that? I can't tell.

>> MR. MORGAN: It says 30 so this is just Delta Township.

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Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: John could you overlay the blue overlay that you displayed earlier?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I mean I just got to say I like this blue overlay quite a bit. Respectfully, in my opinion, I think that this would be the better way to go. It keeps Delta Township with most of the Lansing Area. And it puts East Lansing up with Clinton and Shiawassee. Clinton and Shiawassee are currently in a Senate District. And I don't understand why we are splitting up Delta from the rest of Lansing when we know we have to split up the Lansing area just because there is too many people.

It's just a question of where.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well it's currently split.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I disagree.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The argument is the same, Anthony.

You're saying that Shiawassee and Clinton are together along with Eaton County now in the Senate District which is correct and Delta is split off from Ingham County. Everything I heard about Shiawassee is they didn't want to be in that same District again.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So what is important about keeping that separate in your mind, Steve? Is it just you want to keep the County of Shiawassee separate? I'm trying to understand what the resistance is of moving the minority communities together.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't have a problem moving the minority communities together period.

I don't have a problem with that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm trying to understand.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You asked me a question I don't have a problem with that Shiawassee County has repeatedly stated they don't want to be with Ingham, Eaton and Clinton County and said they want to be their own entity as a whole County.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If we want to add voting blocs off of Delta County into Lansing, that can be done because all of the concentration is right along Waverly road. It's not very deep.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Into Eaton County.

So the idea is to bring them in to Lansing we can do it that way.

And I will say that looking at the population demographics it's not going to make any difference.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We had that from every County.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Highland is in Oakland County and so is Holly.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And Rose Township.

Those are all Oakland County.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Janice do you think it's a good idea to take north of M59 does that seem like a logical divider or is that something, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, it probably is.

Yeah, I think when we talk, we do say north and south of M59 Highland road.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The only problem with that is the precincts don't go north and south of M59.

We can go to the blocks, but I hate to do that.

Let's at least take the top precincts of Highland Township, John, and put those back in.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree the precincts don't line up but that doesn't mean the county Clark can't change the precincts once we reset the District lines and that is one of their jobs that they are going to have to assess.

Yeah, all the county clerks.

They realize this, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: This follows the precinct boundaries and the population deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So where is the population there that made it over?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's under.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I just added in a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It seems like it was over and why we took that out.

>> MR. MORGAN: This area here is highly populated and this precinct this one will go down here south of M59 and this one here and this one here.

These are the ones that originally you took and said you didn't want to split the lakes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Uh-huh.

Well, I feel like we should considering what Janice said, this whole Highland Township should be with Milford.

We need to find a different Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want me to undo this then and look for another Township?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You want to undo what he took off or the whole Township?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The whole Township.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You want to take off the whole Township and fine another Township to add on, right?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Right, that is what I'm doing.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I thought this would be an easy, quick one.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean it could be an easy one.

We are still within the allowable population deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just depends how close we want to get to because with all of Highland off the rest of it is still you know it's not perfect.

And I would like to see it closer to zero, but you know I don't know how it's going to affect things down the line.

It might be better to reassess the specific boundaries as far as population goes after we have a full map.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We should have conversation about that.

Do we want to get as close as possible as we go? Or do we want to do the fine tuning later?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: My own intuition is respect the COIs and the boundary I say the people have given us as best as we can.

Of course we are looking at population but if we have that aggregate and if we see that we are over in some districts and under in others and getting close to 0 and keeping aggregate in mind that feels like the right way to go if we are over, under that is okay but as long as we use COIs contiguity and voting population and respecting the Federal laws.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so thank you John.

Can you just slowly, yeah, go around all the Townships around that District and let me look?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so up here, again, in Genesee, you've got Gaines, Mundy and Grand Blanc. And you got...that is right on the border of Flint.

Then you have over here in Oakland Township, Groveland, 6,000. Springfield 14.

We talked about Highland.

Milford down here is 17.

And then Lyon and South Lyon combined are quite a bit.

South Lyon by itself is 11,700.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think they associate with Novi.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and then let's see now in Washtenaw you have the top tier of Townships here Northfield, Webster, Dexter, and Lyndon.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay go to the, yeah, west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Stockbridge, white oak and then while we've accounted for these other Townships here in Ingham around Williamston, that District was overpopulated.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, scroll down just a tiny bit.

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Wayne County is sort of Down River and Monroe County is considered separate.

But you know I'm sure we received other comments saying they are.

It's just sort of a one of those areas where we are going to have conflicting sort of conflicting reports on whether Monroe is Down River or not Down River but there is a lot of population in those areas particularly as you go up the coast so I just hope we don't get too trapped but then again like I said before these are always temporary maps and can move some lines if we need to.

Commissioner Eid and then Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I got to agree with what Commissioner Szetela just said.

I mean you know maybe some of that area could be considered down river like maybe part of Berlin, maybe part of Ash but the rest of it is no down river in the same way you know Allen Park and those areas are you know and Romulus, browns town and wood haven and this is an area we will have to pay particular attention to when it comes to communities of interest in the area because all we have been hearing for months and months and months is the racial makeup of these down river communities are different. And it's something we really have to look out for.

Because there are not you know there are not many Arab Americans in southern Monroe County.

There aren't many Hispanic or Bengali people in that part.

So I would be weary of just calling it all Down River.

Certainly some of it can be Down River but it's going to be hard to meld it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Couldn't we also say that lake Erie coast is going to have more in common with Downriver areas kind of maybe?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes and no.

So when you get down to Monroe it was traditionally more farming mixed with some automotive.

When you get into like I don't know the environmental issues are very different is what I would say.

As you are in southwest Detroit and into the northern part of Downriver, they have significant environmental concerns there due to the industry that are quite different from Gradiel and Trenton. Even though they are all on the coast, it's different, different concerns, different areas.

And then again once you get to Monroe, Monroe has more industry particularly on the water.

So it's kind of an interesting mix in those areas.

So Commissioner Lett?

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, I guess my question is why are we not including Berlin down through Eerie and including farmland on the west side of all of these counties? That doesn't make any sense to me.

And it looks like when you just look at it that you're setting yourself up for a gerrymandered District.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I can respond to that.

It's because we got this I-75 manufacturing community corridor and we got the 23 corridor which is more rural community.

That was essentially shared with us.

I think we are just trying to respond to a public comments.

But, yeah, it's a draft and it will change.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Madam Chairperson?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If we leave it as is and then later come back and incorporate that corridor in this, that significantly changes what we did out west because of the high population in Monroe area.

And that may dictate a whole redo with the redistricting on the west side.

So I think it's something that we should consider now whether this is the right approach or whether we should incorporate it into Erin's District.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Morgan did you have a comment?

>> MR. MORGAN: I was going to say if you pause at this District and go back to Grand Rapids you could fill in a portion of that and then you would come down towards the border with Indiana and then you would see just where things align and where they don't.

And to that point you know you can hold this District as is.

As a draft.

And then when you come from Grand Rapids and the west along the Indiana border you will see where it meshes and where it doesn't.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That presents us from backing ourselves in a corner and think it's a good suggestion.

>> MR. MORGAN: One way or the other you will have to resolve it but that is probably in a way that will help you visualize the areas that overlap easily.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We may not have a choice of including the Monroe corridor.

>> MR. MORGAN: If it does not move on the population as it's drawn you will have to move the population through the Lansing area you have already drawn or along the southern border with Hillsdale and that area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think it's a good recommendation.

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right any additional comments? So are we moving on to the next person? Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, so I think what I'm going to do at this particular point...

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I do have just one comment on number 27.

It works and it works well numbers wise.

I think it works well for communities of interest as well.

But you know the one thing that I'm having trouble with is you know we are making a very what I believe to be polarized districts.

I think if we were to run the numbers which we will at a later point, I mean this District would probably be 70 to 80% you know one way voting just because of that's you know we are putting all the City folk together in Ann Arbor with Ypsilanti.

So just thinking it's something we should be aware of.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

I do think that's going to be a challenge as we move into particularly Wayne County. Because the reality is, is we do have these democratic pockets that are very strongly democratic.

But we also have republican pockets that are very strongly republican throughout the state.

And I would just state that you know again these maps are not final.

We are going to adjust lines and do partisan analysis and if need be, we can sort of Jimmy and move the lines around a bit to achieve partisan balance if we found out our maps are not passing those partisan measures of partisan fairness as it comes down.

I mean I don't think we are unaware of it.

It's just I think we are focused on getting some lines down at this point and with the knowledge that we will be adjusting as time goes on.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right, well I think at this particular point in time I am going to fill in the remaining border counties.

So the red District that is drawn right there, let's fill that in.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can we also see the overlay for the Western District that we did as well? Because I know we have one that may conflict with some of these lines.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have three different ones.

We can take a moment and figure out what matters.

There is one in blue.

I think at this point can we turn the red off? Okay it looks to me like it just goes west.

I want to temporarily turn it off so we can see the other options that have been drawn.

There is one called from August 30th.

These two are from the west.

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just give me the color.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 where my cursor is that is just a partial District.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was actually going to go over to Detroit honestly because I feel like that's where we have the expert who is here to assist us and I would like him to assist us in these areas.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, could I make a suggestion before you start?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That one area in Monroe County that would be east of I-75 why don't we just make that a dumb any District so that we don't move because it's a controversial point at this time.

So we don't map anything into it and then discuss it afterwards.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I don't need to go anywhere down there to make a Senate District so I'm not worried about it at all.

Like that's not even a glimmer in my eye.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sounds good.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: There is so much other population in the Detroit area I don't need to think about Monroe right now.

I'm going to take my mask off so people can hear me better.

So let's Zoom in to Detroit area a little bit or Wayne County specifically.

And I just want to look at something I did.

So just to start, I want you to go to I think it would be the Township level.

And I want you to select Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Taylor and put them into one District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What was the third one?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Taylor which is just south of there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And we will start with District number shall we start with one in this area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think that probably makes sense.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And go up because everything else is the high end numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why are we now changing numbering systems from what we have been doing? We got in a whole lot of trouble the last time we did that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The only districts that are numbered are the ones that have been completed.

When we started out, there was districts 1-8.

Well they have been renumbered 38 down through 35.

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I just thought starting at one in this area would keep it from intruding on 20 and 21 and those areas that have yet to be assigned.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: My suggestion is we keep numbering the way we have been doing in whatever comes up it's what would we be up to 19.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is partially done.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 20.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 20 has already been done so it would be 19.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 19.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When you go to do the other districts the numbers will be out of sequence.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark then Commissioner Rothhorn please.

Thank you, Kent.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is to Rebecca is your objective in District to get the Arab American population in the one Senate District?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Somewhat yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: How far under I'm sorry MC did you have a comment I did not mean to talk over you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It was only that Commissioner Lett because I think the one is appropriate because we are trying to reference the old maps and in the Detroit area is where the 1234 so it's just looking at the way that we try to get well actually we can have it renumbered I withdraw.

Never mind never mind sed Szetela I don't have a preference one way or another. I don't really care, whatever works and whatever you think makes the most sense Kent I don't care.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's absolutely up to the Commissioners.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: If we went with, I think you said 19 is next we just have to renumber them at the end, right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like the renumbering at the end.

It just makes more sense and we can keep going with 19.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So let's just keep it 19.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela you are under looks like 28,516.

He just renumbered it to 19 so sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay no worries I want to go up into Redford. Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue Redford.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

Up to five mile.

We can't take all of Redford.

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It's too big.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The northern part?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, we don't want to go all the way up to 8 mile we just want to go to a five mile and that should get us pretty close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign what area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Can I walk over and show you.

It might be easier.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are welcome to it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So if you follow this down and come across that is five mile so take off that part.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: This little Divot out that is park land.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Got it.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And what is that population wise? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: .02%.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm going to leave that.

So for Commissioner or for Sarah for Department of State, my thought process on this District is I am trying to create and preserve the communities of interest that are Arab Americans that are located in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Southern Redford Township and trying to put them all in one District.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I think, I think this is great but I think we can make it a little better by making some small changes.

I don't know if taking full Townships I think we are going to have to Zoom in and look at it at a deeper level than Townships to really get this area right.

For example part of Inkster Township to the east of Inkster road if we Zoom in on that that could get us a lot of population and there are a lot of people of Middle Eastern dissent and if we Zoom in to that road.

It's weird the black line that the District currently splits if we take that line down through Inkster road and get that part of Inkster Township in with this District.

I think that would be a little better.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela please thank you Commissioner Eid.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Having grown up in the area and the and moss tear between Inkster and Dearborn I would be uncomfortable lumping Inkster in with Dearborn.

There is a long history of animosity between those two communities.

Inkster is primarily African/American.

And there is a long history of parks policy from Dearborn about keeping

African/Americans out of their parks with ID and residency requirements and I just think

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ignoring that history and putting those groups together is diluting that African/American vote there.

And frankly in a way that is painful for the people who are in Inkster so I just don't think that is a great idea.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: This is Commissioner Kellom I would just echo really quickly that the racial tension between adding Inkster into that area so that is something to be mindful of.

Did I see Commissioner Rothhorn's hand?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: No.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, what I'd like to point out we had some comment that the Arab American communities is more densely populated to the west of Southfield freeway in the Dearborn area.

And so I think that overflow and that overflow into this area that Anthony suggested from Dearborn might be appropriate.

But I have no idea on the tensions between the two communities.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah so, the concentrations of Arabs in Dearborn historically was on the eastern side. Bordering Detroit.

East Dearborn.

And certain neighborhoods within Detroit as well where there are high Arab American populations as well.

The side you're talking about is west Dearborn and then is boarded by Dearborn Heights so that little strip that comes down is actually Dearborn heights so that is not Dearborn at all that you are seeing and that is far removed from Southfield freeway.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Clark, thank you Commissioner Szetela.

Commissioner Eid, please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And I'd also suggest you know instead of having Taylor along with this District moving I agree with what you just said about the population being more east bound but I think it goes more further than what we have now as far as the eastbound border being in Dearborn.

I think we can go into west Detroit here and maybe take out some of Taylor, take out some of Redford Township, which is completely different.

And I think you know while doing this, Mr. Adelson pointed this out, but we've had some very good communities of interest maps that include West Detroit, along with this District that you're trying to draw.

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It is ID number W1530 by Mariam Oknon. She has a couple really good comments actually that I suggest everyone read.

She is one of the community organizers with Access Clinic.

And, you know, they work with this population every single day.

She submitted a map.

Along with a very powerful letter titled a letter from an Arab American. And also maps for the access and ATIA communities in Hamtramck and Detroit. And the ones for the Dearborn/Detroit area go further in West Detroit than what we have here and do not include Redford or Taylor.

So I think we should at least examine if we can do something like that.

I'm not sure if the population matches up with taking out those cities.

But I think it's something we should examine.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would be okay with moving somewhat into Detroit.

And pulling out Taylor.

But that's going to be a precinct by precinct draw because you're not going to be able to just take whole areas.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I was just thinking if we could get so because we are working with Arab Americans and because we are working with census data can we get population, is there some way to tease this out Mr. Adelson and get numbers of what we think we are doing on the map?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yeah, I think that is a great point.

As you know and I think Mr. Brace talked about this at the beginning the census does not have a tab or unique description for people of Middle Eastern or Arab descent.

So he had suggested, and I concur, looking at additional sources of information like the American community survey, that does breakout that population by race.

And that's not the current 2020 census data.

But this is an example of a population that is covered by the Voting Rights Act.

That is not defined as a specific race in the census data where they have been specific public comments referencing this community.

That is important as you all were doing to look at it and make the considerations that you are.

But getting data and information beyond the 2020 census data.

Because that just will not separate out Arab Americans or people of Middle Eastern ancestry.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm hearing you say we need to use the COI data if we try to draw and reference it and we can't excuse me the American community survey but that is our homework and we would have to bring that in as homework.

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- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right across there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this the correct area?
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take this area?
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, so that is Warren avenue right along there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will have to do an undo.

I did the whole Township Szetela se you will have to do blocks.

So add that in.

So what does that bring my population to? .

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 14,000 short.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now I want you to take it up to Tireman which is the next major road that goes across there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This here.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Tire man.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see it now, this right here.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Grab Tireman.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are precincts should I go back and do blocks?
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: What is the population selected.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 10,585 people.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So select that then go over a little to the east and grab

the rest of it.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct here has 2287.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 2287 so add that one in.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're now .71% low.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so we can leave it there or we can try to grab you know change it around and do a little on the east side as well but I think that's a good area.

That is the Warren avenue strip, which is a lot of Arab American restaurants, a lot of Arab American businesses, a high population but it doesn't quite get into the areas that have been identified for us that the Rosedale Park area that wants to stay together so we are not quite getting into that yet and I don't think we would want to do that so.

- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid and then Commissioner Clark.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: So I really like those changes.

I might suggest going to joy road if you want and going over.

But I still I think what we have there for that whole area of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights up to the road you drew is fine.

But I still think rather than Taylor being included in this District there are more Middle Eastern people in the City of Melvindale and then the northern part of Allen Park and also in the northwestern part of Lincoln Park, west of I-75.

I think that would be better serving the community rather than Taylor.

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And I also think again we can go a little bit east of the City line of Dearborn as well.
And still be okay.

There are a lot of Middle Easterners in western Detroit as well.

I mean there is historic mosques over there as well as, you know, various Islamic associations. And this is all in that geography in what Mr. Adelson was talking about. I will name it again, W1530. And it has all of the community centers in the area and includes the City of Melvindale.

It includes that northern part of Allen Park and it does not include any of Taylor.
So you would be willing to do that, I think we will have a really good District here.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So my concern with that is Melvindale and Allen Park wanted to be in Down River and they were very clear about that.

We received multiple public comments about that.

The same thing with Lincoln Park and Delray neighborhood in Detroit when we start pulling into that, we had multiple public comments about the Latino community and those neighborhoods wanting to be together as well as the environmental concerns with River Rouge, Lincoln Park and Delray. If we start pulling that into Dearborn, you are diluting those concerns because the people in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights just simply don't have those concerns at all. Neither does Taylor, which is why I was trying to stay out of that area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree that is a concern. But you could still make a Down River district out of Delray, River Rouge, Ecorse and the rest of Lincoln Park and the rest of Allen Park and Wyandotte as well.

Those are all still Down River communities even though they don't -- we would be not including Melvindale as part of that, but all the rest of them could still make a Down River community.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are talking including Southwest Detroit, which in my town halls with people in Down River, they did not want to be included in Southwest Detroit.

They were very clear about that.

So I think we've got a lot to balance here.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Mr. Adelson had his hand raised, then Commissioner Orton, please.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

I just wanted to make a couple of points.

While they don't necessarily or they may not necessarily apply here I wanted to remind the Commission that it is legally acceptable according to the support court to under populate up to a certain point, certain districts if Voting Rights Act compliance is at issue.

I'm not suggesting that is true here.

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But just keep that in mind as one of the things that we did in Arizona was there was significant racially polarized voting in our analysis and there was less white press voter than there is here.

So that is an issue.

The -- you can under populate a District if necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

And I want to follow-up on briefly Commissioner Szetela's point about the balancing.

And yes, that can get complicated.

And particularly when you're dealing with people who may or may not coalesce from a voting point standpoint but that is at the heart when you get in an urban center often what you have to do.

But I particularly wanted to mention the under populating issue thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

And Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I have two things first of all, I think it bears reminding us all that town halls are purely for information.

We cannot consider information that was got, that was received at town halls because it was not one of our open meetings.

And also, we have received many, many Arab American community maps on our portal. I think it would be wise to look at that and compare with what we're drawing before we say that we are final, final draft.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I respect those opinions.

I will also say even though I'm a native Detroit I'm familiar with this area.

And if you cut too far into Melvindale and Allen Park the unique thing of Detroit the neighborhoods change drastically like immediately so your neighbor or your community center here where in the suburbs or other areas, we have worked with they kind of bleed in seamlessly.

It's a direct difference of culture so I would caution even having family that grows up in the Down River area it's a very tight and sincere community so it's not just a line we are simply looking at.

Those are my tidbits.

Commissioner Clark? I'm so sorry your hand is hidden behind the screen directly in front of my face so you have to give me an elementary school.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: From what I know of the area, what you just did Rebecca on the northern part of this is really appropriate.

I'm not familiar with the south side.

I'd have to depend on you and Brittini and Anthony to direct us there.

But the one comment I wanted to make.

When we went north, we started eating into the City of Detroit.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Clark?

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My thoughts when we do that is that we keep the individual communities in Detroit together because that seemed to be a big focus when we talked to the people in Detroit.

And I think we got a map the other day showing where those what those were.

So I wouldn't want to start splitting up those communities because that appeared to me and Brittini could help me with this to be a very sensitive and a very common comment that we got from the individual communities in the Detroit area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark say that last part again I'm sorry I didn't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I thought that the comments that I heard when we had the two public hearings in Detroit where people always talked about their communities you know and how Detroit is split up into maybe 20 different communities.

I would not want to see those split up when we do the districts.

I'd want to keep those whole.

And that maybe a difficult thing to do.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yeah, that is why I just said it's food for thought.

Like Wyandotte South Gate Allen Park and Melvindale and river Rouge there is a Down River pride there.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just a quick reminder for Commissioners as you are speaking make sure you are speaking directly into the microphone.

I know it's uncomfortable when you are talking to someone seated behind you but in you turn your head around then the viewing audience can't hear you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: The northern edge I drew if you go for public comments that were submitted it follows it and I did not look at the map when I drew it because I grew up there and know it very well and can draw the line without being submitted and it matches what is on our public portal about the Arab American community on the north end.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn then Commissioner Eid, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm just thinking about process.

It feels good and a good start and I think we have to look at American community survey right sort of do some homework after this and just sort of test it out.

But I like the idea we have good rationale it feels good to me.

We had good back and forth.

I like the idea of saying okay we will stick with this.

Maybe another adjustment I'm not suggesting we have to but I like the idea of trying a second District and a third and then right because we will have to adjust everything but it just feels like we got a good start here and I like the rationale and the back and forth feels collaborative.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would add too I mean I definitely think we can go a little in southwest Detroit a bit without trying to cut into Delray.

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>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I would like to pass it on to the next Commissioner that has more experience in the area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay all right Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Thank you Madam Chair.

Okay, I'm going to try and tackle the Down River area.

And we are going to start right at the bottom, on the border of Monroe County.

I'm sorry the top border of Monroe County.

The big squiggly line.

Okay.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: My apologies Kent can you provide what the number of the District that Commissioner Vallette drew was? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If you Zoom in and we will just take Townships here. And that would be Rockwood, Gibraltar, and Flat Rock.

Wood Haven and Trenton and Grosse Isle, Brownstown, River View.

Southgate, Wyandotte.

Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Ecorse.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Go Commissioner, Witjes, go.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Melvindale, River Rouge.

And then the four little precincts that are right in between Melvindale and River Rouge, yep. I think there might be two or three of them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area or less?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I believe that's it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12,900.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes you might as well start giving your justification.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My justification is just this in my opinion is the Down River area based off of my own personal knowledge as well as what public comments we have received.

In regards to the Down River area, communities of interest are being are going to be held here pretty well hold on, I change my wording, this is going to keep all the communities of interest together that identify as being in the Down River community.

I wish to thank Vice Chair Szetela for including Taylor in her District because that was turning out to be a nightmare when I was trying to do this particular District.

So that's always that was nice and I think that's all I have at this particular point.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: And Commissioner Witjes how did you take into account reflection of the state's diverse populations when drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well just by listening to what individuals were saying about this particular area during our listening tour.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think that is what Mr. Adelson was asking for the Latino and Asian population to be reflected as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Probably we can do more than one at a time with this configuration.

That's something I could look at and study when we have a break or you know how many we can get loaded up at one time.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now we are looking at Hispanic population greater than 10% which is a different color just so we don't get confused.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I believe Lincoln Park is 25% Latino.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We are splitting them in two differ groups if we take them out so I would add the Lincoln Park and the straw back in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me look at the thematic map one more time.

It does not appear to be behaving as I expect it.

It's not showing the percentages I expected it to.

I think we have.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would add Lincoln Park and the outing area back into it.

It may be something we can do in the House Districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me put Lincoln Park into 17.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Lincoln Park in 17 and the tiny little precincts at the top that we added.

Removed and are now adding again.

There we go and I will be done at this particular point.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

I believe the next person is Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's go up towards the Pontiac area.

I'm most familiar with that.

It's the northern portion.

And northern part of Oakland County.

So I want to take Oakland Township, which it says Oakland so it's, yeah, I want to take all Oakland Township.

I want to go south and take all of Rochester and Rochester Hills.

Rochester is an island.

It's square mile inside of Rochester Hills so we have no choice.

Go south.

Choose Troy.

Troy.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, it does, Asians on the west side of Troy.

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Which I think is appropriate to include.

Where am I? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need 68,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay so let's include Birmingham.

Bloomfield hills.

And Bloomfield Township which surrounds Bloomfield hills where are we at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are close to ideal .77 less than 1% high.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think let me look at it again.

How far north we go.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark that looks good to me but this is your turn.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's your turn but it looks very good to me.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I tell you what is in my mind is lake Orion and Oxford but that would really put us over.

So I think that's more appropriate with independence Township and Brandon.

Okay I'm good with it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Well you know what's next you have to answer your three questions Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I love my questions okay go ahead and ask me the questions.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm going to call on Commissioner Eid first.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So something I would suggest is instead of going west to Bloomfield and Bloomfield hills in Birmingham which I think are more so associated with West Bloomfield Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor and Sylvan may consider going right into Sterling Heights.

We heard plenty of times that you know Sterling Heights and Troy have things in common.

Especially with the minority communities.

And I think I mean I think just generally speaking knowing the area as Troy and Sterling Heights along with Rochester Hills and Oakland Township all have quite a lot in common with each other.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you're suggesting taking Bloomfield and Bloomfield hills out and Bloomfield Township out, keeping Birmingham in.

I would keep Birmingham in.

I want to ask Mr. Adelson a question.

When we move over to Sterling Heights, I think we will get more diversity.

Do you feel that we need more diversity in this area?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That's a great question.

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I think that you know as I mentioned at the beginning, considerations for diverse population is the third criteria and are different than under the Voting Rights Act and the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

So I think that my sense is that as you go as far as the third criteria you see what shaping up as you create a District.

So I know that that's somewhat ambiguous, that the criteria doesn't have the same like the preconditions for under Thornburg versus Gingles it's not as specific so I think that is really just going to depend on what your District looks like as it evolves, as you consider it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Rothhorn, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Doug I was going to offer what I heard

Commissioner Eid suggest really would help us the Bangladesh community the Sterling Heights Warren area and Troy.

So what I mean to say is I think it's sort of answering the questions that the Secretary of State asked us which is how did you take into consideration diversity.

This would be okay moving away from West Bloomfield and moving into Sterling Heights is considering the Asian American and community of interest submissions we had.

It's an excellent example of what we are trying to do.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It is, but Bangladesh people are also down in Warren.

So I don't know if we want to keep them together or not.

Well, we can do always do that in the House Districts.

Okay so let's take Bloomfield out, Bloomfield hills out.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to on that same point say that the Bangladesh community was more in Warren along specific corridors by 94 so it's not so much adding to Bangladesh community although we did receive a lot of comment from Apac about Rochester and Rochester Hills and the Asian American communities up there which you already have included in this District so just some more food for thought.

If you leave this then you have the ability to put more Bangladesh people together with Sterling Heights and Warren and then possibly coming down to Highland Park so something to consider.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If we leave it like it was.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

[Laughter]

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand, it's almost like they have a Senate District where they have majority of the people probably.

Or a good majority.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: You are right, I'm so sorry.

So, Commissioner Curry, it's your turn.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't hear you, but I can read your lips.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, there is a delay but we can hear you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It's very faint as well Commissioner Curry.

If you could speak closer to you phone, I think that would help.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Make sure your phone volume is all the way up if you can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay we are going to be in the Detroit area.

And can you turn, can you make that a little bit larger, the words? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner, can you read it now?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Good if you can turn it up a little larger.

It feels very small for me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know that I can make the text larger at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With the counties.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry if there is an area if you call out the City Or Street or something so we can have a starting point.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We will start near the Detroit area where river Rouge is and the southwest part of Detroit.

Let's see if I can find my glasses.

I can't see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right where I'm pointing is river Rouge Township.

This is Melvindale.

That's Delray right here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: All right, okay we need how many people in this area? That I'm trying to choose? We need what the District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Senate District ideal target number is 265,193 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I see it, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a lot of people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: A whole lot.

I just can't read this map.

Can I go get my glasses, please? See.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Absolutely Commissioner Curry we want you to comfortably be able to see, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

Hold on.

A little bit better.

Okay, we have river Rouge here.

Delray because Delray is everybody is just about gone out of Delray.

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Let me see.

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

Can you bring it in some, please.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: More.

Okay that is a little better.

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

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

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

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

This has.

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

They are rebuilding over there though.

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

Okay, my color is what purple? .

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

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

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

Ecorse I'm sorry.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 9305.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Is it selected? .

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Detroit.

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

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

So it's like Lincoln Park.

Allendale and Melvindale.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Include Lincoln Park?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Include Lincoln Park.

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

And include Melvindale.

Okay and then all of Detroit.

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

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

I did not see it before.

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

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

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

Okay.

So.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

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

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

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

Okay let's go up and pick Detroit.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Would you, please.

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

And it has 639,111 people.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The over population.

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

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

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

If I'm working in 15?

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

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

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

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

It holds you want me to assign that to 15?

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, Commissioner Curry.

Yes.

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

Okay, so that is the purple for Detroit.

You got Delray in there.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Fill in the spaces.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, in the purple.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, okay.

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

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do.

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

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

Because we've deleted population from them.

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

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

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

So.

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

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I appreciate that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Melvindale is getting very mixed.

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

Okay I yield.

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

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

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

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

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

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I thought it was.

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

You don't have to take that suggestion.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay you can do that.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela?

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Kent.

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can see Detroit.

I can see Highland Park.

Hamtramck.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Gross Isle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Curry we need 76,000 more people.

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

Do Dearborn Heights and Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: .

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

We need to.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take that off.

And let's go with Allen Park.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Why?

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

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

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

It's already been created.

And then right below that kind of brownish darkish shape there is this kind of light color. That was District 17.

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

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

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You see the brown.

You see the blue.

You see 1917.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Dearborn, Dearborn Heights in.

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

You got it.

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

I see that in the light blue and gross Isle.

Take off Lincoln Park, Melvindale and Allen Park.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How many.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 98,995.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Highland Park and Hamtramck.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highland Park.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: She did.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highland Park.

I see it now I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Those two.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is the population total.

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

And we would need to make this District contiguous.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Would you please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange?

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: My computer is working now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

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

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Kind of looks like it.

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

Seems like it should be brought in though.

Bring it out some more.

Okay what is so 17 was already in.

You all had 17 already made up is that right.

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

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

He can easily restore 17.

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

They are not near each other.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Go with Dearborn.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I guess Detroit.

I'm only speaking for my community.

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

So since I am part of Detroit too.

And I'm going to pass right now.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, I am.

I'll just get my glasses.

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

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

And then we can go from there.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's okay Commissioner.

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

Just give me one minute.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This will be District 14.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sure.

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

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

Wonderful.

All of commerce Township to the left.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Bloomfield, Bloomfield hills.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Where does that leave us on population.

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

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

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

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

I can bike and walk.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Curry? .

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you hear me now.

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

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

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

What is it Berkeley to Royal Oak

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

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

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

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

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

That would be the way I would go about it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

And people travel to Royal Oak frequently via Woodward.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very prejudice.

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

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

Everything.

All kind of mixed people.

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

And the Chaldeans in one neighborhood.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But Detroiters really not participating in the Chaldeans thing.

And so you got in Dearborn Heights.

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

One they were all just about white people.

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

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

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

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

And we have to start somewhere.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's true.

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

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

Commissioner Orton I'm sorry?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You can have your turn.

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

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

Let's see what is happening here.

Zoom back in.

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

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

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

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

Or affirm with an audible yes.

Commissioner Witjes?

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

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

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

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

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

Can I do that?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Please do that, Kent.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That is okay.

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

I think that is pretty much it.

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

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Ferndale.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wow.

I will be back.

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 13.

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

Huntington Woods and pleasant ridge.

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

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

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

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

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

So I agree.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Same.

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

That's my thinking when I look into that.

But I do see this kind of weird unassigned area.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can select that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No, no, no.

We can have people step on my toes.

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

These are fairly low populated voting.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Nothing over there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 834 people here.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn?

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

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

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

Mr. Adelson?

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

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

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

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

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

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- >> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm going to stop there for my turn actually.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are still 35,000 people short, 13.5%.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: I know.

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

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Because I think you will end up selecting that.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a Magnet Middle School and Florence Grove.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, you have to select all of that.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: About that.

Shall we continue south?

- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Please select that 932.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Select that yes.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: The 1133 and then yes that little area above.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those precincts cross over the route 10 or highway 10.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Take out 932.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take out the entire precinct.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: The census one.

Thank you for correcting me.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still need 31,000 people.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: DPS-Robison academy.

Let me Zoom back in.

Zoom in please.

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

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

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

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

That's the entire precinct.

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

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sure so you want to remove these.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Am I over or under.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have 30,000 people.
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Then select 3253.

I'm reading the block.

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

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

Let me get it to precincts.

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

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is okay.

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

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

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

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

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

I probably won't.

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This whole area.

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

Take away the little oblong pieces to the left.

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

You still have 24,000 people to add.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Jesus.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No.

Zoom out.

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

This is.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay that is enough.

I'm going to stop.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Rothhorn, please?

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

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Orton please.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Sure.

But don't put the pressure all on me.

Just saying that.

So we will take a five minute recess.

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

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

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

I mean I don't know.

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

And it just seems counterproductive.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange.

I personally have to go to the rest room.

So.

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

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

[Recess]

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

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zoom in where.

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

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

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, I'm just going to go through just a few questions. Can you explain why this District took the shape that it did?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Right.

So the minority populations we used the data as expressed.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

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

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN:

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Ask away.

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

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

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

So that was why we started there.

I started there.

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

So we had some changes with 12.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good thank you.

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

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

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

And the same would be said of 12.

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

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

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

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vice Chair Szetela please.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was thinking Wayne was in there but it's not.

And you need 126,000 more people.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, I think we're going to have to take that unless somebody has an idea of where else we would be able to use that.

So Commissioner Kellom are you thinking that Garden City and Westland do not associate with Livonia?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: They do.

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

So I don't have a fix for Livonia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: MC?

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

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent would you start there.

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To the right.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Redford Township.

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

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

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

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

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

Seems like it was about there that it started.

Perfect.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark? .

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would say that is reasonable.

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I think with Anthony he recommended a few minutes ago.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well assign all that please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So into Detroit.

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

Just even it out.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It will be too much.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further.

Yeah.

Square it off.

And then I think even further was it.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark?

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

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

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

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

That is Lynden.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two miles.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Five mile.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Six mile and seven mile.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We can put some in 12 too.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The neighborhoods that are highlighted.

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

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

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

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

I think the population is going to be quite high.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.

So you can take some off of 13.

That little tail to the right.

Not that, east right there, yep.

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

We won't be able to get there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, sorry.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can select that area.

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

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

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

But then 13 is down 25,000 people.

So.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Over.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Never mind.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay well.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Szetela?

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

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

We were still short.

How short were we? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: About 12000 people.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: About 12000.

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

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

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

Yeah, that little part up there.

It's very densely populated, so.

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

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These neighborhoods dissect as you would expect voting precincts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The three, yes.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Unselect five points.

Deselect or add to ten.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But do the whole neighborhood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I am.

We have to do it by.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

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

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

Assign this to ten.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

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

You need 10,000 people.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay that area?

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

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

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

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

It's a median.

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

You want to assign five points.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And the one below can.

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

This little guy here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Looks pretty decent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Businesses.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Excellent thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Absolutely Commissioner Curry.

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

Great.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark, please?

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

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

Is that the one that was just below Warren and Pearl streets? Off Southfield freeway?

Okay perfect, thanks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Down in here.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Correct we want to start.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Underneath District 19 Commissioner Rothorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

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

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

There is no one there hardly.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Spring well.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay, thank you.

Let's do that, Kent, please.

And then just head east.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is, thank you.

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

I can't hardly see it.

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

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

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

It does a white outline of the letters.

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

I just wanted plain text.

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

I'm sorry.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, thank you.

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

We are within range we are about 3% over.

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Along this line?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please.

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No.

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

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

I only want Highland Park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Campau is Bangla Town.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

And I do see, yep, so yes, your cursor is along that and take Piety Hill but not north end.

Do you see the name I'm referring to? You got it, Kent, your cursor was closer.

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

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

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

And I'm not happy with that.

And I'm not sure what to do.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Eid?

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

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

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

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

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

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

But I hear what Commissioner Eid is saying.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I want to comment on what Anthony said. The medical center you're talking about is where the VA hospital is.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is the population.

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

That will be hard to get.

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

That area right there is 350 people.

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

So keep new center.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Virginia park community.

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you appreciate that.

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

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

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

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: To District.

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

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What do I want.

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

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Gate way neighborhood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Neighborhood.

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This neighborhood line splits census blocks. It probably goes up an alleyway.

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

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

Oh, I see a hand.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid?

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

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

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

Are you east side or are you west side.

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

And that part of it really does serve both sides.

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

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

I would not want to split it up.

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

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

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

Okay.

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

I see it.

I just wanted to, yeah, the state fair.

And pen raise and pen rise.

Penrose, is that right? .

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

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

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

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What area?

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

A little back out.

Highland Park and Hamtramck.

I'm trying to see the lines for Hamtramck.

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Right.

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

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

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

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

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Population.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So you want airport sub.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this area.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Including this area?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Clark?

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

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, but you accidentally grabbed part of Highland Park so can you put that back to nine? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I did, didn't I.

Don't want to do that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And just continue to follow that diagonal like you are doing.

And then, yep, whatever that little guy that is sitting there missing, Franklin.

All right, so now let's look to our northern boundary.

And we are going to start going up into Warren.

Yep.

So I would just start with the southern part of Warren up to the top of centerline and cut across and see where we are at for population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to turn the label on that is 140,000 so you can get most of Warren or go across here.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Weiss?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Then Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I just noticed and I don't know if you noticed but he has nine tied up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Isn't that nice.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That was Commissioner Orton.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Eagle eye Orton.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The catcher.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So everybody knows what I'm thinking my thought process is I'm trying to pull the Bangladeshi community and Warren in with Hamtramck that is the whole point of this District we are pulling down to the shoreline then we are going to go up and try to bring in the rest of the Bangladeshi community.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How far up do we want to go? Sed Szetela go to the top line of centerline see how centerline is sitting there go up to there and see where we are at population wise.

It may put us over and we will see where we are at because we can take off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That right there is 68,000.

So that will take you 10,000 over.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so take out centerline and I think it's got one more little divot down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That puts in 56,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you will be like a thousand under.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, go ahead and do that.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are well, no, evidently, I looked at it wrong that is 19,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Scroll back in a little bit.

So I want to rebalance this a little bit so I want to go west of centerline and go up. But I want to take off those Townships that are all the way on the east right now. So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So, right, my east see where we have centerline and come up and go, yep, that those two corners right there take those off. Is that part of east point you said?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I was saying you're talking about the area that is close to east point and I was shaking my head like yeah take that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now I want you to go on the other side of centerline and we are going to go north of there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will add in 17,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: And how far are we under with that, 25?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 5360, 2.02%.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So we are 5,000 under.

What were those the areas on the other side?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Corners to take off sed Szetela yeah just curious.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8500.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Centerline will give us too much.

So can you grab centerline and we will take off a couple districts on the eastern border.

No, no, keep what you had.

So add centerline.

So now we are going to go over.

And now I want you to go to the right of what you just added, yep.

And I want you to start chipping away.

So take that upper Township or upper precinct.

I'd rather you start north and kind of come down around centerline but that will work too.

Why don't we...we are supposed to take a break at 2:30 anyway. So why don't we just stop for a second.

If you want to do that or we can.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Are you sure? I was going to let you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: How much am I off? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3192 high.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So I want you to take off that one little cube that is 1163 and then we are just going to stop.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so I want you to add in Madison heights.

Add in Madison heights.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To eight.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We are just going to take the first strip of Warren up to 14 mile road so just that little yep right along Madison heights just a little bit, not the whole area across just a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Not the whole area just the first strip.

The first precincts there.

That is still too weighed I want the eastern border right along Madison heights.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: That's right sorry if I was not more clear.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was just looking at it different.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So now we are 30,000 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 38,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Now we will go back to the eastern edge I had drawn near centerline and we are going to take off those yep take off over there and then see what the population is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 8,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21,000.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Add in centerline.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 29 or 30,000.

That's 30,164.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay remove those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, I did it just wrong.

Shows District 8 as being 11,000 over.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Continuing taking away those precincts under centerline, just keep going over until we get to where we need to be.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe village of gross, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yeah, there is five of them but I don't want to take away from eight at all.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: None of those are in eight.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay then that is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Harper Woods is not part of the point though. You have Grosse Pointe Woods and shores and park and Grosse Pointes what is the other one?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We heard Harper Woods was part of the points that they considered themselves a community of interest with the points.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You are including I'm saying it's not a Grosse Pointe that's all.

I thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I get that part. We will have to include the east side of Detroit how does that feel for you Juanita? I know nothing about the east side of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And I'm in the same bag as you. I know where Harper Woods is.

And Grosse Pointes somewhat but I'm not too familiar with the other points.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So we did have a discussion about this with Commissioner Kellom.

She had mentioned we pulled up the neighborhood maps and so you have east English village and Sherwood forest is in there and she had indicated while she was in the room that she thought those communities yep there we go do affiliate morning side cornerstone village they all associate with the Grosse Pointes.

And you know there is pros and cons on that.

You know one way or another like Harper Woods but it would not be unnatural to put them with the Grosse Pointes.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Then let's go ahead and do that, please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree it would not be unnatural but wondering if maybe we can get a little bit more creative about it.

I like what Commissioner Rothhorn had said earlier about trying to turn this into two different districts one with the Grosse Pointes and that moves up to St. Clair shores and another with this more industrial area on the east side of Detroit.

That is being painted right now.

So that's just my idea.

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>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I think I like this better.

Just for that reason.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark has his hand for you Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I personally don't see where east point is associated with St. Clair shores that much or Grosse Pointe area that much.

And that's why I suggested to take a look at the remaining shoreline up on the northern end of the District that is drawn and not include east point.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would agree with you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm talking about going up towards new Baltimore and then over into that one peninsula that we haven't covered.

The significance of the peninsula, there is bridges over there that they have a lot of problems with because of the lake.

They have water level problems, which is the same things you see down at St. Clair shores.

High water levels.

And so they have the same environmental concerns.

That is why I would suggest that but, Anthony, do you have any comments on that?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I actually had a comment.

Commissioner Eid might be chewing on a snack so I'm going to jump in.

Commissioner Clark, so I agree with your synopsis of the northern lakeshore area.

However, there is some commonality with east point.

For instance you can drive east down 8 mile and go all the way to Lake Shore Drive.

And which runs into either side remember 8 mile being the dividing line between Detroit, Roseville so I don't know if that orange line is 8 mile, I'm not sure.

But there is some commingling there even with schools in that area.

So but it's up to Commissioner Wagner.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 9 mile right here.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 10-Mile.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And 8 mile is lower.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8 mile is the locality boundary, pretty close to it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That's what I said, Kent.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Incompetent within the way it is.

I like the numbers on the other one better.

Because we got closer.

However, the demographics were not where they needed to be.

So I'm going to hold here on this one then.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Michigan Department of State did you have any questions for Commissioner Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No I think I've got everything.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much Commissioner Wagner.

Our next Commissioner is -- you're welcome -- our next Commissioner is Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Obviously, I don't know much about the area.

But Sterling Heights and Warren I remember from the Bangladeshis.

I would be inclined to run north but since I have the colored pencils and I will give you all the erasers I would like to start down and finish Warren, the rest of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's go with east point and Macomb and see what our totals will be. I'd like to take the rest of Sterling Heights and see what the total is there. All right I wish you would add that, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need 14,000 more people to be ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What is in Frazier? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14,726.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think that is pretty close.

That was pretty easy.

I'll do this again if you like.

I'll pass on another turn.

I will stay with that and looks good and covers Bangladesh and they are a very nice group of people and wanted themselves in a District if possible.

They did want Hamtramck but obviously that is a little hard to do I believe but I think we did pretty good here.

So I'm satisfied by that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Weiss you did so well there are no questions for you to answer.

You got a thumbs up from MDOS.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That's good I like that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So put down your pencils and your erasers, next we have Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay I'm going to try my best here.

So I guess we will take the remainder of Clinton and Macomb county there.

We will add Macomb Township.

Just those three Townships and make it into a T for now and Shelby and Chesterfield and new Baltimore.

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

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

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

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

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

So this is just an example.

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

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you, Bruce.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

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

We have gotten a lot of comments about the lakeshore.

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

And we did that I think on the west side.

I think we have done that.

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

I think you get a better mix of racial population.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I really had not.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Whereas these two here if you were to balance those out then you could focus more on 8 and then make changes later.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 16 we need 52 and what is the other one 5 you're talking about?

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 6 and 7 we feel pretty good about and all the others we have not perfected in the Detroit area and 5 is just sort of further away from Detroit. It's parts of it but it's not quite a Detroit one yet.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're not talking what I'm talking.

>> MR. MORGAN: What you are talking about here is 2 and 16.
16 is 52000 over.

And 2 is 52000 under.

And then I think what Commissioner Clark was saying you can bring 2 down into 5 and 5 into 16 or something like that if you didn't want to take Oakland Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well let's try that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Shelby Township out of 5 is the first?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yep.

We will put that in 16, Doug?

>> MR. MORGAN: I thought you said in 2, the balance of Shelby into 2.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: 2 that would be my recommendation.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you also have the village of Utica.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would include that in 2 because the majority of that is above M59.

Which is a major highway going through there.

>> MR. MORGAN: That gets you 13,000 under in 2.

And then you've got Oakland, you've got Macomb.

You have other areas if you like 25 and 7 the way they are, then you're looking at 5, 16 and then I don't know if we haven't really talked about anything over here in 18.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is 16 is still over? Or do we need.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, we have not taken anything out of 16.

What we did is take a little out of 5 so 5 is under and contemplating having 5 go into this portion of Sterling Heights potentially.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would try to balance that and then if you need some more Steve I would take the northern part of Oakland Township se Szetela Commissioner Reinhardt? I'm promoting you, Sarah Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Madam Chairperson.

I just wanted to indicate that per the law the justification log reflecting back on District 16 which was drawn by Commissioner Clark.

One of the justifications provided was keeping together the COI of the Asian population in Sterling Heights and Troy.

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Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When we did that, we just took the two western most rows of Townships over in Sterling Heights.

We didn't take all of Sterling Heights at that point in time.

Because and the reason for that was in Troy the eastern part of Troy down at 16 mile and south has got a lot of the Asian population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Maybe you want to have the theme or the dots for the Asian population?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds like northern Oakland is a pretty good, safe bet.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would give the northern part of Oakland Township a try and see where we are at population wise.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at Oakland Township all of it is 20 which is more than you need so you're contemplating taking the northern most portion of Oakland first and going down?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd only take the northern part, I would not go down after that.

>> MR. MORGAN: You probably won't have enough population.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Probably won't then I think you have to go to Sterling Heights and move some of that to 5.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have Macomb if you are looking at that. With Macomb being a larger Township, depending what you want to do either two into Sterling Heights or 5 into Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the top part of.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put the dots on for the Asian population for Sterling Heights, John? Because that will be helpful to look at Sterling Heights.

So basically, we want the indicators of Asian population is what we are looking for.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe it's pop AS is Asian. Pop NA is Native American.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay for an indicator we have one of the Asian variables and then total population.

And this is at the Township level.

And then I will have to undo this because it's going to assign the whole Township.

So at this point District 16 with 52000 surplus population is 15% non-Hispanic Asian and voting age is 14%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: John, can you also put up the election results for 16, please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sterling Heights south of Utica you see a lot of blank spaces.

Yeah, further down that big one.

That I believe is the GM tech center down in that area.

So that is where Van Dyke and mound are.

>> MR. MORGAN: Smaller dot is 3% whereas this larger dot over here is 30, 35, so this is the portion you were contemplating taking out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That was my suggestion and the western side is kind of Linked-In with the eastern side of Troy.

So.

>> MR. MORGAN: You wouldn't get to that like you said that is associated with that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I tonight think it's beneficial to take out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at 16 at this point it's 49% Biden.

51 for Trump or 50/50 it's right in the middle.

Clinton 46.

Trump 54.

Obama 46.

Romney 53.

And 2020 U.S. Senate is Peters 48.5.

James 51.5 and Stabenow is 50.5.

James is 49.5.

Peters in 14 is 50.4.

Land is 49.5.

Stabenow is 53.

Hoekstra is 47.

Whitmer 51.

Schuetz 49.

48.5.

For Governor 14 shower 35.

Snyder 64.

For Attorney General 48 for Nessel, 52 for Leonard.

Totten, 38, Schuetz, 62.

Secretary of State Benson 52.

Lange 48.

Dillard 32.

Johnson 67.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The election results in the system per District or can you get down to the either the Township level or a smaller level or if you just clicked on a square with a particular dot, would that show a unique election result? Or are they all just District wide?

ADDENDUM

Part 2

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Let me see what shape file I was using and see if it was the alternate or the other one

>> MR. MORGAN: May be a designation of A for the alternate one which would be the most recent one where things ended yesterday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm not using the alternate.
I'm using the without the A, so the 91421.

No A

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so I'll bring that one up and you can look at it and confirm that what I have on my computer is what you think is in your plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds good, thank you.

For benefit of the Commissioners we had an excellent sort of I think it was yeah District 8 and yesterday at the end of the day with Bruce Adelson I was trying to sort of figure out how to continue sort of that idea of a spoke that the District 7, District 6 and District 8 in particular sort of resemble spokes leaving the river.

And sort of going out into the suburban areas.

And so if 9 and 13 right currently don't look like spokes that is what I'm going to try to do here.

And so and where to begin is so this is not actually it must have been the A.

This is not what I'm looking at John

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is where we stopped right before you started drawing. And then I'm going to bring up the other plan which is the end of where you finished drawing so that is the one that is A.

Just a moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And I will acknowledge one of the things I'm doing with the spokes and I will try to work on two districts at the same time in order to make this spoke idea kind of work.

I'm trying to acknowledge sort of an I think there were two in the southern area.

Yes, this is the one John thank you.

I think this will be more efficient if we sort of start from here.

I'm trying to acknowledge an LGBTQ circle community of interest and sort of the northern tier sort of it's in District 14.

That's one community of interest I'm trying to do, work into this.

Then the southern tier John closer to the river there is two communities in particular, 48217 I think was the name they sort of gave it and also a Latin X community.

There is some tension there so I'm looking for Commissioners to help me sort of figure out the best way to do it.

At this point, John, so I'm going to I like I think we all like District 8 and District 13 is drawn with the on the eastern edge of that District 13 I think we have a good border.

And, yeah, and I think we also so it's not starting all the way at the river and at this point I just want to confirm with other Commissioners who are familiar with the area if we don't start it all the way at the river does that feel like the right thing to do meaning to

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start District 13 and when I say start, I mean at the southern border where John has the cursor does that feel like a good place to start at this point? It looks like it represents the communities of interest I wanted to preserve sort of in the southern that Latin X community.

I would suggest that this actually is a good place to start but I'm looking for any input.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we Zoom in a little built so we can see what streets are right around there? I'm just wondering it looks like it's 75 going through.

Okay so yeah that is the southern border of 75

>> MR. MORGAN: 75 is over here and this is the border with 8 basically.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Continue 13 and we will work on 13 firefighters and we will go I think the we are going to clean up the edge in order so we can so we are going to take a little bit, we are going to assign some of the District that is in 13 on the western edge and assign that to District 9 and there is a

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry when you say cleanup the western end do you mean assign this from 9 to 13, 13 is under populated at the moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I know we will head further north with 13 and we are going to bite into District 14.

So at this point, yeah, that edge where you were, that edge of 13 the western edge of 13 where you were earlier, we are just going to clean that up and go to sort of go from south to north, yes, so we are at I think McNichols is that 8 mile? At the top there? Yes, that is 8 mile so we will go from 8 mile, that edge, yes, so yep right there is 8 mile and right at that corner so just the western yellow we are going to assign to 9.

>> MR. MORGAN: And this is the ten here, I think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct we're not going to follow the road.

We are going to there is a neighborhood it might help you and me both if we -- if you pull up the overlay which is the Detroit neighborhood maps, please

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Just a second for that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sure

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is the neighborhood overlay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I will name the names because I have it pulled up on mine.

So that edge again we are in that area so please we are going to keep the neighbors as whole as possible.

And so that you are selecting I guess at the block level and precinct level right work

>> MR. MORGAN: Precinct level and again we are taking from 9 sorry I'm taking into 13 from 9.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are taking

>> MR. MORGAN: Other way around from 13 into 9.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

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Yep.

So then go above where you just assigned and pull that next Roy out.

Same thing.

We are just going to assign that over.

>> MR. MORGAN: This next grouping?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

Could you Zoom in so I can see where Southfield freeway is? I think Southfield is right in the center there.

Rosedale and Grandmont.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Eastern.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Along Southfield.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rosedale park.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I'm looking for because I want that kept together so help me on this map, we are looking at Rosedale park Grandmont and north Rosedale together.

So I have it carved out here but I can't really tell.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Curry nodding her head is that right, Juanita?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Rosedale, Grandmont, north Rosedale and Southfield freeway is the guide on the left side so I believe we need to Zoom to 9 on the west side of the Southfield freeway

>> MR. MORGAN: This is M39.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is Southfield so just Zoom in a little bit so question with see the neighborhood names.

Or the roads.

So we are looking for

>> MR. MORGAN: Grand River to Southfield sed Szetela looking for Finkle or McNichols there it is right there so you see where the road comes through and starts curving down above where the nine is? That I believe is the upper edge of Rosedale. So we want to take that area.

If I've got this right

>> MR. MORGAN: This says outer.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you put on the layer of the neighborhoods again because that will make it easier

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm looking for specific neighborhoods that are community of interest that want to stay together and I want to make sure I have not split them.

Is that the same as that?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay at this scale I've got the...

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: There it is right there north Rosedale park that is the upper edge of it

>> MR. MORGAN: You want that to be put into 13.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: North Rosedale and you can take gray and under neat it should be Grandmont Rosedale park, all of that area we are going to put over into 13.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You could even probably go McNichols and Evergreen area too if you need to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That were split that is what I thought so we will put them altogether and leave Brightmoor with 9.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the voting precinct line here for this precinct goes into the Evergreen neighborhood.

Are you looking at taking those into 13?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would go to the block level and have you follow outer drive there.

That is what is curving outer green outer drive so the lower level is south of Evergreen outer drive where it comes up and curves all that is purple right now, I would put into 9, I'm sorry 13.

Because part of it is Rosedale

>> MR. MORGAN: This is portion of the Evergreen outer drive.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't want to go north.

That area right below outer drive, yes, straight across there and then just stop there

>> MR. MORGAN: You want this included in 13?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would take that little back block and put it back to Evergreen. So put it back to 9.

So on the other side of outer drive I want it with north Rosedale, the other part I want with 9.

>> MR. MORGAN: So these that I'm going to draw.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that whole...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: John can you help us understand what the blue squares and the orange dots mean when we are at that level

>> MR. MORGAN: I think that may be the same data you were looking at earlier with the non-Hispanic white.

The blue dots might be something else.

I'm not sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Szetela sed can we scroll back a bit to see where we are at? Yes, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go ahead and scroll back first because I want to look at the Berkeley area when we get there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So that is good.

We've got our line.

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It's just taking off those portions that specifically asked to be put into Detroit with the exception of Taylor but Taylor is pretty strong minority community as well.

So I think that it would fit there.

So short of people from Taylor or Lincoln Park or Ecorse or Allen Park coming out and saying they are uncomfortable with this I think this is what we have been asked to do with respect to those particular communities rather than just the broader Down River Area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, yeah so with that, yeah, I feel like you and I did a strong long collaborative piece and I feel like I'm done.

I appreciate the help.

And I think that's the best, yeah, I think I welcome other options but that feels like we are doing our due diligence there with the V RA.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: MC is done.

Yeah, that was a long collaborative work.

Now my question is I don't know.

I mean I could do more but I can certainly hand it off to Janice if you want to take over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 10, 12, 28.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What do you want to do Janice?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I would like to express my concern with Down River and kind of agree with Dustin maybe we should find a different way and I do understand what you are doing but I don't know this area.

And I would either like you two to continue unless Commissioner Weiss wants to do it because I would not know what to be doing in this area.

So I guess it's up to the three of you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The four of us because I know the area quite well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Juanita do you have any specific thoughts about Lincoln Park being more aligned with Detroit versus the broader Down River communities?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Lincoln Park, Ecorse, river Rouge and the south part of Detroit, they are right at each other's door.

And they have been like that for the last 50 years that I know of.

And so I think they are very -- they may like it.

I know that when we went to the town hall river Rouge wanted to be we cores and Detroit.

If I'm not mistaken is that right MC? You were there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We were.

And to be fair we're not supposed to bring this that town hall comment because not all Commissioners were there, but you are absolutely right that we did hear that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel like we had people at public hearings that echoed the same concerns because the concern in those communities are the pollution.

That is the factory area.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I agree.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The marathon factory and other factories and you know Delray is dealing with the same environmental is that those areas are dealing with and then when you add on in addition the Latino community which is very high in those areas, I think that those communities go together more than they do down with the rest of Down River.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Rebecca Delray is empty. There is no -- there is only maybe four or five homes in Delray. It's totally empty.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Juanita with your permission I'm thinking I'm interested in trying to hearing what Janice also said I'm real interested in trying to draw a District now carving out 28 and seeing if there is a way to what would it look like to draw the rest of Down River?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is under

>> MR. MORGAN: So with that in mind you've got several Directors at this moment that are in a partial state District 10 and 12 is mostly fully form and District 28 is way over.

Effectively what you got is you got the population for three districts there.

10, 12 and I'm sorry two districts.

Basically 10 and 12 so you would end up probably recreating 10 Down River population wise if you know what I mean.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. And I mean, I think that would make sense to put Romulus in with Inkster, Westland and Wayne. And that is going to change 12 then you will have to adjust 12 a bit

>> MR. MORGAN: Population balance if Kent looks how much 10 is off versus.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 126

>> MR. MORGAN: So District we still have District 14 which is a little bit to the north but basically the population from 10, the amount it needs versus how much 28 is over, you know you will end up going back to the state where you were before where you have this unassigned Monroe area if you understand what I'm saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah

>> MR. MORGAN: Then the last thing is 14 is out of alignment so you will have to 14 is going to have to get population probably from the south.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why is 14 not showing up on our matrix?

>> MR. MORGAN: He may have changed it to the ones that are in the view.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: In the view so where is 14? It's up north, okay

>> MR. MORGAN: Right that is where you took the Royal Oak out of it.

So for example 28 as it's drawn right now may have a little too much population and so that kind of has to flow up to where 14 needs it one way or another.

You have options of course.

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And I too think Farmington and Farmington Hills belong together.

If I remember correctly, they used to be one and then they split up into Farmington Hills and Farmington.

So they were originally just Farmington.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: My only concern with the proposed plan is we are going to then have to correct what Milford is in right now too if we add Commerce into it then we have too much population in Milford and then we are -- now we are creating a problem to solve a problem basically just a thought.

But I agree on Farmington, Farmington Hills. We received strong public comment on keeping them together so I would honestly go with Walled part of that and south Lyon instead of the Farmington area go ahead Janice.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: District 18 if you put Commerce back in the two can go north and eliminate those Townships up there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The consensus will be keep Farmington and Farmington Hills together.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Force us to go to Walled lake at this point. Yeah, let's -- delete the row of Townships that we did in Farmington area. I'm assuming that whole Township is Farmington or Farmington Hills.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it is.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Another concept too to think about is and I don't know if we would want to do this but 16 is a little over by 8,000 so you might be able to Bogart so population there and add it to 14 to shore up your Wixom and Walled lake. But you would have to be covering up Troy to do that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I hesitate in carving it up, let's see what walled lake is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign walled lake to 14.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You mentioned Troy over in District 16 it could be Clawson is split, not Troy.

So you might end up unifying Clawson if you took additional population from 16 into 14.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's take Clawson out and see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Clawson to 14.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah to 14.

I forgot about that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So with Walled 14 is 28,000 under

>> MR. MORGAN: Again we were talking Commerce is split but looks like the boundary between Wixom and Commerce. So the next town is Wixom.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commerce is not split, that is a whole Township.

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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.

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>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay and.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you have a comment? MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think maybe three.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's look at three.

Could you give me a little background please about the area in three and why you think that is an opportunity to elect District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's your turn MC you are on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is not my area and I'll do my best but the reason I thought so, yeah, and I haven't looked at the numbers as much but while you're here and because you asked is there another area that was the one that I remember. I don't think we are in Novi so and do we have Troy in this District too is this also the Troy area?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No. But I believe has Pontiac in it. Does it have Pontiac? Yes. So Southfield have pretty significant African/American populations. So we were pairing those together on purpose to sort of keep those communities together. I'm not sure if you just caught that. So Pontiac and Southfield have significant African/American populations. And then it's surrounded by on the eastern edge sort of more middle class, blue collar neighborhoods that tend to also align and vote democratic.

So Royal Oak, Pleasant Ridge, Ferndale, Oak Park. Ferndale and Oak Park in particular have a very strong LBGTQ population. And Oak Park has a large Jewish population. And all of those communities they sort of align democratically. And West Bloomfield has a pretty strong Chaldean and also Jewish population as well. So we were trying to group those together. Also there is a significant Asian population in the areas. And overall it tends to sort of vote democratic and vote for minority candidates where we thought we might...we may be able to leverage that combining these communities together.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Is there a District of Flint, Saginaw Area District or District on the west coast that you feel similarly might be an opportunity to elect District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not so sure about Grand Rapids and Saginaw. I think with what we redrew today for District 10 we have Flint and Saginaw together where again you have the concentrated African/American communities.

I think this might be the older map. So we just did a proposed redraw on District ten and District 11 and combined Saginaw with Flint in response to a bunch of public commentary we received about that so the population was 17% African/American.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to offer it would be useful to look at and compare because we did draw this for public comment and we redrew it and it would be good for analysis on both and help us understand what you are reading in the first one and reading in the redraw.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's look at the election results for ten, please.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

This may be useful for folks here.

This map this Latin X community COI it's a region of southwest Detroit with the largest Latin X Hispanic population.

It's a region with deep common roots on language the region used to be the Hart of the 8th District of the Michigan house of representatives.

In 1999 Bell DaGarza was the first Latin X immigrant to represent this District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What was that number again?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 25164 without the apostrophe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me try another 25164.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wish I knew this better.

Sorry.

It is in cluster maybe I have cluster C10 but I think that may be A10 for you all or what you have there maybe.

Does that help? No.

Doesn't help.

Okay sorry.

It does say community four.

So maybe that 425164.

Yes, that is the area.

Thank you.

And so I suppose let's just fill in the area and see what our population looks like and if we need.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall we start with District 1 or how do you want to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a great question.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a new plan, an empty plan there is nothing in it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What do you think y'all? I mean, I don't know where else to start.

Let's just start with one then.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Might as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign, I'm going to assign these Townships. Then I guess go into precincts and start doing the precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please. So at this point just do precinct level.

And if it goes outside of the red line that is okay.

We will do a rough population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will go to precincts now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I said precincts sorry.

Oh, yeah, Townships will be too much, never mind.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Rothhorn can you read the COI number one more time for the record.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, it's 25164.

Do you want me to give you the plan ID like the C? Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Rothhorn you can see this red line was the area of interest.

These are the precincts.

They cross over.

You know a little bit here and there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like we are still under population about 7,000 almost 8,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can go to the block layer and match those lines precisely.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not yet at in this point there is another community of interest 2841 P like a zip code and I want to find that to see if there is another, yeah, include this one but see if there is another one we can include.

So I don't have I'm not sure this is a COI layer.

So I don't think you can pull this up Kent for me so what I'm going to do is I am going to try to read and it's also southwest Detroit.

And yeah, we can't pull up zip code areas.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We don't have zip codes.

You need about 8,000 people approximately.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the communities and this is where the layer the neighborhoods layer maybe the Detroit neighborhoods layer would be useful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Neighborhood layer is in there as a dark gray.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have spring wells, Corktown, but there is Corktown and north Corktown so we may, yep, do you see that north Corktown? ..

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We want to include all of Corktown so let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

We have Hubbard farms in there.

We have okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think so I think it's it right there Hubbard something.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then it says downtown Detroit.

So I'm going to say that is the heart Plaza right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where everything intersects.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we are going to be over population.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And we are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We went outside that north Corktown a bit.

We can do blocks and make it perfect.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's try to stay with yeah so let's move to the block level, thank you, yeah.

Move out of the precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want me to unassign what was brought in by that precinct?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

Okay Kent we are going to so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have this is the red line that you started with.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we are going to remove everything to the east of that red line meaning this neighborhood, which is glad stone corridor maybe, what does it say? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Remove all of that that is east of the red line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we will just stick to that boundary, uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is Chadsey Condon.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I can't read it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's Chadsey.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is breaking up a neighborhood but it does preserve the community the Latin X community and it's not Chadsey of a neighborhood is not part of 48217 community of interest. I'm trying to draw or include here so apology for Chadsey for breaking up your neighborhood.

Brittini are you familiar with any reason that I should keep it together?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So one of the things about, well, I will speak for myself minimal native Detroit. We don't often use some neighborhood names that are not as notable so for my benefit to support you through this process Commissioner Rothorn I would have to see street names I see grand Boulevard and Warren but I would literally have to look at it looks like it's kind of by Martin Luther king high school but I'm not sure based upon my computer screen what I'm looking at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent can I ask you to take out that window on the upper left the layer name? We can make take that off so we can see more of the map, please? Thank you and that developer use only window too maybe.

Yeah, that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It takes a minute because we are going by blocks.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sure and I think to help Commissioner I want Commissioner Kellom to help me out here so if we can maybe turn off the yeah, we want to get to The Street level.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think you will be fine but I just want to double check because on Zoom we have a Zoom screen plus the desktop border plus the matrix and then the map in that little strip.

And I apologize for the train in the background.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Choo-choo, all aboard.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I believe that is where you want it to be. If it's not there is north Corktown all included.

Red line is here.

This red line is down here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You've got it, Kent thank you.

So at this point what we want to do is Zoom into the Chadsey Condon so Brittini can help me I want her to be able to See Street signs or names or did you say you thought it would be okay Brittini? You thought it would be okay, right.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think it will be okay but unless I see like a Particular Street or we Zoom out I'm just trying to figure out what area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Grand Boulevard west and Martin Luther king.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where my cursor is Jackson Street.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, okay I know where this is.

Yeah, you should be fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

So we are still about 75,000 short.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7500.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 7500 so this strip so what I want to do is I'm heading into downtown Detroit.

And I want to take all of it if I can but there is this strip along the river front that looks like it may belong to downtown.

Yeah.

Let's do that.

Just make sure we are contiguous there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did you say assign this area?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where are we going from here?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Highlight the precincts in downtown Detroit.

Like I said about 100,000 people there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a precinct.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where we are at? We are just under yep so don't go any more.

Oh, no, sorry that is not a 0 that is a 6 so I think we are at 3,000 yep so keep going thank you.

We are not going to include Greektown.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So assign this we have highlighted?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can assign this one.

Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are 4400 light.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Assign everything except Greektown if we can.

Yep.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a precinct and I will clear that and do it by blocks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: MC sorry just as a thought if you were going to not break up the Chadsey Condon neighborhood what is the alternative to doing that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm trying to do with this District primarily is respect the boundaries that are a two COI boundaries.

And the first COI was the Latin X community and they had that portion of Chadsey Condon.

So they didn't include the whole thing.

And the second COI I'm calling it the 48217 or they named it the southwest Detroit 48217 redistricting proposal.

And they included downtown Detroit and they did not include the Chadsey Condon neighborhood in full, they did include other neighborhoods like still well and Corktown.

And so that's why I'm preferring to try to include because I want to include that second community of interest which overlaps with the first.

So my intention here is to not go over population too much and get both COIs represented in one House District.

That's why I was splitting it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How much more are we going around in here?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are not because oh, wait, actually we are because we need more population yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Across here or how do you want to approach it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep, we will stay within the neighborhood boundaries and we are not going to include Greektown unless we need to.

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COMMISSIONER CLARK: That would get you close number wise only.
I will have to go back to Commissioner Vallette is that okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Down by numbers and just that District or Township or whatever right and a little bit left of your cursor is 2268 which is what you would have needed without using the other one you just added which is 2352 and whether that is a good fit we have to ask the Commissioners who live in that area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes.

>> I thought I remember John stating it's usually not a very good idea to make the population exactly equal because it limits where you can redraw the borders of the Senate District at the time in the future.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can speak to that a little bit.

You were so early into this region.

If I Zoom out a little bit look how much is not done.

I mean you have a long ways to go before you start really locking in districts in my opinion.

So whether you do or don't you know if you got a decent population, you know, a thousand here, 500 there, 50, doesn't really matter.

In my opinion this early.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'll stop here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Secretary of State do we need to ask questions.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Vallette I have actually two questions.
Would you describe what communities of interest were considered while drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Sorry, there is a large population of Middle Eastern in Dearborn so we were trying to keep those together.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

How did you take minority populations into account while drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: How did I take them into account? I guess I don't understand what you mean into account.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: How were they considered while drawing this District?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you have said it because of the Arab community.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Important to acknowledge the communities showed up as white.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You're welcome.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Vallette.

We are on to Commissioner Wagner.

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create something broader but I don't know what the population is and that is just a thought but Kent did you put the election results up for 5? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that is District five highlighted.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Could you go to the right please? And again to the right, please.

Thank you and can we go back and look at see the demographics for five, please? I don't have on the screen what is the total minority VAP for 5? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not for whatever reason not loading up but it would be about 26 something.

Because non-Hispanic white is 73, 62.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well based on the election results the election results are not all, virtually all seem to favor support for the minority candidate of choice. The margins and some of the elections are closer than in others, but this doesn't seem to be a District where the election results are all 2-3%.

Some results have a fairly broad margin.

So it seems that this is an example.

And I'm also presuming there is white cross over support here.

So this would seem to be a District that is provides an opportunity to elect.

It's obviously not a majority or minority and not a plurality District but it does seem based on the election results to be a District where minority voters can elect candidates of choice with white cross over support.

My only thought going forward is that finger, that it may be better to make it more substantial areas so that it's not so narrow.

But other than that, as it's configured it does appear to be an opportunity to elect District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, Dustin, the extension you have going south, I think it was a couple Townships or precincts, why did you do it on the west side and not along the Detroit river?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was just trying to get closer to 0.
I ran both scenarios.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I mean to me we blocked in that whole peninsula going up north a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well let me answer to that the reason why there is another reason as I why I put that jut right where it was.

I put that in there so Wyandotte river view gross Isle Trenton everything along those lines which would be the true cost line of the river for those particular communities would be represented by one particular house member.

And another reason for that particular division we can keep Taylor and South Gate whole as one District at this particular point.

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well 5 we would add -- those two we would add to 9 and then shift it over to 5.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two districts here add up to approximately 4300. These two add up to closer to 5,000.

Not quite.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 700, that is fine, we will do that for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lange do you want to put these two in 9 and these two in 5?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then these two into 5?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The northern Section above 9 the southern part of District 5 that is still a part of Wyandotte.

Do you want to keep that northern Section of Wyandotte or would you rather have Wyandotte be whole and sort of move in the area where the Hispanic community I think where those dots were?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine the 3043 and 2316 population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like that is the one in Wyandotte yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just those well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe all three of these are Wyandotte.

And at the blue line, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is my understanding yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Dustin can we take those three and shift over and pick up the rest of the Hispanic population then?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That would be fine by me.

05, 04 and 08, are we talking about the same ones?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, we are.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent, could you add those to 9, please?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I may briefly your point about keeping Hispanic community whole is good.

I think that is important and then the adjustments that Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Lange are making, I think are significant in that they are changing the demographics.

But also keeping the Hispanic community whole in 5 I believe and I think that is very important.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay ready for me to move this to 9?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The only thing we are doing here which really doesn't I think it would be fine is the reason why I had that finger type Jut coming down the south was to keep I think South Gate if I remember right South Gate and Taylor whole. But given public comments we received in regards to the Latin X community that should be fine to do.

I'm not married to the idea of keeping Wyandotte, I mean South Gate and Taylor whole. It will be close enough to whole minus two small little precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And Commissioner Lange I think you are initiating this so this is much appreciated.

You have the floor again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Exactly which of these precincts? We need approximately 8500.

So looks like that is Hispanic population there.

I'll mark them.

That is 2800.

300 Hispanic.

3600, 400.

So those are the precincts that are 10% or higher in Hispanic.

How do you want to get the 9 or so thousand?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Dustin 5 was yours originally so which way would you like to go?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right so those three precincts together is roughly 10,000, right? Pretty close? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right that one and this precinct comes up in here kind of splits it up, however you want to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 03 right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one right here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes and 09 which is the other one with the dot in it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 10,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Odd shape here I don't know what it's all about want to assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sure.

Now what we could do is take a couple off on the northern side.

If that would be okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange why don't you and Commissioner Witjes figure this out.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm here Dustin and open to suggestions.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If you are 10,000 over, oh, wait, no we are 1780 over. I think we are good.

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Let's keep that as is for now.

And then you should be able to continue moving down towards the Monroe County border.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 9 needs approximately 9700.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So do I add Dustin in your opinion would adding the rest of the South Gate area make sense with Down River or does that not make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: South Gate.

That is.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: 5 the odd shaped one.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Rockwood.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We could potentially do the South Gate but I don't know what the balance will be right now.

So we will find out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area of South Gate is 13,000.

You would not get that piece up there so it doesn't matter.

So that puts you certain percentage over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Approximately 4,000 which should be about 4.5% maybe. I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Can you scroll down a little bit more for me, Kent? 006 and 007 we could potentially remove these two precincts which are on the west side of District 9 on the south.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And keep the South Gate is that what you are proposing?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can have a secondary subset of Down River which would be the more inland precincts.

My thoughts so.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm open to thoughts because you know this area better than I do.

So, Kent, let's when that comes back up let's take out those two areas he just suggested to the south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Would that be right about, still has not come back. Let me it's still I don't know why it's taking so long.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is fine we are here until 6:00.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm well aware of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He said I'm well aware of that.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's still not.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I saw that coming.

Just a moment.

Okay I think we are back to where we need to be.

I believe that is where it was.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No, this is not where it was adjusted.

This is back to the finger.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No the finger was right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Was it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It was here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good.

It feels like it's missing something.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's missing this right here.

That is when it started acting crazy.

If I remember right and I'm sure you will let me know if I'm not, that was the three precincts we had put into 5 am I correct on that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see heads nodding.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can you bring back the dots to see what it looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oh, yeah, we can do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rhonda there was head noting in the room and Kent says does that look right and will you be able to help him answer that?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Was it 04 that is where one of the Hispanic dots are.

Was that included with 5:00?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think they are Hispanic dots right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me check again.

No, it's not.

It is at the town.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you turn on your mic please, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sure this is what we had and I think it changed thematic layer again.

Okay, no.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, that is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1780 speaking of unassigning or assigning.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, going to unassign to the south the two districts to the west that kind of stick out, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This or that?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That where your cursor is on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so 19,000 this is a Township boundary line is the reason why I stopped.

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>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Those two that you just removed, Kent, on the very south that line the border those need to be added back in, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This stays in?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, those two stay in.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get this straight.

Just a moment.

Just a minute I want to make sure I'm not getting ready to have another problem.

Okay now is that correct Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The idea is you were now going to come up into here?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will select them and you can see what need to be done.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Selected area is 13,528 and you need 15,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay go ahead and assign those, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're 1.96% low.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is pretty good.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, I think at this point we will leave it in case something needs to be added or adjustments are going to be made.

The reasoning for this particular District is we had public comment about keeping the Down River Areas together.

And also taking into account the Hispanic population in number 5 and adding more of that population back into 5 to potentially give them a voice in voting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Lange.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: One thing that between the two districts that kind of irk me here is the one little sliver of south gate to the north that is dis-contiguous with 9 and 5. And would want to potentially see if it could fit into 5.

No, because I'm over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do we want to highlight the census blocks and see how many people are in that area?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Please.

Well, isn't that a precinct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a precinct so I will just select a precinct. It's 1800 people so that will throw you right around 4% I'm thinking.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, so you need 46,000 more people.

The democrat graphics are highlighted.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out, please.

If I continue going north, are we going to be able to assist ourselves in percentages?
Can we do a 11? Do a 11 again and go north of where we are at and let's see what it looks like? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

That is 38,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett, I think we have the dots on for the African/American.

At this point I might switch to Asian to see this is where the Bengali community also extends and so what you might want to do as you get into centerline and this area Warren, I think one or two streets over may break up that community unintentionally so we may want to have the dots and see if we can keep the Bengali in this northern Section together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So District 11 as it's drawn right there has 40,000 in it. You need 46.

It's 13% non-Hispanic black voting age population.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's put the Bengali dots on Asian.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We don't have Bengali but we do have Asian.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: As you can see it's south a little bit of your District.

And also north well, you will be getting let me click on it and get an idea of the numbers 500, 30%.

800, 24%.

700.

That is Asian alone.

No other race is involved.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Make that 10 and let's see what the total looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Margin.

You still need 6,000 poll.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is that looking like, Bruce?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think Commissioner Lett this is an interesting looking District.

You certainly have made a lot of changes.

Of course we will look at the election results.

But I've been following what you have been doing.

I think this is a very interesting looking District.

And I mean that positively.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out so I can see the whole District.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to turn off that one layer so you can better view the.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Uh-huh.

All right.

You are moving your cursor too fast, slow down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I understand.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right to the east of our -- there, that line.

See what we have there for population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1700, 1500, 584, 32, 37, 3800.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay put those in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Steve, I just happen to notice the one down at the bottom that's only 424 people.

That split a neighborhood, one of those neighborhoods so you might want to consider that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't want to interrupt Steve too much

Commissioner Lett excuse me.

But I don't know if this is too much of a plug.

I appreciate what Bruce is saying.

And I understand why Commissioner Lett you're choosing to draw it this way.

I just wanted to highlight that initially.

Just in terms of the demographics like that central area of Detroit we are starting with and it's extending all the way up.

What is the City up there? Is that Madison heights? Led Lett at the north.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT:

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I didn't know how far.

No, Madison heights is over there.

What is that? Sterling Heights maybe? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Centerline Madison heights Warren that is Hazel Park right there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay I will let him continue but that was just a preliminary thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The dots are the Asian community; is that correct? So just noting right that Bangla Town, Hamtramck area, yeah, it would but I wonder if there is a way to not corrupt the demographics in 8.

Sort of keep a community more together just you know one of those areas I would love to explore, play with.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Move down, please.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm picturing Redford in my mind and I know how it kind of is made up.

And the largest part of the Black population I think is to the south, to the west rather I'm sorry.

And when we cross over, is that A Street?

>> MR. MORGAN: This is telegraph right here.

It's 24, that is telegraph.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, I think it becomes more white populated.

So let's see.

Let's take let's go west.

Let's go this way.

>> MR. MORGAN: So do you want -- I can't see what you're pointing to.

Just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so when you say go west do you want to start with a portion of Redford? Or do you want to start with a portion of Detroit?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's start with a portion of -- let's start with a portion of Redford.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so what I will do is I will just click one precinct or two in so you can see where we are.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is basically this is telegraph road and this is 8 mile so this is the County boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then this precinct is inside Redford on the north end.

And that is the whole Township.

So part me.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: One second.

We will reverse that.

So that gives you an idea of the whole Redford Township has been split, the two districts 14 and 15 like I said have a portion of Redford.

And then just as a reference this is the northern most point of Redford Township.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then this portion is also Redford Township that is about to click in here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, let's click in it, okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And this again if you would take the entire Township, it would be within this boundary like that.

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And.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't want to split.

Let's take the entire Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to click in the balance of Redford so you can see what it looks like.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay and how much population that represents.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How much population is that?

>> MR. MORGAN: It says 23,000, which is about 25% of a State House District. So 23,000 people you need to add 68,000 and you know you can go.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: To the right.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can go towards Detroit.

This will probably be too much population if you took all of it but I don't know for sure.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's take part of Detroit that is closest to Redford.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

Right up in there.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think we discussed before this is Grand River and the area around Brightmoor if I'm not mistaken.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay can you fill that in and see what happens?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so filling in on the south? This area?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so I'm going to take these areas here that go up to Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Not Southfield, the Township and Southfield road.

So this is between telegraph and Southfield.

So that little area I took in was about another 25% of the District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay so I will need about 30 what is that about 30,000 more?

>> MR. MORGAN: It looks like 50,000 more.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 50,000 more.

>> MR. MORGAN: You could continue going to the east if you like towards lodge or you could fill in the area up towards Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's go to the east.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay continuing east.

It's calculating so now that leaves you 30,000 short.

We are just I'm going to click these two in so you are right up to Michigan 10, which is lodge.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, and the population that I need now?

>> MR. MORGAN: Is about 30,000.

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- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's keep going west.
- >> MR. MORGAN: East I think you mean.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: East, keep going east, okay, yeah.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Juanita can I give you some feedback?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sure.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It looks good.

This sort of is the pattern that we've been using.

And as you right I think if what you want to do, what we were looking at as we drew the districts east to west particularly 14 and 15, with the demographics and making sure we were not concentrating the Black population in any District we were drawing, and so as you know right it gets whiter as we go west.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I just wanted to offer Redford Township and I think you took that because you knew that was it to keep whole, to keep Redford and reflects what we heard from a public speaker this morning.

If you want to pick up the rest of your population because you are at District 17, do you see the minority numbers or the non-Hispanic Black numbers? 71, 72, almost 72%.

And District 15 and 14 right were closer to 63 but 14 is also 70% you are in the range. It's looking good as you know the further west you go the more white.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry this is Rebecca Szetela.

I would also suggest, I'm pretty sure that curve that outer drive where you just have that little bump up, I'm pretty sure that is the northern edge of north Rosedale and that community wanted to stay together so if we could just grab those blocks there, I think that would honor that community of interest before you move west.

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

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Szetela I just need a little clarification.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: See the freeway coming down 39 is Southfield and outer drive and see how it kind of curves as it comes west of the freeway that little block of neighborhoods that are just south of the curve so west of 39, south of the curve for outer drive.

So a little further down.

Actually hold on I will show you on the map.

>> MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right here this is outer drive.

This is north Rosedale.

>> MR. MORGAN: Taking this in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just this little block right there.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you and I believe the Department of State staff will have some questions for you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Madam Chair. Commissioner Curry, and anyone as well who assisted with the drawing of this District could you describe what communities of interest were considered while drawing this District? Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The communities of interest that was considered was the Black population and the white population.

We wanted to have them more contiguous and their COIs.

And somebody help me out.

What else.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Don't forget we were reserving the Rosedale, Grandmont neighborhoods by keeping them together.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thanks Rebecca.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry you were listening to public comment this morning.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I did and want to keep Redford more or less whole.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Stop cutting up Redford.

All right at this point we will move on to our next Commissioner,

Commissioner Eid is on his way but Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Since this District still comprised part of Detroit, I'm wondering if we want to look at or Mr. Adelson wants to look at the political data.

And I'm wondering when we stop that.

Like we are not going to do that for every District throughout the state I'm assuming because it will not be relevant.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

That is a great point.

The focus on the election districts or the election results is going to be concentrated primarily in and around larger cities where there is a larger diversification of population. So, yes, that as you move out further into other areas of the state, we are not going to be looking at the election results for each location, absolutely.

So, yes, let's look at the election results but before that, if it's okay, you know a couple of points I wanted to make about 17.

17 the population has diversified as there have been changes that have been made.

I want to point out and that will be confirmed with the election results that the Black population is still pretty high.

That will have to be addressed going forward.

And I would also suggest that as the mapping continues on any given District, and there are reminders about population, equal population and looking at equal population.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Personally I think part of Casca the northwestern part should probably be not in there.

And I would move up into, if possible, move into St. Clair and Marysville because it will bring you just short of Port Huron which is a big City.

Casco.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wouldn't it make more sense for Marysville to be in with Port Huron though?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm trying to think of any public comment about this particular area.

So can anybody help me with that? We received so much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not particularly, no.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

I can't either.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You helped keep that the main public comment I think we got was that St. Clair and the community around St. Clair shores so St. Clair, the lake, so I think you've done a nice job of actually respecting public comment at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So my question then based off from >> COMMISSIONER CLARK's recommendation, should I take out Casco and try and add St. Clair to this particular one? Se Szetela Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think there is this, yeah, so I'm hesitant because it is rural like you were saying, Doug.

I think Rhonda right.

It's right to break up a Township at this point just to keep it sort of shoreline it feels like it's, yeah, maybe too much.

But.

>> MR. MORGAN: In terms of population if you were to take all of Casco out that is 4,000 and if you put all of the village of St. Clair in if you wanted to do that that would bring you closer to the population ideal.

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

Let's try that, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will bring you within 200.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: 212.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, I'm good with that.

Any other comments from any other Commissioners before I give why?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Seeing none in the room.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: The reasoning for this District is to keep it a waterfront District.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we will look and see the difference, how it shifts the second District.

So if we can have those numbers the demographic numbers up or be able to at least view them for 2, 8 and 10 as we make this shift, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I did find that map so.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Kim will make the changes then I've got the original one I can reference at the same time if you're looking at, you're looking at voting age non-Hispanic Asian or something like that is that what you are focusing on?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, thank you that is a great idea.

>> KIM BRACE: Adding these into 10.

All of Hamtramck into 10.

>> MR. MORGAN: The exhibits 10 is 10.4% non-Hispanic Asian voting age. And what will happen is you know you're going to throw the new District ten out of population alignment.

So you might have to take something off.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sure of course.

>> KIM BRACE: District 10 with those three precincts in that is 18%.

You said it was 10% before?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is correct 10.4.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it's increased to 18.

>> KIM BRACE: Right but you could take out some white areas or whatever and get the concentration up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Again I'm not sure I'm making myself clear I want to read the data and don't want to change the District at all.

And I think what Commissioner Szetela is recognizing the COI that was drawn that would be Bangla Town where we would not interrupt or break up that COI community of interest would be more than just the three districts in Hamtramck that you've drawn. It would be, yeah.

>> MR. JOHN MORGAN: Balance of Hamtramck the whole Township.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and a couple districts to the west just to see the difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's actually north too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's north too.

We will just reverse it but I want to see the numbers and sort of record them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: John and Kim it's this whole area.

This and this.

>> KIM BRACE: This area right in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This whole area.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think because we are doing with the House District this is where the struggle comes in so to reach all the way up like that, we start to go over population and there is not a lot we can take off north that's not you know a high Asian population as well.

So we would have to maybe thin out the neck going up I guess that would probably be the only way.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or look at areas to the south so consider that.

>> KIM BRACE: That is 21 up at the very top.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right but I think because of the percentages in the Asian population and the dots we are seeing I think we can assume that it's maybe not as diluted as we thought.

Additional population or is that wrong on my part.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you look to the south there may be population that's less Asian.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay yeah so really, I'm trying to just get a data point here.

I don't want to spend, yeah, we are getting into the.

>> KIM BRACE: You also do that by taking around the airport.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: In that area there and taking that out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The airport is part of Bangla Town.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I understand this was not reshaping districts other than to look to see how this alteration changes the election results.

So I had not envisioned changing the District and working towards equal population. This is just like a test run to see does this distinct area, does that shift change the results? So that was my understanding.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think what they are suggesting is because we are over population, we may actually have something that feels significant like we might not get the same data point if we did get closer to true population is that accurate?

>> MR. MORGAN: There are two approaches to this at this point and we are hypothetically testing this out you could reduce the District by approximately the correct population.

Or the other thing you could do is you could look at the raw totals of the Asian community that are in there with the assumption that you're not going to be taking out a lot of Asian population.

So in other words even though the District is overpopulated generally you have the community intact.

So if you just look at those raw totals that will give you an idea of how many of the population is in the District.

So here we are looking at percentages so move away from the percentages and just look at the raw numbers which is all on another tab of the software, if that makes sense.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Why don't you show us that? And let's go to the election results for ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: Theoretically once you encapsulate the community you will reduce I only a little bit by taking out something that is not in the core of that community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, yes, I think I understand.

>> MR. MORGAN: Whatever that is. To Mr. Adelson's point, you may be effectively reconfigure districts if you did that and may want to reevaluate changes but just for purposes of getting the numbers right for the community the raw numbers will give you an idea.

>> KIM BRACE: Let me go and create a District 21.

Because that's what's really going to show I think what you're looking at doing.

>> MR. MORGAN: Encapsulating the community in a newer District?

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Instead of doing that, just pull up election results for this 13 right now and see what we have.

Because we already included the community in question being Hamtramck.

It's going to include Bengali people and include many Yemeni people so let's pull it up and see where we are at at this point then we can go from there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that is a good idea because I think we have already done what MC wanted to see.

Let's just look at the election data and let Bruce take a look at it.

Here is a question did we look at what it was before the change? Did anyone write that down? Just curious.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think John has that.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't have that at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Oh, shoot.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That probably would have been a good first step before we embarked on this but we can reverse it all and go back so let's see what we have. And this time write it down.

>> KIM BRACE: So we are looking at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Highlighted District is District 10.

>> KIM BRACE: This is looking at ten.

Now we can look at the election results.

On that side.

So if we look at the primary data there so in District 10 the way you have it composed you have El-Sayed taking 41% carrying the District the way it is currently composed. It has too many people obviously but clearly, you've got you know that was part of his strength also is what we are saying.

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And take but I don't want to take 2064 from 21.

But it makes sense to keep all of Royal Oak together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I mean if you take it away from 21 you are taking away 2000 people.

And it's over by 800 so it's really going to end up being about 1200 under which is not a huge amount.

And then you would be keeping Royal Oak together.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So let's go ahead and do that, please, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is 1.3% under and 23 is now 4150 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: 2532 at the top the north Section if you would take that off for me, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we are missing kind of hard to see that 12306 Section that is also part of Royal Oak.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2306 is also Royal Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, I heard that.

Go ahead and add that, please, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23 is 4.28% high which is 3924.

These two precincts together would be about 4,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I know, I was looking at those.

I was actually looking at Clawson the 1916 and 1956 but I didn't know where the 1956 ties into what we are looking at right now mainly Royal Oak and Madison heights.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All these are Clawson.

And Clawson.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I can only see part of the light blue outline. I can't really tell I think it's Clawson I can't really tell where the rest of the outline is. I'm wondering if it's where we -- where the line is.

But.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Clawson line is follow my cursor.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Like a little box.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was wondering about that so we are kind of breaking that up two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12345 voting precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK? Okay, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well since we are over now why don't we take out the two in Clawson.

That will make us about even.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's going to be more than that though.

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>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It would be four.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it would be four because it's going to be 8,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's grab 5285 at the top and whatever is to the left of that west.

So if you take out those four Clawson precincts, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And these two here?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please aren't those two Clawson as well? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.

And then if you would add, yes, I know.

And to the north of 2306 that little jagged area, oops, now I can't see.

Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll get it back.

Just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It's okay Oakland, yeah, 5285.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct is split way up there so we will do it by blocks and take.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I have a quick question if we put Clawson back and those four and what about taking out Madison heights.

It should get you pretty close population wise.

So if you put 2045, 2940, 1916 and 1956 and take out Madison heights which is 4319.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The whole of Madison heights is almost 30,000 people.

That's just part of Madison heights.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well that is what I was wondering would that work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are just talking that one precinct of Madison.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area is 8800 so if you took that out you would be 3800 high.

Take that out and you would be 5, 6, 700 low.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And the only problem with that was that I heard that Madison heights and Royal Oak they wanted to remain together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is not all of Clawson you still have this part.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One more in Clawson.

One thing to consider is to go west above the number 10 District.

All of Clawson, all of Madison heights and all of Royal Oak here and extend it on top of ten and see where we are at.

I don't know where we are at number wise.

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- >> CHAIR SZETELA: You are going in Troy.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is not true.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: You are going the other way.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to break up Troy.

I mean that is a consideration.

That is going into Warren, I think.

The problem with that is in the Warren area gets into too many districts, you know. You know like.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I personally would split part of Clawson or take that Section off Madison heights.

Either one of those will work.

- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Just take the bottom two precincts under 2040 and 1956.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take these two out.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Of Clawson.

No, no, add the two bottom precincts of Clawson, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Want to add those two into 23?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

It's going to be right on the number or pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It's going to be close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 37 people off.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'll hold there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right I think Department of State staff might have some questions for you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No questions, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, are you satisfied with this District? Erin?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right we will move on to Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Could I point out one thing we moved a couple precincts out of 18 and it dropped considerably District 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so yikes.

Below.

How did we end up doing that? I must have missed it.

Can you show me what the population on 17 is? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 17 is a little low.

Below ideal.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry to be clear you're talking just the 1105.

You're down by 3200.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So what is the total of 2 and 3 it's the total is 3 except for the 2690.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right 2690 this would be 3,000 and this would be 2690 over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So put those two in?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I would put the whole remainder of the Township in and you will end up a little over but you will be okay then you can put rose with Holly which is something that Janice has expressed that you think should happen, right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That speaks we would be a little overpopulated which is an earn concern that Commissioner Clark expressed about having so many Districts that were under populated so that might be a nice balance at this point to be overpopulated.

We are still within deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out John and see if we need to get Richard's eraser out.

40 is good.

34 is a couple thousand high.

37 is good.

36 is good.

I'm happy.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a comment and this is to actually a question to Janice.

You appeared to be working on the south side of 34.

And what we ended up doing is basically keeping what was and adding to the north side of 34 is that acceptable to you?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, it is.

Because I agree that South Lyon really doesn't belong with Melford.

There is quite a distance between the village and the City of South Lyon.

There is a lot of property between there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just want to make sure you were own board with it. Okay thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay so we adjusted 40, 34, 37, probably going to 25 for all we know.

Those were done to meet the population requirements, also to keep the districts as compact as possible taking into consideration the population requirements.

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And as well as keeping the communities of interest as we understand them to be in those areas taking those communities of interest into consideration from our personal notes.

And the MGGG comments.

So that is where we ended up on those three.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thumbs up.

Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

Commissioner Orton we are to you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, I just want to say what I really want to do is redo Brighton because it looks like we split it two different ways and neither of those ways are good but I'm not going to do that.

We will save that for another day.

I think we need to go back over to Sterling Heights area and finish up that little area near Detroit that is not assigned yet.

So, John, if you could take, yeah, where it says Warren all the unassigned in that Township and then Sterling Heights Township.

I know we received communities of interest about Sterling Heights area and Warren. But I don't know if we have those overlays that we can see in that area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I can bring some of those in, in a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you have a specific one you wanted to reference?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't at this moment just to complicate things more do we have the Asian thematic bubbles?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton C1037 is the Bangla community that stretches into Sterling Heights area C1037.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay John, can you find that one? Thank you, MC.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry you said 1037 under the plan ID or?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, I'll try to confirm that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Could be that was a very recent comment possibly.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is possible.

It's after, I believe it was submitted after August.

I have another one that is just not an overlay.

I just have I'll give it to you the paper version that I have.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay thank you John.

For now can you choose the Township of Sterling Heights?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 85% over.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Zoom out a little.

Okay, so the community of interest I can't think of the word compilation that we have right here, it doesn't actually go up this high.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want me to unassign the part of the northern Section?

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay Zoom out a little.

So I think.

Okay so where is 14 mile road? Does anyone know? Does that say 14? I can't tell.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 15.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's down.

I saw it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me adjust a couple settings and see if I can help with this.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think the blue is 14; is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It looks like that to me also.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think I view this as 17 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think it's under where I can see is 14 mile, the blue line down.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, that is the border of the Township, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so can you Zoom out a little bit? So, okay, where District 10 is, according to the map that was submitted for Bangladeshi community of interest it goes clear up to 14 mile.

I wonder if we should adjust that.

Or why it was drawn like that, number 10.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think it was related to population probably.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay can we see the active matrix for District 10? Okay are you able to just select that area, yeah, right there, up to 14, just to see what the population is? And we don't need that Section on that road.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like this is the voting precinct goes like that.

So it's just under 4,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> MR. MORGAN: That represents 4%.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you decide to add that it will allow us to help the Bangla community in Hamtramck and the surrounding area it would help us put them not more than two districts if you decided to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you also grab that little piece to the, yeah, the little pink piece and assign it to 10 for the moment.

>> MR. MORGAN: For the moment?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, assign to 10.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, remember 10 is one of those spokes coming out of Detroit.

So we got to be careful with the V RA issues associated with changing that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay we can check that after.

Yeah, and 10, please, the,

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>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so just to clarify I put that in a holding District just to get the population for you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If you could mark 80 with 10.

So I might be messing everything up since we did this as a spoke coming out from Detroit, but I'll just try to include this complete Bangladeshi community of interest and then we can change it back if we have to.

So according to this go down just a little bit when you can.

Let me see south a little bit.

It does not need to be this wide to include this community of interest anyway.

Could we have the Asian thematic on? Now I don't know whether to call it bubbles or dots.

We have called it both.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like the idea of calling it theme.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: For what it's worth Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Orton you are within the variation.

We are just overpopulated in District 10 at this point so if you want to continue drawing your District, I think you are well, I think you have not done anything that isn't.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's not displaying the theme.

Give me a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We will move on then.

I will leave 10 like this for now since we are under populated in a lot of places, we can work that out later.

So I will add or I will do whatever needs to be done to 41.

Can I see that on the matrix? Okay so we are very high and I'm not familiar with this area.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think you want to take off from the eastern side. I believe that there is something like mound road.

There is a couple roads that one north-south, Chair Szetela you are nodding your head. Yeah, but I feel like you want to stay and keep 41 sort of running north, south up from 10.

So you are unselecting sort of the eastern edge of your current District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay go ahead and help John know where.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm trying to reopen the plan and see if that affects things.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Anyone familiar with this area understand is mound road the actual road we should be looking for?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Wondering if Commissioner Clark has input.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Mound road is a major road in the area so it can be used. I think though the original 14 mile road probably would have been a little better. But mound road is also you know a major dividing road.

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That is I guess that is the thought.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You could also take that little bit of Brownstown that is not assigned and put it into 16 because you do have a little room there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay all the unassigned area right there is 37,205.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay Zoom out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I also think we've been trying to get the populations as close to 0 as possible, the population deviation.

But I'm thinking with the information that we received from Julianne maybe we shouldn't be as worried about that.

We should be more worried about communities of interest.

I was going to say but also Voting Rights Act.

You know, those things might come to play in this.

So maybe we shouldn't be trying to get it as close to 0 as I was thinking anyway.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I wasn't even considering that since we have 25,000 people.

That's not even -- that is about 25%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 37,000, unassigned is 37.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You could put in unassigned and take off Huron and ash.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I guess the question is in my mind are these -- is this an area of Down River that we want to include with nine and work from there? Or is this something we want to put in 61 and shave off the bottom? I mean, there has got to be some reason other than stick it somewhere.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I have a couple public comments that talked about sort of little Down River.

I don't think there was anything consistent meaning I don't think there is one consensus that, you know, that this.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This area that is unassigned which is considered Down River belongs, yeah, ideally it would stand in Down River I think you are absolutely right.

And to associate it with Berlin and French town and among the coast there, it fits better it will fit better is good.

I don't think it has to be with nine or 16.

I think it can fit there.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right Kent let's put it in 61 and then we will see what we have to do to cure that problem.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can't hear him.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Go through as many as you can and District 18 there were some issues there too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: District 18.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If District 1 in this house map is okay, with the, yeah, and it's a low but it's a high significant Hispanic population and this is a COI that did represent and I remember drawing this one in particular there because a Latin-X COI community of interest and the other I think they call themselves 48217 zip code and this completely allowed both districts both to be in there and so this is a COI specific District for those two.

And with you know significant Hispanic majority or I guess minority.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, it's a plurality Hispanic District.

Because we don't have any data on cohesion Hispanic voters and Black voters who really can't analyze that specifically, then and as you said this is a this incorporates COIs from the Hispanic community in this area.

So what I would suggest that we do is well a couple things I'm reluctant to change the Hispanic population and suggest that they can only elect at a certain percentage because we don't really have analysis about that.

But what I would suggest is we look at the bellwether elections for this District and particularly 2018 gubernatorial primary that may suggest some voting pattern differences if there are any between Black and Hispanic populations but we can confirm the elections look good and we can move on to someplace else.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We did look at elections and we did say yes this is an opportunity to elect District.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Significant differences and, yeah, so it sounds like what we can't get is yep, it's VRA compliant and won't get that is that true?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: We won't get that as absolute right now but we can get it looks good for now.

That is about as far as I'm willing to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I understand and we will wait for voting rights compliance.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: We will wait for Dr. Handley and talk to her later about voting pattern analysis.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: And some additional election analysis but for now I think typically as you know the dispositive issue with Voting Rights Act analysis from two is election results does the minority community have the ability to elect.

So I recall looking at that.

I can't -- I don't know if there have been changes since the last time I looked at this.

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So if not, let's look at the bellwether and see what bellwether elections and see what they tell us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we go ahead John can you bring up?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry I will bring up the elections.

It will just take a moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we are looking at the focused or bellwether.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to stay here on the screen for just a moment before I switch over.

So that Mr. Adelson can just kind of look at the adjacent districts.

He is doing a quick scan of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN:

>> MR. MORGAN: Adjacent 2, 3, 5, 9 and some extent 4 only in one area and we will look at the election results.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Bellwether election.

>> MR. MORGAN: And we are focusing on District 1.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: President 2020 Biden is 85%.

Trump is 15.

Clinton is sorry 87, 88 to 12.

Obama is 92 to 8.

And then in the U.S. Senate Peters is 85 James is 15.

Stabenow is 87.

James is 13.

U.S. Senate 14 Peters is 93.

Land is 7.

Stabenow is 93.

Hoekstra is 7.

For Governor Whitmer is 89.

Schuetz is 11.

Governor 2014 is 85 Snyder 15 for Snyder.

Attorney General Nessel 88.

Leonard is 12.

For Attorney General 14 is Totten is 86 and Schuetz is 14.

And then for Secretary of State we have 89 for Land and 11 sorry 89 for Benson 11 for Lange and then for Dillard is 86, Johnson is 14 for the Governor's race El-Sayed is 36 and 37 and Thanedar is 30 and Whitmer is 33, 34.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: John can you pull up excuse me the by race for districts the districts you mentioned 9, 5, 3, 2 and 4, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at the adjacent districts and I guess we are looking at the composition of 2, 3, 5, and 9.

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Okay so I guess what we can do is look at VRA compliance.

>> MR. MORGAN: I could load it as a separate plan if you want to look at the statistics is that advisable?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It seems worthwhile because our goal is to do VRA analysis and see if there is another set or a significant changes that will allow us so maybe before you load it up maybe we should write down the numbers or.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think there is a spreadsheet with that information if I'm not mistaken.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So if you scroll out I can kind of explain what I was doing here and may be helpful before we move on to it so I was trying to fix districts 15, 14 and 17 because they are highly concentrated.

69% -- 76% African/American.

65% African/American.

And then 71% African/American.

And so I was trying to fix that and then also minimize the number of splits that we have in Livonia and Redford because right now we have five splits in Livonia and three in Redford so in order to accomplish that I moved what was originally just a District for Dearborn which was three which is basically almost all of Dearborn. And I grabbed those parts of Detroit that also have significant Arab population so that would be the Warren area and then clay town and then because I was able to do that, I was able to reposition 17, 14 and 15 and then I also had to reposition a little bit of 2 and 1 I did not touch anything only the east side so 10, 12, 6, 4, I did not mess with those at all but readjusted the boundaries so that it brings it down to three splits in Livonia versus five. Two splits in Redford versus three. We still have two splits in Dearborn which is what we had originally. And you now have two splits in Dearborn Heights. And then end up dropping the African/American population by 15% in those three districts.

So the districts come down to one is 50%, one is 61%, and the other is at 56%.

And I think what I'm really curious is Bruce's analysis on that particularly for Dearborn. Because I think with this configuration you are still preserving that community of interest of the Arabic population because there is so much cross over voting I think it should be okay. But obviously you're the expert on that. And minimizing the highly concentrated you know like I said the bacon strip districts that we had because we hadn't gone into Dearborn.

If you go into Dearborn, you can solve that problem and minimize Livonia split and minimize Redford splits.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To that point I think that I remember when we looked at District three before and the 2018 gubernatorial primary that really revealed some the potential preference of the Arab American community so we can see if that election result has changed and we can let's just start there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Start that and what that means we need John to look.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Look at here first.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we look here first.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Look how it is right now.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I'm not mistaken the District numbers are the same.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We numbered them as much as the same as possible to make it easy.

>> MR. MORGAN: Would it make sense in a spread sheet side by side for some of the information.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we look at the election results in the spreadsheet then too?

>> MR. MORGAN: I can copy.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's bring it.

>> MR. MORGAN: We bring up Commissioner Szetela's plan up separately if she has the entire active matrix, I can just use the sheet she had or just bring up the plan and then export those you know 10-12 districts and then have them on top of each other so you can look at them together.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It sound like it's worth -- I'd be interested in seeing it and I think it would be a useful tool please help us do that thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I did send over the excel sheet but my caveat on my program I don't have that primary of El-Sayed so I don't know if that makes a difference if you need to separately export it.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I bring it in here then it will add the matrix in and it shouldn't be a problem.

So it will just take a moment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So if I recall the original plan had two districts in Dearborn that were won by El-Sayed one was like pretty significant and one was right over 50%. It was like 50.2% or something like that.

But generally I like the changes that you made, Commissioner Szetela. And I think, yeah, let's just see if those election results stand.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: As I recall with the prior duration of District 3, that El-Sayed won by he had more than 60% support.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought it was 69%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yeah, so that was we have not seen anything like that. Anywhere around the state.

So I think as we talked about at the time that the election results suggest there is some room to play because it's not like he won by 50% or he lost and he had 48%.

So there is a margin so I think the telling point will be if we are still within the safe zone. If he still wins and if he still wins then I think on that metric that's good.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Just want to confirm this looks like the plan that you wanted to import, okay? So then when I go to the election data here, it has your District so we will move the whole Section over to a spreadsheet.

I will just bring up the other plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela since you are next after me maybe it makes sense to hand it over at this point in terms of taking terms is that okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can wait to see what he says if what I have done is worse, we may not be making any changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: For moving things along let's look at sorry is this election data? No of course I did the wrong one. Yeah, just a moment.

No, I put the election with the population.

Yep, so elections let's try that again.

It was close.

I think this is what we are looking for.

This is just on the election results.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And I think in general what I'm looking at is like the democratic republican sort of summary and I think what we are looking for is try to compare the change that right we want to go all the way to the right to get to that primary election and see El-Sayed and the result.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thanedar and I can't remember.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And Whitmer, yep.

And the Districts 12 and 3 are on the top.

So the summary there is not an appreciable.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2% in District 2. 8% in District 3, which I would not say is negotiable but it's still a strong win there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is 8%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Still it's 9%, that is a strong win.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How do you interpret the results?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I want to make sure I had the right District.

So which is District I see and I did not have the right District so District 3 has 67.6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 3 and 7.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think three it's virtually the same.

It may be like .5 higher, so the change did not affect what we are referring to be the Arab American preference for El-Sayed.

And what was the other District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 7.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 7 so let's wait until we can see.

>> MR. MORGAN: The map preference is here we are talking District 3 and District 7 so this orange version of District 3 is what's in the House District plan.

And then this more vertical version of District 3 is in Commissioner Szetela's revisions and this is the revised District 7.

So we will go back to the spreadsheet.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think we looked at three and let's check out 7.

Yeah so 7 appears it's almost 4-1 for El-Sayed who also defeats Whitmer so I think they both show from our inference that Arab Americans elect their candidates of choice in three.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we look at it a little closer? What I read on line 15 under RAS for District 7 yep, I'm reading El-Sayed at 46% and Whitmer at 42%. So not overwhelming.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: No it doesn't have to be.

So if it's El-Sayed won by 2.7%.

So that is correct.

It's not overwhelming but it does not have to be overwhelming.

This is the only election result we have where we can intuit about Arab American preferences.

Again, we are inferring.

I think it's a pretty good inference. So they can't elect handily and free. They can't elect more narrowly in 7, whether or not that is something that you would like to look at later to see if 7 can be shrank a little bit is an initial consideration. But I'm not seeing that that is a problem since they can elect and that is the threshold question that you have to answer.

So clearly, they can.

Whether or not you want to look at that later as something to tinker with a little bit is a different question.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point it's 4:00 and what I'm thinking about Commissioners is you know I think Commissioner Eid has sort of weighted and said he would like to look at it, I feel like I want to do a round Robin part of me knows it's important we as Commissioners be able to make, yeah, expedient positions and I think Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Eid both had experience in history in this area and because we are dealing with VRA compliance I'm tempted to say I'd like to suggest that we sort of make like a switch.

But again it feels like this is important to talk about because we've got about half an hour left.

I don't want to right this is my turn but I want to frankly like get other considerations and that is my suggestion and I will leave it at that.

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I believe those maps give the Muslim community great representation.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Numbers 19, 20, 21 and 22 are not currently present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

We will move on to number 23.

Dipita.

Dipita.

>> Hello, my name is Dipita and raised in Banglatown, which is right inside of Hamtramck and little outside of Detroit.

I want to leave a comment on the current Congressional District.

So I do live in Detroit and noticed that the new map that was created did keep the communities of interest together so I do appreciate that.

You all have kept constituents of Banglatown together however I noticed it expands a little in mock comb county and best not for go past 8 mile allowing Hamtramck and Detroit residents to stay in its own lines and District so again thank you for your time and I hope you do take this into consideration.

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

Lainey-Frydrych.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair. My name is Lainey. I'm a resident of Royal Oak.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We cannot hear you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We still cannot hear you.

I'm going to turn off your video and move on to the next participant. And I will message you in the chat to look at your technical issues.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will move on to Alyssa Diebolt.

>> Good evening MICRC members.

My name is Alyssa Diebolt and live in Eastpointe, a community at the southern edge of Macomb County.

I grew up in the UP. And when I describe can I live now, I always say we are a tiny city sandwiched between Warren, Roseville and St. Clair Shores. And somehow even folks 500 miles away recognize one of those Macomb communities.

I'm here to share how important I think communities of interest are.

In addition to so much water and sewer infrastructure City services such as recreation, and senior center and the Chamber of Commerce and the suburban library cooperative, the people here really work together.

I am Chair of a City Commission in Eastpointe and we regularly reach out to our neighboring communities to possibly partner on programs and really sometimes just steal ideas too.

To be honest.

East point works incredibly close with Roseville and really kind of feel Warren is our big brother to the west.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Trying to see who he was referring the question to because at the end of the day I don't know because I wasn't there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry he is asking do you want to start with the old map or the map with my revisions from yesterday.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's go with your revisions from yesterday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You said with the revisions is that correct Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, thank you.

We got to start somewhere.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I'm changing back to that just one moment while I change to the revision map.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You all don't want that one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He was using the original map so we got to get back to the one with the revisions.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm confirming this is the revision maps and Commissioner Curry wants to look at District 18 currently comprised of hunting ton Woods Oak Park and a portion of Detroit.

It looks like is that on Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The minority is the African/American minority was either too high is that what I'm hearing? What do we need to tweet on so I know which way I'm going?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think the Thematic dots would be helpful for African/American population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The neighborhoods would help me I know you know the neighborhoods Commissioner Curry and it's mostly for me and I do recognize that the District 8 right now is I believe an LGBTQ District community of interest that includes Palmer Park if I'm not mistaken, that is by, again, I want the neighborhoods Palmer Park, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Royal Oak, and Oak Park. But we couldn't get it completely in there so if we take apart or moving between 18 and 8, I just wanted to acknowledge that is a community of interest there in 8.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think I said palmer work but I think it's called palmer Woods.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Palmer Park is in Ipsi too.
It's okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is District 18 if you want, I can show more About Street names if you need them.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Street names and the dots.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I'm not sure the theme is not showing up at the moment.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take 67 out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to move into in next neighborhood anyway or not? Because they are still off on population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, I did want to do that.

It looks like that neighborhood and that little square I was speaking of are in the same precinct.

Okay four is still over population a little bit and six is still under population.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want me to continue with the neighborhood or?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's take the rest of the neighborhood.

It would be about 1800 or close to it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Take the remainder of the neighborhood the difference between 4 and 6 right now looks to be about 3% so let's try to get those numbers closer to that.

Yeah, let's take that strip as well.

Put it into six.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm not sure if the voting precinct crosses the neighborhood boundary.

It might.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We can go in the blocks, I would be okay with that. I'd rather maintain the neighborhood than the voting precinct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The irony of what you are doing is these top three neighborhoods do associate with the points so why not go just west of the them into Chandler Park area in terms of assigning and removing population from 4.

That's what I'm saying.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would be open to looking at that it would just kind of make an almost a.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you are thinking about the shape that is where I think we all recognize that shapes are going to be weird at this point.

But we are trying to preserve communities of interest as we do this.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I do like that idea better than taking these three neighborhoods out of four.

>> MR. MORGAN: So delay the order to take the rest of the neighborhood? Think on it? Take a break and think about it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I suggest we take a break guys because I know we will have people here at 1:00 so let's not cut into lunch because I know a lot of people are going out.

So it's currently 12:07 without objection we will recess for lunch and we will return at 1:07 p.m.

Hearing no objections let's take a recess, thank you.

[Lunch Recess]

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>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes Mr. Chair let me pull it's not letting me back in the Zoom meeting so let me pull up the map so I can see the data.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: John let's maximize the excel spreadsheet.

I think we all know what we are looking at so for lopsided margins we have 5.8% plus republican and we can see the districts that are that have the highest amount.

I think most of them are probably going to be in Metro Detroit.

Are there any that are outside of Metro Detroit I think is the question that we should look at?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is sort of above 55% is that what you're thinking 55% being the threshold.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is only one measure so and I think we should look at all of them you know.

I think District number 24 was that Ann Arbor District I have been speaking about if my memory serves me correctly, we can look there.

There are a lot of places we can look but we might want to look.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Ann Arbor was 27 and I see Commissioner, sorry, Mr. Morgan

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, so in this lopsided margin what you are comparing this to is the average winning margin of the democratic districts and the average winning margin of the republican districts.

So again if you were to average all of these numbers, the average wins for the democrats would be 64% and the average wins for republican would be 58.

So that's what this metric is doing.

It's comparing these two averages together.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is lopsided in favor of the democrats at this point.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, and so when you mentioned 55%, I'm not sure how that figures in exactly.

I'm just telling you what this reports.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I appreciate that.

Thank you.

General Counsel?

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

So the building on what Mr. Morgan has said so if you go through and, again, down the districts, the -- and you would have to reference back at least to get oriented where they are.

For instance District number 8 is 80%. Districts 13 and 14 are in the mid-70s.

So these should be examined again to see whether they are -- if they are VRA.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Those are VRA districts in the Detroit area the ones you mentioned to now.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Perfect then we have 65 is 22.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 65.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: 65% is District 22.

We have a 68% is District 9 which I believe is in the Metro Detroit area as well.

62 is 65% and I don't know if Mr. Morgan can scroll down just a bit.

And then 19 and 17 those mid-70s as well, are those also in the.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 19 is the Arab American community.

What was the other one.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: 17.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 17 is also in the Detroit area VRA District potentially.

I can't remember exactly but it is Detroit area.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: The Latino community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Latino community, okay.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Let's work your way through the four numbers and see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Got it there is no list we should be generating totally with this right now at this point; is that correct? And I want to get to Commissioner Orton after you.

But so we are not generating a list yet understood.

Okay Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Before we move on, I just wondered where District 34 is because it's 50/50 I think that is pretty awesome.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Look at that it's right on 50/50 District 34 I will just note that so we can go back and yeah.

34 equals 50/50 got it.

So we are moving on to the mean median difference; is that correct General Counsel?

Again we are trying to be systematic so when you can help us sort of be systematic that is much appreciated.

So the mean median difference please, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is look agree at -- looking at a percentage and I'm going to reference back one sheet just to clarify.

These are the total votes for those partisan index numbers that sort of conglomerate numbers and here are the percentages so again they are the same as these percentages here but we are looking at a different test which is comparing the mean median.

So the statewide mean median is this based on your plan and the District performance is that.

And then the difference is that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay is there anything we should note or can we move at this point General Counsel or should we move to the efficiency gap? Let move to the efficiency gap thank you.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Efficiency gap showing here and there is a large number of wasted votes which is a calculation above or below the needed number to win a District which is 50% so anything over 50 is considered one way and then that is how these numbers are done.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Anything we should note here General Counsel or move on to the next one? Okay seats vote ratio please.

>> MR. MORGAN: The seats share the vote share here, this is again the statewide based on these averages, and this is going to be constant in this area.

So every time you look at any plan for this metric on the seats vote ratio these percentages will not change.

What changes is these are the numbers based on your plan.

So based on the plan as drawn, it's a 50/50 proportionality.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it's pretty amazing looking at the efficiency gap because it led me to believe we are pretty lopsided now I see this and do we need to explain this counsel or move on? How should we proceed in order to be as efficient and systemic or systematic as possible?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I think the seat vote ratio is very impressive as Commissioner Orton pointed out the other District.

That is very good as well.

I thought the efficiency gap I thought the efficiency gap that was 6.5.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I know for the lopsided margins towards 7 is high and the Commission is at 6. So if there were some districts that the Commission wanted to try and adjust, that would be appropriate.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point we see is it Commissioner Lett please.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well remember all of these do not have to agree.

So we got two out of three.

I don't think we are not looking for 100% across the board on these measures.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Duly noted Commissioner thank you.

I just want to be clear if we are adjusting or working it looks like at this point, we have two out of the three or several or one or two I can't remember do we have a democratic advantage in two of them we have a 50/50 we have no advantage in the seats ratio.

And the lopsided margin mean median and efficiency gap all lean democratic is that accurate my summary right there?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think it's actually the opposite of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Looks like we have the lopsided margins test and the efficiency gap that both lean a positive number on those numbers how we have it calculated is an advantage for the republican party in this case.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Morgan?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, so I wonder because we've got this report and we've got this score and I know that we get some discussion but I'm wondering if we need to remedy something here based on this report or, yeah, Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I'd say I think that General Counsel might have some additional information on this.

But when we are talking about being from 0-1, that's again it's comparing to a circle and you saw that the highest District here was like .65.

So very few districts are going to be like really, really close to one and then your lowest one was .18, I think.

Which is fairly low but I think I only know one Court case in my experience that I was involved in that had a certain number that they said was absolutely no lower than that number.

And I don't think this number is near that number.

The 18 is not near the number they were contemplating.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Morgan General Counsel or Mr. Adelson do either of you help with regards to how we proceed with these numbers and how we proceed with this report? I apologize I saw the max and the min. Was the plan score on that report? Or is that a different? You can keep going down, is there more?

>> MR. MORGAN: These are other compactness measure but you specifically asked for Polsby Popper so the least compact on this is .18.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: While we have a minute, I'm not seeing all the Commissioners who are online.

If Commissioners online if you have a question or if you have any thoughts please verbally indicate.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, while we are waiting, I guess I'm just not quite sure how we are going to use this information because it's the lowest on our list. Of 7 criteria.

And we don't want to sacrifice any of the other things we figured out already for this. So what are we going to do?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for the question, Commissioner Orton. And I think that is where our legal counsel is trying to help us figure that out.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly thank you so much Mr. Vice Chair and I certainly acknowledge Commissioner Orton's comments as well.

So again District 3 with the least compact score that would be an opportunity to shift. It's not required the Commission can log these scores and move forward.

That would be appropriate.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you. Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Orton.

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>> KIM BRACE: Generally you look per District if there are extremes on that side. You could do an average on that side if you wanted to try that to compare plans. But generally an average number kind of inhibits you from looking at the individual districts on that side.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so what I'm hearing is that the District is the changes make it more compact so now let's look at the partisan fairness data to see if it improved or got worse.

>> MR. MORGAN: Partisan fairness on the top is the analyzed plan which is 16B with Kalamazoo whole.

So on the lopsided margin it's lower by .1.

On the mean median difference it looks like it's the same on the efficiency gap.

Again the top one up here is the districts that we just did.

So it's lower by two tenths at 6.3.

On the seats vote ratio it's the same.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's slightly more fair or compact and that is one of the measures we should leave it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's your turn Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Who started this conversation with Kalamazoo? That's not what I started.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark then Chair Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, my question is to Bruce.

Do you feel that that number is sufficient enough for us to go with, the number for three.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Compactness.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Compactness.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Compactness improved so I think one of the things that General Counsel and I were talking about was the funky corner, which is not there anymore on the right, to the east, northeast.

That has been resolved.

The number is better and that is like I was saying we were talking about before dealing with compactness is relatively easy compared to some other considerations.

So it looks good to us.

It's improved so I think let's put it in the bank and be done with it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My second question was to Cynthia.

I mean you live over in this area do you feel this is an acceptable change?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do think it's an improvement.

I don't know if we want to spend more time here.

But I think District 20 since people still don't like the shape of District 3, changing it and District 20 around a little bit could improve even more.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is exactly what I was going to suggest why wouldn't we just move 20 over to the current border of Kalamazoo and then readjust those Districts if

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Couldn't think of a fancy word so I'm present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 10 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA:

We will continue with agenda 5A and Mr. Rothhorn if you could facilitate, I would appreciate it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to take the lopsided margin report and identify certain districts where the margin is relatively close.

So for example 49% democratic 51% republican.

And go through the whole list and let's identify those and I will choose one and the next person can choose one and we will just cycle through those.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds good and I will make a list as you identify them.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay so let's cycle down through the list and keep going down and the first ones I think are all in Detroit area anyway.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Clark that is true generally but keep in mind we did jump around with a few numbers so we will want to refer to the map when we see something.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So what I will do when I see the democrats somewhere just below 50, we will identify that as one of them so 50%.

Okay so let's look at 22.

No I'm sorry, not 22, 28.

And 29 let me think if I want to do those if they are too high.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark Commissioner Orton has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 25 is very close.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't see 5.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 25.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Gentleman can one of you mute.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's get on with it and go ahead and run the partisan fairness and see where we are at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You forgot to say I yield back.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I yield back Roth Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: In this case the plan name is the same.

So I'm going to have to make a copy of the previously existing plan and now we are running, this is essentially a new plan officially you would consider this a new plan because you made changes and look at partisan fairness numbers so I need to save it not as a new plan but as a new excel sheet so you can look at it side by side so I will do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Morgan then while he is doing that Commissioners I wonder if we can sort of try to agree on the election. Commissioner Eid sort of talked about it, Mr. Morgan said we should choose election. Is there election we want to agree on when we get that data back? Go ahead Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The most recent is going to be.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The presidential, that would be the Presidential correct.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Or Mr. Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you or Mr. Chair the Commission if you pull up the election information matrix at the very beginning the first columns are the democratic republican split and that would be maybe the most straightforward without having to select an individual race.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: By each District.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: My point is if making changes in partisan that the Commission should look at partisan data at this point, which is totally appropriate no partisan gerrymander and we did not consider that drawing its plans but if they want to endeavor to make those changes so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you General Counsel Mr. Brace?

>> KIM BRACE: What you have in those two first columns are composite numbers coming from all the precincts in that District across all the elections. That gives you that overall partisan ness number from the composite side, okay? So that will give you an overall score for the decade.

Now you may think that move more democratic at the end of the decade and look at a couple of contests in 2020 or something like that but the composite number is the overall decade election results.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Brace Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: So again I'll bring that up as a label option and we can look and see what the numbers are if that makes sense one way we could potentially test this is

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we could go to a District where we have a District value for example in one Senate plan you have Kalamazoo County and then we could look at the partisan index which is in our partisan fairness spreadsheet then look at the label display for that District and if they are the same then the D index R index numbers are what we think it is.

I just think that would be a check we could run during the lunch break.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Does it make sense also I mean Commissioner Clark is trying to steer in a methodical nine districts he identified and starting with 28 and wondering if we want to sort of look at election results for each of the districts record the results then move to that is that possible?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is possible and Commissioner Clark wanted me to run the partisan fairness now so I saved this as version three.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's take a look at that, I don't want to take too much time writing down numbers for the other districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looking at if we have to make adjustment and run a partisan fairness, we will have 17 or at least 9 copies.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: A lot of them aren't we.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then we have to keep track of those and understand which one was which and I think we may I don't doesn't feel very methodical to me and feels we may create something we may not be able to wrap our heads around so I'm just trying to -- any other thoughts how we are proceeding.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at the version three and what I want to focus on change two districts 25 and 28 okay so.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: We will look at the values for those for a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Depending what the numbers are may want to make a few other adjustments and basically the same philosophy I was using.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And what I'm hesitating to do Commissioner Clark right is creating then a copy of that plan to get it so I'm trying to figure out if there is a way, we can do it without putting the copy and running the partisan fairness each time and Mr. Morgan please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well again each time you make a plan you would run the partisan fairness because it requires a complete plan so any time you make a change you would have to rerun the partisan fairness.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wonder if we want to talk about a naming convention here and I'm just wondering how do we -- we as Commissioners have to understand the copies and we may be moving incrementally into you know better partisan fairness measures but we may not.

How do we keep track and recognize.

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>> KIM BRACE: We have been keeping track of version one and two and that sort of thing so we understand where we are going and can trace time wise what the results are.

The issue become when you want us to save a plan so that you have got some idea that all right, we made the change here on plan between version four and version five or whatever.

So it's really keeping track of where we are version wise in order to recall from your benefit what kind of changes were implemented.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Morgan then Commissioner Clark?

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at the data adjusted Districts are on the top so District 25 the new value for that it looks like it was previous.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: John we see the select report to run screen so if you have something else on your screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Clark I believe was trying to adjust District 28 because that showed up here as 53% on the republican side. So what has happened in this exchange is that that has now been reduced to 51.6 and District 25 was 50.5 democratic now it's 50.7% republican.

So you've reduced the republican percentage in 28 and increased the republican percentage in 29.

>> KIM BRACE: You ended up switching a District towards the republican side.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to continue to look and look at partisan fairness scores from this point because we looked at just the two districts and did not look at the fairness scores.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What do you want to do Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The problem is there is not enough African/American population there so my only alternative is look at maybe moving something out and not into 25 and it's something that is not very heavy populated with African/Americans.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There are more than just African/Americans that vote democratic in Sterling Heights, with we have a large Asian and Chaldean community that we've had communities of interest maps submitted to us.

So I don't think it's only African/American.

We have to look at just at let's break that ribbon up and see as we make the changes what happens to the election results and you are looking at more than one specific population.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I made the changes as far north as I could. I was aware of that so what do we have John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Want me to look at the other scores at this time, yes?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Under your direction Commissioner Clark.

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>> MR. MORGAN: So the lopsided margin the new version is 8.1, the previous version was 8.2.

The mean median difference was 4.4 it still seems to be 4.4.

Efficiency gap of 9.9 new version is 10.9 seats vote ratio the old one was 6.0 and new is 6.9.

>> KIM BRACE: What you are seeing in the, don't take it away what you are seeing is that flip of one seat from 51 democratic down to 50 democratic.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Based on the changes we made.

>> KIM BRACE: That's right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Trying to change District 28 the changes were made to 25 and took it from 50.1% democrat to a 50.1% republican.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We do need to have instead of racial data on the screen we need to have partisan data on the screen to make these changes. That may be the best thing we learned from this.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

If we can get it up on the screen.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is where our consultants can help us.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will bring up the values instead of on I will take away the thematic and, on the values, I can do that so let me start again with a place that at a level of geography that's logical as opposed to a precinct so a Township or a County. Is there a Township or a County that you would want me to just look at those values for that the Commission might want to consider?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark that question is to you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We are in Macomb County so let's take a look at that.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will bring up value for all of Macomb County for the partisan index if that is what we think it is.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Those values come up as 0.

Let me double check.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Changes between 28 and 25 are kind of nonproductive.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Maybe best to revert the way it was.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keep it the way it was.

That is where my thoughts are but let's look at this.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here is what I was saying before where you can use this pointer at any geographic level to look at all of the data that is associated with it.

So for example for all of Macomb County you have the election results and you can scroll down through any election so we are talking about the Presidential election in 2020.

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So we need to normalize.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take this into 88.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think that would be appropriate.

Let's put that into 88.

Then after the populations are about even, we can look at the numbers and see if we created a District excuse me allergies that goes with the goal we are doing now.

81 needs an extra Township or two.

So let's add that north of the square on 81.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid, Watervliet they wanted to stay together put the population is highest in Watervliet when you were adjusting in terms of community of interest with Hartford.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is getting closer to, right, so as soon as that change happened it did change.

However I would like to leave that area in 88 for now because we may need to put it into 87 to make these numbers work for partisan fairness values.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Will you continue to direct Commissioner Eid please?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful so now we are still about we are still about 9,000 off.

So let's take those three Townships right there, brand bridge Keller and Hamilton and put them in 81.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to expand the view to make sure we are not missing a District so again it's 81, 87, 88 are the ones we made changes to.

So 81 and 88 are out of alignment, okay.

Do you want all three of those?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All three of them should get us pretty close.

That is close enough for now.

But we are going to get closer later.

Now let's look at the election data for 87 and see if it brought us closer to our goal.

>> MR. MORGAN: Look at the partisan composite score is what you want to look at.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: For all three 81, 87 and 88 and see if we are able to move one to the other side.

>> MR. MORGAN: 81, 87 and 88 so the partisan composite index for 81 is democrat 40, republican 60 for 87 it's democrat 49.5 republican 50.5, 88 is 43 democrat 57 republican.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we are getting closer on 87 in particular, which I think was expected so we are 49.46.

How can we move that, we need to examine next how we can move that to above 50% if my understanding is correct here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson, will you concur?

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yeah, I think since this is a narrowly leaning with a composite score republican percentage that seeing if that can slightly change that to see what the fairness score is I agree with that.

What the other districts that Commissioner Eid referenced 81 and 88 are those also districts that there were changes to, did the composite scores change?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They did and I recorded them started off with republican leaning and recorded the republican percentages so it was 58.4, 81 was 58.4 and moved to 60 something.

87 was 54.09 and moved to 50.5 republican advantage and 88 was 54 now it's at 57 again republican percentages.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you it sounds like the biggest change in the direction that you're looking for is in 87.

Okay thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid please proceed.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's make some minor changes to this and see if we can make minor adjustments like VRA expert has advised.

So let's move into you see that area sort of towards the north of 87 where there is a little tongue looking thing on it, right there, let's Zoom in there and all the way in.

So let's look at the block level block level for moving population around?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't think we need major changes here but need to move this 1% so wondering if we take part of Coloma and that would both make this District, I think a better shape and we will see if that changes the numbers in a way that help us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I appreciate the way you are walking us through it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Into 87 what Section the section here north of the village?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, north of -- do you know what add in the village and let's see how many people are in there.

>> MR. MORGAN: 1465.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right add that in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Democrat 49.2 republican 50.8.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Did that go up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Republican advantage increased.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's take that whole Township of Coloma, right and see what that does into 87.

So now it went down so let's undo that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is no pointer function that would tell us what these numbers are, just for that Township by chance? Much like how there is for the racial demographics.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm not sure I understand the question.

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What if we remove a part of it and add it either into 81 or 88 to match it and let's see if that concentrates you know the what we are doing is concentrating the democrats into a lakeshore District here so why don't we look at that.

Let's look at you see the second Township up from the border right that Township let's Zoom in on there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Township in 87.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: In 87, yes and let's go to the block level and remove we should probably look at the whole population of the Township first to see if this is even possible.

Okay it is because it has more than the 1400 people we added above.

So now let's move into the block layer and let's take off the more inland portions and see if that helps achieve the goal.

And we move those into 81.

>> MR. MORGAN: So following the outer boundary you look at taking this out or is there a specific line you want to follow?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is not really a specific line.

We need to hit about 1400 people and I think the most inland parts right because the whole point is to have a lakeshore District and we heard in the public comment that really the lakeshore districts are not considered too far inland.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So John because I think that 1500 people you added that Township actually increased the percentage of republican lean.

What I mean is you could reduce -- you could get back to 50.5 republican leaning you are at 50.7 right now with Hartford.

You are at the block level and taking out, I wanted to offer the addition of that town, that village did not help the democratic advantage that you're seeking.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I thought it did.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It did not.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm mistaken.

So let's move back up, thank you for that, Commissioner Rothorn T let's move back up to that area where we added the village.

So maybe that whole area is not appropriate place to look to do this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Coloma increased the republican advantage by .2.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You are right. It went up to 49.45 now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right but I think your attempt to take off at the block level.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It seems to be working so let's square off that part of 81 that we just put into 87.

You want to add that all back in?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Before we run the partisan fairness report should we -- we had a configuration where we had this one the rest of that Township with the diagonal line in 81 and added one more Township to the lakeshore and that increased the democratic vote from where it's at now at 50.05 to about 51.5%.

With -- does that matter? Would that be appropriate? Or should we run the numbers now?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I appreciate the question and I think the best way to look at that is we can see what the partisan fairness score now.

I don't believe that a change to that degree when you already have the District narrowly favoring democrats, I don't think that's going to make any significance.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's run the report and get the partisan fairness number to see if it realigned.

>> KIM BRACE: While the composite gives you an overall score you might see little changes in individual years that would give you a clue that maybe things are moving one direction or another.

That would be the reason.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Brace and I think we can anticipate because we are going to run a Polsby Popper score that this is not going to be pretty not compact it will pop right out of the Polsby Popper chart.

>> MR. MORGAN: Compare to which plan? The version two, I think?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I have the numbers to keep track so version two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you asking for help with the public.

Let's display them and looks to me that it is making that change did bring it closer to 0.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This helps the public come along with us as we are understanding what we are doing.

So the top one here and putting the most recent map version four on the top and then the version from which it came was version two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you will you help direct?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Betterment, this is the lopsided margin test, correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That has gone 8.2 to 7.7.

Let's move on to mean median difference.

Improved 4.4% to 4.1%.

Now let's look at efficiency gap.

Improved 9.9% to 8.9%.

And now let's look at seat bias or seats to votes ratio.

So it's improved from on the previous plan where it was 51% democrat or 51 democratic seats to 59 republican seats to now 52 to 58 and that is increased the proportionality by 1% going from 6% to 5%.

Seems like with this method we are going in the right direction.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can I try to do a summary for you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You, yes, may.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are trying to do this in a systematic approach and this morning we found one way that didn't work and found a second way that may work but it takes too long.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we are trying a third approach and we started it on it by reviewing and so what we are trying to do is correct partisan fairness in our maps and the house maps and we are trying to figure out which District to identify to work on.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point what I want to suggest is just the composite and the active matrix when John brings it up, we have 110 districts and what you're what we are trying to do is we have a partisan lean towards the republicans right now and sometimes those percentages are 57% or 60% republican.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are not going to address those.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What we are trying to look for is 51% maybe 50% republican lean, 50 something and identify all the out of the 110 districts which ones could we actually with a little tweaks and that would happen during your turn a few tweaks can we actually help them move democratic so we have a more balanced map in terms of partisan fairness so that is the methodology is to just start with that active matrix and run through composite scores of partisan fairness and work from that and you can choose those districts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: May I make a suggestion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Who was coming after me? Eid, can I switch with the person and who did you call? Let me come after somebody else so I can see which way they are going with it so I won't disrupt anything that you guys have going.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You do not disrupt anything so to be clear but I think if you want to have Anthony go first to orient, I think that is a fine idea.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That would be fine thank you guys.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will go to Commissioner Eid and go to Commissioner Curry at the end of Commissioner Eid's turn.
Commissioner Eid you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That turns out well and since I'm next you can take mine and it evens out.

Okay so let's pull up the map we were just working on.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry about that Kent will bring the spreadsheet up and probably the last thing I do after I take Kim to the airport here.

This is the spreadsheet for version four and it does not reflect obviously the changes you just made in that.

District 38.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 38 or.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at adjacent districts I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Interestingly this District is 71% democrat.

So let's bring the map up again.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Since I can't see it, I don't know but 38 is something we did for VRA compliance.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can we just get the demographics of 38 up when you get a chance? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8 is 33.54 percentage non-Hispanic Black. 44.879 Hispanic white. So it's an overall minority represented District.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So 38 is about 71% democrat while 29 is close. Well, what did we say 47%.

So my thought would be to try to shift some of the democratic votes over from 39 into 29 that way it keeps 38 as a democratic District and turns 29 into a democratic District.

The only problem potential problem with that is VRA considerations.

We are in Oakland County.

I believe Dr. Handley had numbers for Oakland County was around 43% or so.

So we are not really even close to that with this 33.5%.

However I mean the election results said it was 71% democratic so I'm not sure how to interpret it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn my suggestion is we avoid districts that have VRA implications.

We have a list of several other districts and some other possibilities.

So in the interest of facilitating the partisan fairness adjustments our recommendation would be to move to districts that are not in the Metro Detroit area.

And address other districts as we can.

As you recall Dr. Handley had said which is part of the assumption in the science and the industry that Voting Rights Act implicated districts particularly in urban centers with high population.

Are going to have margins that are typically larger than in other districts obviously that is Voting Rights Act and other compliance.

Our recommendation is we avoid those.

Because adjusting in those areas will just make things unnecessarily complicated.

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Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is this an area we should look at Asian population as well to try to not break that up?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If you want you can I thought that was more in the Canton area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Novi has a pretty significant Asian population too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we have the Asian American dots theme.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll pop it up there real quick.

Looks like Canton is predominant.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Not much in the Plymouth District we have drawn.

Okay so let's add in a few of those precincts of 110 and shift those into 35.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What Commissioner Orton or maybe pointing to is it's a Novi District with Asian population there that maybe what -- am I reading that correctly Commissioner Orton? Is that what you are trying to suggest?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: There is Asian population there and we had tried in those districts to keep you know from breaking that up.

So that was my only thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So maybe you want to keep looking like in District 36 for example Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't have 36 listed.

The next one I have listed is 50.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see 36 is the purple one to the west of.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I see what you are saying.

Let's go to 36 and see what difference that makes.

Yeah, let's try it.

We don't want to mess with 110.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And 36 is 53% democratic lean, if I'm reading it correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's add that precinct into.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The republican column here.

So republican lean.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Republican lean that is useful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1793 to this District add?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, let's see what that does.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We want to put it in 35.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, we want to put it in 35.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Miss fired.

35 is 47% democrat.

53% republican.

36 is 47% to 53% republican.

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It moved it a few tenths.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so it's working slowly.

But it's working.

Let's they the precinct on top of the one you just added.

Yep, that one right there.

Okay let's look at the change that made.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 35 is at 47, it moved it a few tenths.

So it's slightly above 47 and slightly 53% republican.

36 is now 47.24 democrat and republican is 52.76, 53%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Just a suggestion I'm curious what's the composite score for 67? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 67 is 76% democrat, 24% republican.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Undo those changes, undo the last change you just made.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign one of these to 35?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign the top part of superior Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right there?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right there.

We are good.

Going this way makes a lot of sense to me.

We are kind of taking the highly democratic areas of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and moving it into a little bit more of Plymouth.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: As a suggestion I agree with Commissioner Eid.

There are districts that don't have any VRA implications that like 67 probably have a good margin with partisanship that you can use in adjoining districts to adjust the partisan fairness.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Computer does not like you today, Kent.

Okay that looks to be where we were at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 77 is back to what it was now we can move on to what was it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 35.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 35.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We will take that first.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those two right there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The other way into 36 and top of 67.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign this to 35?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then this one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly let's check the election results again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 35 more republican at 52.33.

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the Commission takes that information and again it has the responsibility to discern and integrate it in the manner it sees fit.

Or not at all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

I would just add that we are trying to change 7 districts here.

And we have 110 on this map.

So I don't think changing 7 districts and you know possibly protecting some communities of interest in pursuing the overall goal of complying with partisan fairness is any sort of abrogation of our duty.

I think at a minimum we should look and come up with these maps even if they are hard and look at them and decide what we want to go with.

And again we can present the original map without the partisan fairness and we can present the maps that are altered to accommodate partisan fairness and see what the public says at the public hearing but I think we should try.

Even though it's hard.

All afternoon I've been sitting here trying to redraw Districts to make them fair from a partisan perspective and it's difficult and tedious and time consuming and I want to scream sometimes but we need to try.

That is what we have been tasked with doing and no one is not saying it's a heavy lift or hard and we need to try and continue to try even though it's difficult.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Chair Szetela.

Commissioner Lett you have the floor.

If you had your microphone on you would have said please look at the results, correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That would be affirmative.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Affirmative excellent so I think Mr. Stigall has put those up for us and Commissioner Eid you have walked us through it before would you be willing to do it again or Mr. Adelson? I think it may be useful with Commissioner Eid is that okay?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I've been keeping track and do you want me to compare from the last iteration with lakeshore and Midland changes or compare all the way from the beginning?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Walk us through the most recent changes please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Before these let's look at lopsided margins first. We were at 7.2% previously. Now we are 6.8%.

Let's move on to mean median difference. We were at 3.8%. Now we are at 3.5%.

Let's move on to efficiency gap.

We were at 8.0%. Now we are at 7.1%.

Finally let's look at the seats to votes ratio.

We were at 4.1%. Now we are at 3.2%.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: What we were at before?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We were at 4.1%. And I believe it was 55 to 57.

I'm sorry.

53 to 57.

Now we are at 3.2% and are at 54 to 56.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Commissioner Eid.

Mr. Adelson any comment or can we move on?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: No comments from me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, all right.

Commissioner Eid, please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well and I think when you look at it, if you take if you look at the difference from where we started today, I mean, that last measure goes all the way up to 8.2%. Now we are all the way down to 3.2%. It's major. It's painful and agree with what everyone said, but it seems to be working.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have been able to do three districts out of the nine.

And, again, out of the additional 12. I guess there is 9 that we originally identified with Commissioner Clark. And then we have additional three from our General Counsel. But we've only been able to do about three of those. And, Commissioner Lett, are you finished with your turn? Do you want to try District 70 in the Jackson area? Or are there other Commissioners who said it's too difficult? Commissioner Witjes, please.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to suggest given these changes go back to Battle Creek and connect Albion and do that particular one.

That seems.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett it's your turn.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is that going to help us?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It will.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You have done it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We did it earlier.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I was not here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, we have done it and it did help.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I will what is the term? Yield back to Commissioner Witjes in a collaborative working with me on Albion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Lett so Commissioner Witjes it's to you and it's Commissioner Lett's turn but help us move forward.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Please accept directions from Mr. Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, if I remember correctly, it was the Township of Emmet.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we started with an I will try to go in the same order we were going in lopsided margins test was 11 per cent.

We brought that down to 6.3%.

The mean median difference was at 4.4%.

Now we are at 3.4%.

The efficiency gap was at 9.9%.

It is now at 6.4%.

And the seats to votes ratio was up to 8.2%.

Now it's down to 2.3%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

We are going to run the compactness score then we are going to move on from our partisan fairness measures to addressing the plan deviation, which is population based, yeah, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do I need to read down through all of them or do you have a particular.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett you requested this do you want to really direct? Or you just want to look at the bottom? Okay we will just look at the bottom.

Okay so sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to get back up here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Polsby Popper compact is 67.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Least compact is 53 with a .09.

And Schwartzberg.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We don't need those and 53 we tried to work and I can't remember if it worked or not.

Anybody remember District 53? One of the things we worked on, that we did change, okay? All right.

So with that folks can we do you want to try to -- let's see we were with Commissioner Lett so we finished up with Commissioner Lett's turn.

Commissioner Orton, are you prepared to help us with plan deviation?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sure.

So for State House districts, is there a deviation we need to keep it under? I know it's hard to get an actual number but.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm going to surprise you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay bring it on.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think our recommendation would be around 5%.

And let's look at why.

ADDENDUM

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You could try a different District if you are more comfortable.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Do you have a suggestion? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You may move a precinct don't want to say improves but enhances the direction you have been going previously.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Where is District 35?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson did you have a comment?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, I want to pick up on something that Kent said from a fairness standpoint in moving and continuing to keep the districts in the direction that we talked about yesterday, that I believe there are some new thematic maps that have a precinct level partisan choices.

That may be a way to narrow down which District shift from a precinct shift from the population deviation perspective.

That might be something that would be useful. The margins and I recognize and agree with Kent that some of these Directors are pretty close from the partisan standpoint. So rather than even experimenting just target some precincts that don't affect the partisanship.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was keep looking in the map and I don't know if this was mentioned but 79 needs some work in regards to population for sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent, what I want to do because I think I see some numbers and I think Mr. Adelson was trying to recognize we may have a new tool this morning that Mr. Stigall wants to orient us to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have two numbers here and I picked the 2016 Presidential election because we can only do one.

So what it does is the number on top will be the greater number.

Red will be the republican number and blue will be the democrat number.

For example in this precinct I have highlighted here there was 1114 votes for republican, 500 for democrat.

The polar opposite of that are opposite is over here where we have 462 votes for democrat, 397 for republican.

So when you look at those numbers, this is just an example to use wherever you want to use it.

If you move this precinct into 40 you would be increasing the republican margin.

If you move this precinct into 65, you would be moving out more republican votes than democrat votes.

So this would be increasing the percentage at which the democrats won 40.

So if we go back to 40, just you know picking one spot, so that number, if we move that precinct over to here, this number would go up, not down I believe, if that is correct because there is twice as many.

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You would be moving whatever population out but you're moving more red votes than blue votes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is helpful Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This would be the opposite if you move this precinct here you would be moving it more blue votes than red votes.

Either one achieves the same goal but if you have having to lower the population in 40 and you want to keep it over 50% democrat, you would move out the higher red number.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for that orientation, Commissioner Witjes then I want to get it back to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What are the titles to get those on the screen.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a methodology for this.

Can you see the screen? So president D16 I selected that and I had add dem and put it right here.

Then I selected this one and said add republican.

So it's called and then I saved it so I can pop right into it and I called it press 16.

And you can do that with any one of the elections at a time.

So if I come here, it's easier to flip between them. I thought I could go up here and flip between them fairly quickly, okay?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was another one can you bring it back up? There was another one pres16 and looked like there was a 0.

There is D, R, yep so if you continue on the list there was another one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would be other probably is my guess where they combine whatever.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The green party the others.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Libertarian, green.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All of them that are not, so it's the balance of the District the votes in the District so to speak.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is done fairly frequently.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's not going to help us necessarily with sort of balancing our partisan fairness at this point.

Mr. Adelson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Just as a point, the tool Kent is showing and as he indicated it's one election and shows what the partisan balance is.

I think by checking the composite index as you know has many elections, we can make sure we are not over adjusting, that we are adjusting with to use a metaphor with a meat cleaver instead of a scalpel.

It's a good safety check to make sure the adjustments are not unsupportable.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see you but want to ask a question of Mr. Adelson. We have a great suggestion to use the Presidential 16.

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Because the numbers are significantly different.

Here, this little precinct here, yeah, I'm guessing it could swing back and forth.

That's still a 10% over a 10% difference.

But the point being if the numbers are disparate that is probably how it has been for a few years.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall and thank you for your patience and did you have something you wanted to share.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Looking at percentages down there if I read this like in 65 in 2020 it was 497 for Biden.

But then you go to 2016 for Clinton it was 4943. It did drop a little.

I guess you answered my question.

But could it be in a particular District if we were to swap, let's say it's close, but then the next election it goes drastically one way and if we use that information doesn't that change what we are trying to do? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is why we keep an eye on the index.

All this is for is to kind of give you an idea what may or may not work.

Ultimately like Mr. Adelson was saying you keep an eye on these numbers.

For example, this one right here, you know, if I wanted to raise this number, I would move this District out because 40 I know is high on population.

If I wanted to lower this number, I would go and find a precinct that has the blue number on top this one or this one.

If I move this out of 40 it would lower.

That is a tiny precinct and probably wouldn't do much but that is the idea.

It just gets me pointed in the right direction.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That answers my question, I was just curious.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you. Thanks for that explanation, Mr. Brace did you have something to add to this?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, the thing to keep in mind is that if you look at the overall election results, the 2016 election was the closest one of all three Presidential ones.

So that gives you a much closer look at where a precinct might make a difference because that's the closeness that is there in the 2016 results.

It was not as close in 2020 or in 2012.

So it gives you some barometer.

But Kent is right, you need to ultimately look at the overarching composite to see whether you're really swinging the District, or not.

You could end up swinging it a little bit in a given election but really taking a look at what is going on, on the overall timetable is the key.

And keep in mind what I've always said to you, to all of you, is remember that matrix, that or not the matrix but the steppingstones that I've talked about early on is the

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difference in terms of the composition and the votes takes place at each stage of the steppingstone.

So it will be different Presidential versus non-Presidential years and different in Presidential vote versus U.S. Senate vote or Governor's vote.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Brace.

Thank you very much.

And thank you for the reminder.

This is an instructive and useful session and want to go back to Commissioner Vallette to begin.

She is doing our plan deviation working on plan deviation.

We did right the area that we had chosen.

And by the way we are working towards 5% plan deviation we are 8.76 significant reduction from yesterday already so we are and we are in the area of 60.

I think you were suggesting Commissioner Vallette you were thinking about maybe a different area or do you feel you have enough tools that you may want to stay in this area? The floor is yours.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, I do think that 65 was on our list.

But.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 65 is not.

60 is.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 40 is also high.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: They are both high so I'm sorry I just don't understand this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's a lot of complexity.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I thought I was confused before and you guys talked and I have no idea.

I kind of wish you would just talk English because I don't understand what you guys are talking.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, it is a lot Commissioner Vallette would you like some assistance?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Good morning to the Commission.

First of all and Commissioner Vallette just for clarification are you asking for English as relative to the partisan data?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I thought we were adjusting the population.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Partisan data the usefulness the Commissioners will be able to see the break down by precinct so that if the Commission would like to make changes relative to partisan issues that that can happen.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we see the partisan spreadsheet on the bottom?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so just going by percentages, I think you need to be moderately careful about moving more democrats out of 65 than republicans. If you want to maintain this differential.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Wait, Zoom out.

Is it -- it's 40 we want to move out of.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay you can Zoom back in now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will zoom the top of it and we can work our way down if there is something you want to do. There again I would be more careful if you want to maintain this differential, you know, to move a bigger red number out than blue number.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you go back up north?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We don't want to be the highest.

How much population are we over? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe it was 6,000.

No, yeah 5840, 3.5%.

I'm going to hit the info button on this precinct.

And quickly glance at the total pop. That's 1800 people.

You will be moving 1800 there.

You are moving 3,000 here.

This precinct has 3300.

This precinct goes all the way across the District so unless you are using blocks you wouldn't move the whole precinct.

That precinct has 2800.

All right I'll shut up now.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Scroll back up and in a little so we can see again.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you move north just a little? Okay so those two, the 568 and the 761.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I'll do them one at a time if that is okay.

4,000 would be the next one.

That puts you 1.1%.

Now you can move you know 65 would have to move redistribute it to the neighbors.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you put the one, the last one back into 40 and move the one north of that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay this last one I will put into 65.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Put it back in for 40.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it back into 40.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, and move the one that says Detroit Metropolitan airport.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay here are the deviations for 40.

This number went down 1.5%, I think.

Deviations over all for 40 are still you know about 1% over.

So it looks to me like this District and this District, I mean precinct are about the same total population.

The difference is this has 761 blue votes.

This had 360 red votes.

This was the opposite basically.

935 red votes, 490 blue votes.

So when you took this one out it lowered the -- when you moved this District over here, it lowered this number.

When you moved this District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Our advantage.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Precinct over here it increased that number.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So it looks like 65 needs population.

Is that in the area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: It's right here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is it.

So light no it's over so it needs to give population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have a few potential recipients.

For 56 and 67 can hold a chunk and 66 can still hold some.

Sorry I did that one.

62 can hold some.

So basically all these can hold some of the data.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall Commissioner Eid did you want to try to get in too?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I want to say taking the airport Detroit airport out of 40 we are creating this kind of weird strip in between Taylor and Romulus.

I don't understand why we.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have a huge willow run airport and Detroit airport that is a huge community of interest they actually share.

Like the idea that one community of interest and another that is an economic community of interest that is wonderful potentially.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Which airport.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Willow run and Detroit airport northwest of Belleville willow run airport.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population of 20? 20 is pretty much even so you could move some numbers there if you really wanted to and it is the -- it's you know 70% democrat so whatever you put in there is not going to really lower that, make a difference.

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And if I remember correctly, we didn't sort of do the fine tuning so it is a District that was adjusted and I think because of partisan fairness.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go to 21.

Let me see where that is and I will choose between the two of those.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is another VRA District with that shape it has to be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Color code that one VRA so then I guess I'll go back down to 61 and work.

So 61 is not a VRA District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's not.

It is partisan fairness District, a partisan fairness is what I was trying to say Commissioner Clark.

You may want to look at the, yeah, the adjustments and the electoral results.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's do that right at first.

61.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And it's not, yeah.

You got some freedom.

I think if you stay out of 40 and 60 you may be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I'm not going to touch 40 and 60.

I think if we move a little further west and I hate to do this, then we will be probably moving, geez, then we would be moving -- now we got 61, we got overpopulated.

So we need to take some off of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Almost 4,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, so, good.

Okay let's work on -- well, let's work on that and then we will see what happens with the partisan fairness.

So where is 65? It needs a few.

And where is 62, it needs a few.

And not a whole lot and then 61 we have to shed 4,000 thereabouts.

Okay, so let's start the furthest west District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'd like to point out that 63 can hold some too if you decide to smooth it across.

I suggest looking at the whole region because 71 if you make this all perfect and 71 you have to modify, because it's high so 71 could go to 63, so if you keep your changes over in here you will be good over there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think so too.

I mean 66 is just a spec high too so.

Let's move that the furthest the pink one the furthest one north and then 61 is let's add that to 62.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Township there?

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's all of it then.

I got it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's move to the bottom of District 2.

Let's switch so we are in voting precincts now let's switch back to Townships.

And let's go Romulus, South Gate and Wyandotte into District 1.

So it's that part, uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This entire Township?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That entire Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Into District 1.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Into District 1, yes.

And then to the right both South Gate and Wyandotte.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: South Gate.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And Wyandotte both into District 1.

Okay, now north of Romulus do you see Wayne? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's assign that into District 1.

Now, let's see, can we Zoom out and see where we are at? Okay, so now we need to adjust for both population and for VRA to make the percentages closer to what we have to do according to our analysis.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid I want to acknowledge what you are doing is helping us -- I guess help us know maybe walk us through some of the communities of interest that you said you wanted to give Detroit a different alternative. Do you have sort of in mind some of the communities you are doing or just partisan fairness?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I did not look at partisan fairness when doing this until after it was already drawn.

And ran the numbers on.

No in my opinion Southfield is closely aligned with Detroit.

And also Troy is more closely aligned with the rest of Oakland County than it is with Macomb County.

We've also by adding Warren back into Macomb County we kept Warren with Macomb County.

So I think that it is a community of interest that's -- we also added Romulus where the Detroit Metro airport is located in a District back with Detroit.

And added a couple of Down River precincts sorry Down River Townships which are the Townships more closely aligned with Detroit than Monroe Down River which we've also heard about in the house map we already looked at.

But we added the ones that are more closely associated to Detroit back with Detroit.

So I think it really helps Oakland County.

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I think it helps Wayne County and Macomb County to have a configuration that is similar to this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is just my opinion.

I want to give the public a choice so they can tell us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for helping me understand the changes I appreciate it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There are negatives and pros and cons to any decision we make is I think it does put some of the Yemeni and Bengali community that was in District 6 it takes them out of 1 and puts them into 6.

However I think that communities acknowledged that it's a spread out community.

And we still will Hamtramck and the surrounding areas of Hamtramck in District 1 here.

Which I think is a good compromise.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you Commissioner Eid.

Continue are those all the changes?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is the general gist of it, the other changes are for VRA and making the population okay.

So let's make the population okay first.

So let's Zoom up.

We are going to go in between districts 6 and 10 right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6 and 10.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: A little further so you see Oakland.

Okay put all of that in ten.

So we are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All in ten.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are not splitting Oakland Tony more.

Okay and now let's take that to the left.

White Lake and Highland can we go south a little bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Repeat that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Zoom out and go right, yep, perfect.

So where are we? The font is a little small so it's a little hard to read.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will enhance that so it's a little more legible.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful 7 is what I was looking at.

So do you see where 7 is on the border of Northville and Novi? So we are going to put Northville into 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Northfield.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is part of 3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Northville and also supports a community of interest.

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We heard a lot of Ann Arbor associating with the more highly educated parts of Oakland County so we are going to go specifically Novi so we will go in a little bit of Novi to get the correct population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do we take the town?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Take the town.

So now we are going to go into Novi but let's go to the precinct level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's switch to voter precincts because we need to add a little bit more into 7.

So we are going to take 1591, 2436.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2346.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2346 and go across to the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Like that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Like that.

Just deselect 2886 now assign that to 7, please.

So that population is within 0.

Okay, now let's look at District 3.

We are going to look at Commerce Township.

So it's north of Novi.

Perfect.

We are going to put more of Commerce Township into District 3.

Than it currently is in either map.

So we are going to take that precinct, 3107, 2966, 2539, 3519.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2109, that's fine.

2284.

Yep, and those are going to be in six.

And then the rest is going to be in ten.

Can you Zoom out? I think we are missing one.

Oh, the top one as well.

Yep, that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That puts 3 within 37 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful.

Let's look at District 10.

District 10 is short 5,000.

Let's Zoom out slightly.

We can see where that is.

Okay, so Washington Township that one, yep, the one to the north, we are going to take the top three precincts off of there and put them into ten.

Perfect.

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Let's move down to the bottom of this and the southern line between 2 and 3 do you see those precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2 and 3 or 1 and 2?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1 and 2 you are in the right spot all of the precincts there all of those put them into one.

And the two to the left of it put it in one.

And then the couple of precincts right above Wayne, those you see that strip? Yep.

We are just going to square it off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All four of these?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All four of them.

Okay, so one and two are good.

There is something going on with six.

It's between six and ten.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Your plan deviation looks pretty good.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's go about to get a tad bit better.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A moment ago you said it's good for now and looking in the area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Deviation is between 6-10.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can swap or split the difference, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: One moment.

Let me just rebuild the plan on my end because something is not adding up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are total population numbers and I don't know if you recognize the number.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid earlier you were asking for other Commissioners to help.

Do you want help now or do you want thoughts?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So this is the general gist of it.

We can look at six and ten and adjust a few Counties here and there to get the overall population down.

But this is the gist of it as close enough to the final version.

That is in my head to work.

So I don't know if we want to run the numbers first and then I do want to get Commissioner Clark's opinion because I know he had a configuration that looked awfully similar to this one.

But yeah, like I said I think this is really helps Oakland County.

I think it helps Wayne County by including Southfield and Detroit.

We have Commissioner Kellom on as well and I would love to see her thoughts on it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes has a thought, no.

So Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Kellom? Any thoughts? I cannot see your videos if you are giving indication.

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Because he is from the Detroit area that is my understanding is he is trying to give us an alternative collaborative map so may I suggest right now that we have two things we want to do and look at the partisan fairness numbers and VRA District.

So let's look at VRA and make sure we do have the districts drawn and Commissioner Eid do you want for walk us through that? Have you looked at that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The districts that we drew on the base map were at about 52%.

So we have District 2 here that includes part of Oakland County so I think it would be appropriate to cushion that a little bit because Oakland County according to Dr. Handley was 42-43%.

This gives it less than a 2% cushion at 44.9%.

And I think for District 1, 43.6% is pretty darn close to about 41-42% we had before.

But I'm not a VRA expert if our expert would like to comment and maybe you know what we have been doing is looking at election results.

And we can.

Now would be an appropriate time for feedback on that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson is not in the room at the moment but we could General Counsel do you want to weigh in?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly thank you so much Mr. Chair.

So Mr. Adelson stepped out for a meeting and will be returning shortly.

Prior to the partisan fairness the VRA any of those considerations, the plan deviation of .47% the justifications for that would need to be extraordinarily clear.

Because the previous plan was at .18 deviation and remember this is Congressional.

So we are down to one person one vote.

So I would -- or if you would like to run the numbers to just get a sense of what they are for partisan fairness but I did want to flag the plan deviation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can I fix that real quick.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please do.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's look at the one Township we were looking at.

Washington Township.

We are just going to take a little bit more of that and put it in ten.

Do you see where that part Juts up is right there. We will put that into ten.

The other way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That into ten?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm sorry six is too low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Six is lower ten is higher so you need to do the opposite of what you were looking at.

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We will eventually we are fixing I think Anthony is fixing right now the plan deviation then we look at VRA then partisan fairness then he will try to get it back to you Commissioner Clark.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of that area is 2200.

We can remove some of it or whatever.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign it for now then we can remove some.

Okay this brings it down to 0.2.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 0.2 yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, so let's run it or do we want a VRA analysis or do we want to run it until we get there first.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's look so I think the VRA it's one and two, right, you have already talked about 43% we are within the Black voting age population but should look at particular District 2 where Middle Eastern north African right we want to look at that election results from the El-Sayed primary to make sure District 2 still has an opportunity to elect.

That is probably the most significant.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And the other one did that, did the District 2 as drawn have that? I don't recall that it did.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's taxing my memory at this point too.

I don't know either.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I suggest we run partisan fairness and we wait to do this particular piece until Dr. Adelson is in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How you feeling Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree.

We can wait.

He is the expert and would rather get his advice directly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay. So sorry, Mr. Stigall we will one the partisan fairness.

Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is your lopsided margin advantage is 4%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay do you mind if I kind of go through this? Like we did yesterday? So I have the numbers for the base collaborative map too in front of me that is map 200 on the portal.

10-05-21V1CD number 200 again.

So lopsided margins test for that one was 7%.

With only changing Detroit and not touching the west side of the state at all.

It's down to 4%.

Let's move on to mean median difference.

So this went from 3.5% to 2.2%.

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Let's move on to the next one efficiency gap, so that went from 8.7 to 0.8%.
Seats votes ratio this was 6.2% with 6 democratic seats and 7 republican seats.
It's flipped to 1.5% with 7 democratic seats and six republican seats.
So all four of these measures still favors republicans.
It's just much closer to 0 than it was before.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How can you say they all favor republicans there are more democratic seats than republican seats?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The other margins he was suggesting the seats votes ratio I think is the majority is reflected in the number of seats.

But the efficiency gap, the mean median difference and lopsided margin leans republican.

Do you want to show those again? Do you want to walk us through that again?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I understand that but he said all of these.

And this one does not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Got it thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: From my understanding of the measure that one does too because it still takes democrats 1.5% more votes to win a seat than republicans.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: General Counsel could you explain that? I thought it was explained differently.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: My apologies through the Chair to Commissioner Orton.

Can you -- Commissioner Eid can you restate, make the statement again and I can clarify.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I had stated that all four of the measures still favor republicans.

My understanding of the seats to votes ratio is that in this case the seat share basically what it means is to get an equal number of seats the democrats need 53.8% even though they get 52.3% of the vote.

And the difference is 1.5%.

Which is what it says in column K.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So you're referencing the bias the proportionality metric in column K to make assumption.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is my understanding of how this metric of the floor worked.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So the clarification would be, again, that -- Commissioner Orton, I'm not able to extrapolate that data from this.

It's my understanding of the golden rule of seats versus votes is that the -- is again the party that receives the majority of votes that should be reflected.

And a small gap is okay.

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We can look at the date on this plan by opening it and running the partisan fairness and what other reports?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's start with partisan fairness.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so here it is I'm going to leave this file right here.

We can come back to it.

Just let me save this, no, so I will close it down out of the way so I will save this right here and open up the working plan, the plan we will work on or somebody is going to work on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That would be Commissioner Kellom.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: As she makes edits, we can run them and compare them side by side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Roth very good.

And we were trying to be methodical and have been up to this point.

Will you help us remember, Mr. Adelson, what our method is and how we adjust for partisan fairness?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Be happy to.

Should we wait until we see the numbers or should we do that now?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I guess we have the numbers up and they were going to be there for comparison but that is how we start, right? So let's walk through the numbers there.

Do you want to walk us through Mr. Adelson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 5.7% lopsided advantage.

We are not comparing this to another plan.

We are just looking at it in isolation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is our base line.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's go to the mean median difference.

3.4%.

Efficiency gap.

6.2%.

Yes.

The Senate seats ratio.

So this shows 50/50 proportionality bias about 2.3% and in line with the vote shares about 52% democratic and about 48% republican.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They are consulting.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I see.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Stigall, may you please leave seats votes up while we carve uncle? Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They are not consulting they are carbunkling.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that a legal term MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Apparently.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is a starting point if you want to start.

And this column is not supposed to be there.

There, that makes a whole lot more sense.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2434.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Was somebody going to say something it sounded like it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have the floor.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent can we go back to what is happening? Never mind.

I don't have to ask.

Can we go back to the map so I can see where the districts are? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So what I did was the plan I downloaded and it was the base map for the Senate I put a tag name on it so two days from now or whenever I'm back here this is the plan y'all completed and chose to start this plan with.

So this plan is a copy of that as of right this moment.

Okay and here is the plan that is a copy of the base Senate District map.

And where do we start?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can we Zoom in just a little bit.

I'm warning to say District 7 but I'm not sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will just Zoom to it and if you want to look at it, we will do it.

District 7 is on Lake St. Clair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Where is the other one 2434.

Okay and what's -- can you Zoom into 16? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 16?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is north of Detroit Rochester Hills.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom we do have the tool that allows us with the democrats, republicans, the single vote excuse me the elections, the results of a single election.

I'm not sure if I'm making it clear what -- are you aware of that tool that we have now?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Let me see it then I will say "Yes" or "No."

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Kent is bringing it up right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have been doing the 2016 Presidential.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So there is the two, it's the democrats and the republicans.

They will be in the representative color of blue and red.

The higher number whichever gets the most votes will be the top digit displayed.

In this case we are looking at just this is County.

So it's 343087 democrat votes, 289136.

As we Zoom in, it will put this similar number up for the precinct.

So this precinct had 902 red votes.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is more population down at the lower one.

>> CHAIR KELLOM:

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not sure because the other precinct is bigger, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This highlighted has 2200. This had essentially 2500. And also went over, it's 2300, so only 150 people difference between that and that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm indifferent as to which up we take to be completely honest. I will take the smaller one just for the fact of esthetic.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Our objective to make a lakeshore District here, so and we don't want to go too far toward the Lake.

So either one is fine.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Very small changes, tenths of a percent.

Senate districts are fairly large and move a larger number of people to affect percentage change.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we see the active matrix for two to see if Brittini could move some of 7 in 2 and grab a little more of six.

It's already pretty high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To is higher and six is.

Well you can move if you move two into five it's probably not going to be what you want to see.

These are all red precincts, not that this is one election, not that one election tells the tale.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What if we took more of the mount Clemens area? No, don't touch that, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The mount Clemens area from what I can see and one of the other Commissioners couple point it out the blue numbers on top means there is more blue votes in there than red.

So.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't know how I completely didn't even, okay.

So that is not an idea.

You were saying pulling some of two into five.

But.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Putting an eyeball on it they are all red precincts so I would expect putting them this here would drive the percent, it would make it more red than blue.

Which may not be what you want to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The wrong direction.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't want to do that.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think five was close though so maybe it does not matter so much with five.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are working on 7 aren't we, yes because I had... forgive me, I forgot we are not working on five but working at the population with five, not necessarily the partisan fairness level is that accurate. Does that make sense to you Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It does, I just didn't want to completely make five like a dumping District and disregard what is happening with five.

In the interest of being concise let's move some of -- let's assign that lower portion the southern portion of two to five.

Head north where we were my apologies.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Border of two and five.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And areas with the higher red numbers let's take that up to the blue line maybe and we may not need to take all of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 1700 people that is 2300. I'm just kind of bouncing through them.

That is almost 5,000.

1800.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like you want to move about 2000 maximum to split the difference.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Bigger was 559303 what is that?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 2100.

2174 excuse me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Worth a shot.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Then I mean that is the one that I will be reassigning, Kent, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now two is less than 1% over, five is 2.17% under.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You positively affected the plan deviation so we are heading in the right direction so how are you feeling.

We are close to a break time around 4:00.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If you want me to finish, we can. If you want to take a break, I'm indifferent to either choice honestly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think you are heading in the right direction and keep on going if you want.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, all right, so we need more of what now, what is happening? We need to put some more folks in five.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And to sort of I think our goal was to work on the partisan fairness in District 7.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Exactly.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So did we achieve that? I think we were moving in the right direction.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's close and it needs more blue.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It needs more blue and that may be where you want to stay focused or less red.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh and trying to keep in mind with Commissioner Clark what he said about maintaining the lakeshore District so I don't want to touch. I could say get rid of 591 and 676, put that in District 5.

But I don't know without others chiming in if that is necessarily the best choice for that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That is why I'm being silent.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You get a thumbs up 591 and 676.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Those are the two I was thinking.

So you can add that as sign that to five, Kent, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was just going to suggest that as well so I think we are on the right track.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Glancing over back at it you are almost at 50/50.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Keep on trucking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 7 is 1.13% low and 5 is getting better.

So did you say assign 676 to five.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I did, I did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 is at 2% low.

That is one election so it may somewhere along the line balance what this is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So the performance index we are looking at is not just including that one election.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Composite.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: More of.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we just need to take more from six at the bottom, I think, and funnel it up a little more and see what happens.

See if we can do it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kent, you can add that little curve 334, 356, 289, 459, like kind of go in the area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do it one at a time?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes. I was naming the numbers to get you in the right spot.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like a highway and I will use that as a border.

And six is starting to get a little lower.

Now six is 1.5% low and 7 is 1.33.

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So we looked at focused minority matrix and I mean on any given day that is a 50/50 District probably.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That would be my version as close as I'm going to get but I will have to see what other folks have to say.

Commissioner Orton I know you were giving me that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You knew I had my mic on.

To help our numbers on our map which is what we are going for we have to actually get it to flip to 50.01 at least so we got to keep going.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know in this helps it might or might not.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Take those Kent, go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Szetela e-mailed us last night with a few edits to this collaborative plan that she says does what we are trying to accomplish. Now she is not here today.

But maybe we could do an overlay and see what those changes are and see if we want to apply them and if they do work.

I don't know so I don't know if it's these changes in 7 or 5 but and got it on this one at 6:30.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm not opposed to doing that if it's okay and there is not some weird clause we don't know about and maybe presenting another Commissioner's work. But I'm not opposed to exploring that suggestion.

I'm just more interested in what will get us to the numbers we are looking for but also makes most sense visually in keeping all the other criteria that we have in mind.

That is my one voice opinion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Kellom and you did ask Kent to assign those to districts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The ones I was taking advantage of seeing his cursor like take those and see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move 2100 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was further north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 873, 2700 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid maybe what I will suggest is maybe we can ask when we have our break because we are going to try to take a break soon then we can talk about the downloads not during the break but we will talk about it and take the time to do the download.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now our 7th direction is 2.39% low. 5 is a solid .46% high.

And minority race now it just really seems like we need to move chunks to do basically 1% of the Senate District is basically 2650 total population which would mean roughly

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: If Commissioner Kellom would like me to I would.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Come on, please, this is too much.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Base collaborative Senate map we started with had a lopsided margin test of 5.7%.

These changes bring it to 4.5%.

Let's look at mean median difference next.

The original plan was at 3.4%.

This is now at 2.2%.

Let's look at efficiency gap.

That was at 6.2% previously.

Now does that say 3.4%?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It does.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And finally the seats to votes ratio was previously at 2.3% with having an 18 democratic seats and 18 republican seats.

That is down to 0.3% with 20 democrat seats and 18 seats.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you men 19 and 19 instead of 18 and 18.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is what I meant thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Eid and .3% that is where we are at.

How would you like to proceed Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Proceed in vain that acknowledges because I know other Commissioners might have had thoughts based upon partisan fairness numbers because there were others that wanted to see the numbers so it's my turn but I want to move in a way that has consensus on what is the right direction to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there any discussion Commissioners, any thoughts how Commissioner Kellom can proceed.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I said I was going to use Chair Szetela's lines to guide 7 and maybe the movement with five.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I believe Commissioner Lett had his hand up first.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I agree with Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Szetela's plan is an individual Commissioner plan and should be viewed that way if certainly there is no reason that Commissioner Kellom cannot use part of it as guidance, I would also like to see the percentages, the population percentages so that we can see exactly what it is we have seen the partisan fairness we need to go back and look at the rest of the figures that we always look at, maybe they are so far out of whack we can't use them and I doubt that is the case.

It has plan deviation of 4.93.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For the Senate is under the 5% mark is that what we were looking for 5% okay so it's within sort of our range and I think we had is that what you wanted to sort of look at.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The usual stuff we look at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The Polsby Popper are you thinking compactness? I think it's partisan fairness and plan deviation and VRA. So maybe just VRA then move to Commissioner Eid then Clark so let's look at the VRA.

These are for -- which districts? I guess Mr. Adelson can you help us walk through or do you have -- how can we best proceed to do VRA analysis on this map that is from Commissioner Szetela?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Look at 6 the results for 6 and 8, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 6, District 8 and 6 is 65 percentage democrat, District 8 is 79% democrat and by the years Biden Trump 2020, 63% Biden, 36% Trump.

In District 6, District 8 is 79% Biden, 21% Trump.

I guess 2012 we have Obama with 70% in six, 84% in eight.

Romney is 30%.

And 16%.

Peters 64. James 36 in District 6. In District 8 it's 79% Peters.

21% James.

Stabenow was 65% in District 6.

78% in District 8.

James was 36%.

And District 6, 21% in District eight.

So District 8 Whitmer is 70%.

Schuetz was 31%.

Whitmer was 55 percent and District 6 Schuetz was 44%.

44.5%.

In District 6.

Dillard was 43.25%.

Johnson was 57% in District 6, District 8 Dillard was 58%.

And Johnson was 41.6.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So the elections for six and eight the margins are particularly in eight are narrower than their comparable districts we have seen previously.

The biggest exception I see is in District eight, the...could you go to the end? Thank you.

Secretary of State race that is one of Dr. Handley's bellwether elections.

This, that -- in that election, I'm getting confused.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did I read the wrong line highlighted there is District 8.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So go to the end.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 76% Dillard, 24% Johnson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is in 8.

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I'm glad that you explained that because.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it was six that was more narrow.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Six is narrow and I was looking at 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When I scrolled, I got of line and margins narrower than other plans we have seen but all bellwether elections prove out where the candidates of choice perform so this District does appear to both districts appear to afford minority candidates of choice or minority voters, the opportunity to elect candidates of choice. The only difference from previous iterations is the margin is narrower.

Which is I just point that out observationally rather than opining whether that is determinative.

The margins are still pretty big even though they are not as big as in other plans.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are those the only districts to do VRA analysis on?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I was trying to get a handle on this just looking at some representative District but we can certainly look at additional ones to get a clear idea. Why don't I look at 19.

And 17, please.

This is 19.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Before we even start looking at them, I'm trying to get it all lit up.

So that line right there is 19.

So I'm going to do just Biden.

I mean just direction 19 all the way across.

74% Biden.

26% Trump in 2020.

And 2012 Obama got 75% while Romney got 25%.

Peters I'm getting ready to mess up again, Peters 75% James is 25%.

Stabenow is 75%.

James is 25%.

Whitmer was 75%.

Schuette was 25%.

Dillard was 62%.

While Johnson was 38%.

That was for 19.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Look at 17.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or reverse order? We are back now so we have a large democrat margin or republicans index wise.

70 Biden 30 Trump in 20.

80% Obama, 20% Romney.

In 12.

Peters in 20 and for the Senate race had 75%.

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While James had 25%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You want to be on 17.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here I go again, you know.

Maybe this is just too complex for me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're doing great Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right 17 so Peters is 70, James is 30%.

Stabenow is 71%.

While James was 29% in 2018.

Governor's race Whitmer at 73% and Schuette had 27%.

And for Secretary of State it was 71% Dillard or 72%.

Compared to 28 for Johnson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

The same is with the previous District the election results are across the board show significant margins for the minority candidates of choice.

So this District based on just what we looked at does seem to give minority voters the opportunity to particularly buy voters the opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right and with that we said, okay, is that sort of a VRA.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is a VRA let's put a check on it and move on to our next assignment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was Commissioner Lett's question and Commissioner Eid then we will get to Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so two things.

One I would ask if we can look at 19, 10 and maybe 9 at El-Sayed primary.

I'm not sure if we did or not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you have your mic on I can't hear you very is well.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We should look at the primary election data for the El-Sayed election for 19, 10 and perhaps nine.

We may have done that already but I'm not sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I don't remember.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What I was going to say I think if Commissioner Szetela were here today she would use her turn to incorporate some of this into the collaborative map.

So going forward since the data is better and since it still seems not to mess up communities of interest, we already identified I think we should look at the collaborative map and use the overlay to configure it this way and be done with it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't agree with that, there are a lot of changes and unless we want to digest all of this, I think it should be a separate her map.

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The distinction between subsection 14 is when you are able to do that at the final stages of your work those maps are submitted for the Commission's consideration.

So they are treated differently at this stage of the process and later in the process.

You may submit an individual map at this stage under subsection nine and again under subsection 14 it's how they treated in the process are slightly different and I wanted to make sure the Commissioners were aware of that because there has been quite a bit of conversation over the last day and a half in regard to individual and collaborative maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So it's your position that they could submit two?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: You can submit one plan for each type.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is one.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Under subsection nine and under subsection 14 they can submit a plan for the Commission's consideration.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is two.

My interpretation if they submit one now that carries over to 14.

They can only submit one plan.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have the floor if you want to respond.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I would.

That is a very interesting statement.

And I would like to report back to the Commission on that.

Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

It is Commissioner Kellom's turn and her hand is raised.

But we did not actually get to Commissioner Eid's request, which was to review 9, 19 and 10 for the gubernatorial was it gubernatorial? Elections the primaries.

Thank you, Mr. Stigall, for bringing that up.

Do we know which District you've highlighted or? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlighted is District 9.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to try to be more cautious and stay online.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The state primary I will get the labels straightened out hopefully tonight El-Sayed got 12419.

Was this Whitmer?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 20,000 and the third person got 9500.

I don't recall all their names.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is okay that is Thanedar and he received almost 10,000 and Whitmer received 20,000.

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And then we want to move to District ten which is right below it which is okay so
El-Sayed received 11,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: El-Sayed 11,000, Whitmer was 17,842 and then 6361.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point 9 and 10 did not have an opportunity to
elect at the level that we were expecting potentially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Primary.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Primary then we want to get to District 19.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 9 and 10.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm hesitant to call this out with Mr. Adelson but he is
busy at the moment so, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can read through the election results.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was hoping that we might I think we should pause for
a moment, sorry.

Is this District 9 you have highlighted.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District ten.

I'm going to double check it.

Yes, that is definitely ten

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have highlighted District 10. And it was 9, 10 and
19 that Commissioner Eid requested that we do an analysis on the primary
gubernatorial primary with El-Sayed in the left and Thanedar in the middle and Whitmer
on the right. And we don't have total election right now highlighted is District ten with
11,000 for El-Sayed, 6,000 for Thanedar and 17 almost 18,000 for Whitmer.
And then just above it is District 9 with 12000 per El-Sayed, 9,000 for Thanedar and
then 20,000 for Whitmer.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: District at the top.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is District 8 which is also where the Yemeni
population is concentrated with Hamtramck and into the Bangladeshi Yemeni, yeah.
So that is District 8.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well thank you.

General Counsel and I were talking about this before.

The we have gone through a lot of it iterations of different maps and my recollection is
El-Sayed won in two districts.

Now I don't recall which map where that was, but these numbers are even differ than
the margins.

And one of those elections as I recall he received 42%.

That is not reflected here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is the Dearborn population where there is a large
percentage overwhelming, but nine and ten had portions of it and why Commissioner
Eid was suggesting to look at it.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: The District that incorporates Dearborn so okay in the house map we had two or three that elected El-Sayed from the Dearborn, Dearborn Heights area.

In the Senate map I believe we only had one that incorporated 19, we had another that got close but we changed it and it was not the area of ten and 9 but changed it to achieve the correct VRA numbers.

And we were left with one at that point which was 19.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Highlight is District population where the primary results show the Middle Eastern community electing El-Sayed candidate of choice.

And is there in this map that is the District there is no second.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is what Szetela incorporated and included Highland Park and Hamtramck in District 8 and opportunity to elect is a second District. I don't know that eight in our original map prior to her changes had that opportunity as a Senate District.

Can we go back to look at the numbers because I remember that in our earlier discussion, he did appear to be the victor in one of them but let's just confirm that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is District 27 and El-Sayed won this District 27,000 to 24,000 and that is District 27.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He is from the Ann Arbor.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: He is from the Ann Arbor area.

There is a Detroit area District that we were looking at before when we were scrolling down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 8 is also highlighted.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is okay that is it, that is district eight.

So there appear to be two districts now where the Middle Eastern community by inference is able to elect El-Sayed as the candidate of choice.

Mr. Eid the you just highlight for me in District 8 what part of the District that community might predominant?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Hamtramck and the areas directly north of Hamtramck and directly east because that is where the Yemeni population is in the area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Also further north into the Warren area.

So into the Oakland County area.

So this does create that community of interest, that is sort of two distinct ones. So I think what Commissioner Eid, the southern location if you will and then there was a northern strip that went in Oakland County area.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: In District 8 with a Middle Eastern community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Bangladeshi and Yemeni population.

I don't know that the Bangladeshi are choosing El-Sayed.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay so that is interesting and the margin and District 8 the margin is closer but there does seem to be ability to elect the El-Sayed as the candidate of choice of the Middle Eastern community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid that wraps up your question, all right, so I'm not seeing any other hands.

Commissioner Kellom? We are back to you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think contrary to some thought or opinion actually I'm going to integrate Chair Szetela's changes into the collaborative map.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: She offered them in the spirit and did not want to offer them as her's as much as she was trying to help us struggle less but this is her map. So I don't think it's appropriate to actually work from this.

This is her map.

I understand that.

Mr. Stigall? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the map I have the outline overlaid on the work map that had been edited and working on earlier today.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct, uh-huh.

And for what it's worth Commissioner Kellom I do think her District 7 and 5 I mean you can continue working on that and see if the changes are incorporated and not change anything else and I think that would respect some other Commissioners wishes.

It's just an opportunity.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So one major difference I see with District 7 is we had a lakeshore District I believe it went all the way around and her's cuts it in half so I'm just concerned with you know we had spent so much time on communities of interest and things and now we are drastically changing is my only comment about that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm glad you pointed that out, I did not see it Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I advocate for the lakeshore District for sure. But having to stretch all the way to the tip of clay, I always thought was a little bit kind of a stretch.

But I do agree since we worked on that particular piece together, we shouldn't make that change until we are all here or do anything with 7 and the lakeshore but by definition that is a lakeshore District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Forgive me I am glad you pointed that out because I did not see that change.

It really was as Commissioner Kellom was struggling to try to find which way to go into two and where to go in two.

What I saw in the overlay was that there was a way that might work.

That was primarily.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Stigall?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If it's the will of the Chair I can bring up yesterday's partisan or run it now and save it and we can look at it as we go.

Just in the background, if it would be slicker.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's run it real quick and doesn't take but a minute.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anthony once that report is up if you can compare it and read it off on your spreadsheet that would be helpful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This shall be the starting point but not necessarily the ending point of where we want to go with it.

So I will save this and then with a different name.

And we can continue and we can lay them side by side if we so choose.

The lopsided margins on this plan it should match up to what Anthony has 6.3% lopsided margin.

Mean median difference is 3.4%.

Efficiency gap of 6.4%.

And seats are 55-55.

That is where we are at right here, right now.

I'm going to save this plan with the spreadsheet with a different name and we can run it on the plan as it's edited and you will have them side by side if you so choose.

Does that meet, satisfy.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, if you can please do that and Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we also make note of the plan deviation and can we run compactness as well? Just so we have everything to compare? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will back up here and run the compactness.

And what I'm going to do now is save it as a PDF so it's a little easier to read and it's up. Well, if I get this straight, I will save it as a PDF.

And it's going to be and we will put it in the same folder as this is the current plan that we are editing.

I will put it in the same folder. I'm going to give it just a -- so this will be the first one and it will be in the work plan so when we run it again, we will come right back to the same place.

I'm going to go open up the PDF so we can Zoom in and out and actually read it.

And that's the PDF report.

So we can look at them at the same time.

And I understand we have just been really studying the first Polsby Popper.

And this is the most compact .65 District 83.

Least compact is .1 District 53.

So this report is saved, you know, in the same plan folder and it's number one.

So we can run this at any time.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just a couple thoughts.

First, I'm glad that we let Commissioner Lange make the changes that she wants on this collaborative map because it's her turn and we can determine later you know how many we want to bring forward.

But I think it's very good we let her do that.

Without having a whole bunch of smoke about it like the last few days.

My opinion on the District is that we've had public comments for do you know what actually I can't say my opinion yet because we have not run the numbers so we should probably do that first.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent, can you rerun this plan with run the report the partisan fairness so we can take a look at it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can do it right now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And the compactness as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is the new plan.

I can bring up the old plan and lay it beside it unless somebody has the numbers.

Either way you want to do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anthony do you have the numbers and want to read them off?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go ahead Anthony, I'll just click through it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so these are the numbers for the changes that Commissioner Lange made on this map.

Previously we were at a 6.4% sorry we were 6.3% lopsided margins test.

We are now at a 6.8%.

Let's move on to mean median difference.

Previously we were at 3.4%.

Now we are at 3.8%.

So move on to efficiency gap previously we were at 6.4%.

Now we are at 7.4%.

Let's move on to the seats to votes ratio.

Previously we were at 2.3%.

With a 50/50 split.

Now we are at 3.2% with a 54 democrat seat and a 56 republican seats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

All right so next Commissioner in line to have a turn is Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would like to see the Senate map that we were working on early yesterday.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This was the plan.

This was went over yesterday.

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This was the plan when it was posted online and looked at online by Commissioner member, it had an irregularity in it and it was fixed online and then copied back down.

So I'm going to open this up.

It should be identical.

Left off yesterday on this plan.

We were doing the partisan adjustments in this area.

Between five and seven.

We can do like we did yesterday.

Copy, paste all the deviations into a spreadsheet, sort them and see where we are at again.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I know which District I want to work on.

First of all I would like to say 7 was left partially changed.

I think the numbers still work like we didn't throw anything way out of balance but we may want to put it like it was before it was partially change and Anthony do you want to say something first?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I wanted to clarify I previously said the previous house map was 50 democratic seats versus 50 republican seats.

That was a percentage the percentage was 50/50.

The seats were 55 democrat to 55 republican.

And that changed to 54 democrat to 56 republican.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for that clarification, Mr. Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So which reminds me before I want to work on 14 because we left it out of balance.

I don't think we meant to do that.

So before I do that, can we do the same thing? Run a report and keep that so that we can compare, make sure we don't do something we don't want to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sorry?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think also if with we are reverting things back, do we want to make this a clone? That is what we have been doing so Kent if you can make a clone a new version that way if we are not happy.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So what I will do is run all these reports, leave it, make a copy of it and that way they will all be in the right folder, separate and unique.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the partisan fairness features.

I don't know if anybody's jotting these down but we will be starting.

I'm going to rename this to a current name.

So we have 4.5% lopsided.

Mean median 2.8.

Efficiency gap 3.2.

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Seats votes 20dem, democrat, 18 republican.

Okay?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to leave that name as is, just the way, well, we will see.

So now we will run the compactness.

Not that compactness analysis generated.

And we will just go down here.

So the most compact is .66 District 21.

Least compact at .21 is District 17.

.66 for 21, .21 for 17.

I'm going to save this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel? General Counsel quick question.

Did Moon or anyone else give us a range about what's reasonably compact? I know we have that for Dr. Handley but do we have something like that? To me the numbers don't really mean very much to me because I don't know what is reasonably compact and what is not reasonably compact.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: That is an excellent question Madam Chair.

So for the compactness measures, the let me just not look at my notes for the compactness measures the closer you get to one is more compact.

And the closer you get to 0 is the least compact.

So you want to get -- that is how you want to approach that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is where we repaired it.

So it's just this plan with that one little repair in it.

So now I'm going to copy it.

And give that a long name and starting today.

It would be V1SD I'm going to open the plan which we created which is a duplicate of yesterday's work.

So my question is do we want to make the list of the District deviations and differences?

And sort them out like we did yesterday?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think right now I would just like to bring District 14 into deviation -- into the accepted deviation.

So if you would Zoom in to the line between north, the northern border.

And put it on precincts, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are the democrat, republican votes for the 2016 Presidential election I believe.

We can double check it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay I don't think that -- let's see 14.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can just use them for reference if nothing else to identify.

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Would you like to read them?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sure, so I think this was a good idea to run these because I quite like the changes you made as it brought the population deviation down.

Previously the lopsided margins test was at 4.5% and it is still at 4.5%.

The mean median difference was at 2.2% now it's 2.7%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I had 2.8% previously.

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It went down from 2.8 to 2.7.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is what I have as well.

The decimal was off and it was rounding somehow 2.8% to 2.7%.

And then did you also have 3.4% previously?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For the efficiency gap.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I had 3.2.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay really? Maybe I noted these down wrong.

I think you have it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can open it right back up and we can do that if it would make everybody more comfortable pop in there and look at it 3.2 on this plan for efficiency gap.

And .3% positionally bias.

Seats 2018 democrat.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and looks like I think that, yeah, that is the same so that is unchanged.

So we did have small improvements, yeah.

In the right direction.

So only with the mean median from 2.8 to 2.6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now I can go in and look up that other file.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lopsided was 4.5 and it stayed the same.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is where we started right here remember I saved it right in there.

And wait a second, I couldn't find it, just a moment, I know why because it's in a different folder name.

It is in.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do.

The numbers we are looking at when I looked at seven, it ended up to be 50.1 democrat 49.9 republican.

Which I think is the direction that we wanted to go.

So is this the original with those numbers? .

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Just a moment.

I'm going to assign that to 14.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This says 50.42 in this index so this is the part.

So let's go look at the statewide.

Statewide it is more democrat.

So that's the difference between looking at that index for just these races.

And the index for looking at all statewide races.

You see democrats are actually winning that District.

So, in fact, it is a democrat District according to all statewide races.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is with the partial changes that we made? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can someone who is more familiar with the area look at the concurrent configuration and see if we are splitting up some communities unnecessarily that we really should keep together.

I don't know like Grosse Pointe park area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can watch these numbers here to get a very detailed result.

But you can see it out of 800,000 votes for each party over 800 there is only roughly 3,000 separating them.

So it literally a 50/50 in my opinion observation.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If no one sees any changes that we really should make then I think we should leave it as is because the numbers are good.

I'm sure we will hear if peep want it differ.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You helped the numbers and brought the population deviation down so I think that is great.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I just want with the partisan fairness because we are getting the seats votes ratio that looks like it's actually reflective of the poll with such a low .3, like it feels but I also recognize the efficiency gap is not quite 0.

So wonder if there are any experts that can help us.

I know we need sort of composites and we need multiple margins. But I'm struggling with do we need to get to one measure close to 0? Do we need to sort of keep trying to get the efficiency gap to 0? Can we look at the seats votes ratio like what we got here which is so close? .3%.

Right and it does reflect the majority of the population which is democratic is electing majority of the seats with such a low margin I'm tempted to say we have done a good job but no efficiency gap and heard from people it should be close to 0 so I'm really struggling can you help please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is that?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Efficiency gap was I think at 3.2.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Correct so thank you Mr. Vice Chair.

So the efficiency gap being at 0, again, a lot of the very passionate public comment was for everything to be equal.

That is not what your constitutional language is.

Now, the seats to votes ratio, again, as Dr. Handley said, the rule for the seats to vote ratio is that the party that wins majority of seats should be represented or excuse me, that wins majority of votes should be reflected as winning majority of seats.

You have a map where it's evenly split, which is also appropriate.

A small gap is also appropriate in the favor of the party that would win that has won the most votes in prior elections.

So in the State of Michigan here today that would be the democrats.

The seat to vote if it changed particularly when the gap is that small, it would reflect a change in the voting pattern of the state.

That is the goal of that.

Your other measures are not required to be 0.

They are not required to be equal.

It is that they shall not provide a disproportionate advantage.

And I know that we received further guidance from Dr. Handley on those measures and those ranges and for the efficiency gap, specifically.

The range was let me pull up.

One moment it's loading for the efficiency gap, the creators of the efficiency gap and I'm looking at slide number 7 from Dr. Handley's presentation, the creators of the measure argued that the 8% threshold above which that the 8% threshold was what should be considered unconstitutional and then in another series of cases a separate expert had testified that 7% or higher should be considered legally significant.

So again the guidepost there 8% certainly would be the recommendation and then if 7% we would look at what the other measures demonstrated.

But there is nothing in any of the guiding principles in the Constitution that mandate 0% or equal or any of those things.

I did want to acknowledge again that that was heavily advocated for in public comment.

But it was also heavily advocated for that the Commission draw competitive districts throughout the process which does not align with the Constitution.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I realize you said this multiple times to us and I really appreciate.

I think I'm finally getting it thank you thank you thank you for the repetition.

I mean I feel like wow, wow, and that is our Senate and we are pretty good.

Wow.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: We were complementing the numbers earlier this week.

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Yep, that is it so can we open that up and if you have -- go ahead, why don't you do that please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Copying this correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Copy that and make a clone.

And again if you can title it 100821V1HDRAS.

Okay now we will do the same process pulling in a shape file from plan 214.

And then 214 under the State House, that one right there.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I just have a question about the base.

Is this the base that we started on this morning? Or the base that has the changes that Commissioner Lange made earlier today?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This does not have Commissioner Lange's changes.

So before we do anything else I want to run the partisan fairness report on this plan.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you.

We are running the partisan fairness on the base plan that is 10721V1HD?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Plan 217.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is where you are currently at with it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lopsided 6.3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6.3 is lopsided.

The mean median MMD is 3.4.

Efficiency gap is 6.4.

Seats votes ratio is 55-55.

Minus 2.3 for the democrats.

2.3 for the republicans.

50/50%.

55-55 seats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you.

So let's go into the plan.

And I want to Zoom in to District 69, 68, 67 that whole area there.

And we are going to start with District 70 so go a little to the left.

It's Jackson, yeah, so a little bit to the left.

Okay so we are going to just take those areas all the way to Chelsea and put them in Jackson so assign into 70.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Follow the red boundaries and this is 70, 66, okay I'll start there.

If I miss something or just stop me.

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Can you check Dexter just above there? Just it's in the green.

That upper bump up.

I could see that, yep.

So that is 66.

Can you put them into 66? Thank you.

Can we Zoom out and make sure everything stayed this time and save it? And then if it did then let's run that report and see if this made any improvement.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the only one.

You got 68 here does that look familiar?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, yeah.

And there needs to be some work on the deviation but I'm not super worried about that right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still open.

It could not delete it and start a new one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I have that problem all the time.

Just rerun it.

Once you close it you can just rerun it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because it deletes the previous one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And replaces it, yep, the prior was 6.3 so that is an improvement.

3.1 down from 3.4.

Down from 6.4.

[Mr. Stigall is off mic]

We can't hear him.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is down from 2.3 on the prior plan and instead of having a 55-55 balance, it's now proportional to the approximately to the vote share.

Not quite perfect but better than it was.

All right.

All right any comments? Are we ready to break for lunch?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for helping us with the house.

The house was the hardest one, there are so many districts and yeah thanks for making, yeah, a big push.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, you know I think this is another example of where.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you fix that, Kent? Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Blissfield all by itself there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just put it in -- well, can you Zoom out? I'd rather you just put it into 62 because, yeah, I just put it into 62 because just ignore my red lines and go with what the rest of the map is.

I'm sorry Commissioner Eid go ahead I'm sorry I did not mean to cut you off.

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Known publicly on the portal as 226.

Plan number 100821V1SD.

Did you bring that up? Looks like we got it up.

So again this had further adjustments by Commissioner Orton I believe for partisan fairness is that accurate? For population.

Okay so for population.

So it's very similar to the prior one it just had some adjustments for population.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Again are there any reasons anybody has not to bring this map forward?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If not I move we bring it forward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Notice how we all looked at you Commissioner Witjes like yes.

All right we have a motion on the floor by Commissioner Lett to bring forward plan Spruce also known as 226 on our portal.

Code name 100821V1SD to the public hearing.

Is there any debate or discussion on the motion? Hearing none let's go ahead and vote all in favor of allowing this map to be brought to the public hearings raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and this map will be presented to the at the public hearings.

we will now move on to the house.

Questions I always skip the questions.

Sorry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Did the Commission consider incumbent elected officials or any candidates for office when drawing this draft proposed map?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Did the Commission consider City County and Township boundaries when drafting this proposed map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Is this map reasonably compact?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This thought came into my head and I don't want to forget it.

Is there any way for us to put the code names for the maps that we're approving on the portal so that they can see that instead of just the name? So they have a chance to start giving comments by referring to those instead of just the numbers.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, is this version two is open.

Can we see down by the Battle Creek Albion area to see yes so that is the same. And then if you scroll back up towards Midland that would be helpful, I think to everybody.

Okay so this is the one that has Midland with Bay City.

Is this, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it is.

And the colors.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So this map is code name Peach.

Number 228.

Also known as 100821V2HD.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair do the other plans have this 87 in it? I think that may be.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The first one did.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think they all do.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Again is there any reason we should not bring this forward to the public hearings? And if not then I would move that they be -- this one be advances to the public hearings.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so a motion by Commissioner Lett to advance code name Peach 228, 1008V2HD to the public hearings is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

All right all in favor of advancing this plan to the public hearings please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

All right the ayes prevail and the plan will be advanced to public hearings.

Sarah Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Was this map reasonably compact?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Did the Commission consider incumbent elected officials or any candidates for office when drafting this draft proposed map?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Did the Commission consider County, City and Township boundaries when drafting this draft proposed map?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right we are going to move on to Pine.

Which is 100821V1HDRAS.

So yep, right there.

And it is identified as 227 on the portal.

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She is requesting that we look at it because it doesn't have that Battle Creek Albion was it Albion combination and also doesn't have that zig-zag District.

It's got really big deviation though.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If there is no changes to be made to this map, I move that we move map 10621V2HD forward for public hearings with the code name beach.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I love beach trees what can I say.

We have a motion made by Commissioner Witjes to move house map 215, 100621V2HD with the code name beach before public hearing.

Do we have a second? Commissioner Weiss.

So we have a motion and a second.

All in favor of advancing map or any discussion or debate on the motion?

Commissioner Lett go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That gives us seven now, right?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This would be the fourth house map.

This is a house map.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: State, is that what we're talking about?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No not yet.

This is a house map.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I believe this is from the portal plan 215.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I believe that this map doesn't have the fairness measures or anything run yet.

So the Commission might want to take care of that order of business prior to voting.

You might want to table this and have a look and have Mr. Adelson has arrived we are very happy to have him back with us in Michigan.

But again filling in just that tracking form and running those partisan fairness measures for this map and again for the Congressional 187 that was also brought forward today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: This map initially was the one that I had changed initially I want to say with the Midland.

And then after that when there were changes made to Battle Creek and the other area, so I believe it made like a .4% on the partisan fairness.

A deviation from what it was originally when it had the long narrow area.

Don't quote me on it.

But I'm pretty sure it was like a .4% or something like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent if you could go ahead and run that right now the partisan fairness that would be helpful.

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Commissioner Lett did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just looking at the map the plan deviation is extremely high at 11.2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'd like to also mention we have not spent much time really doing any plan deviation other than one plan.

I mean just to be fair about it, we didn't really work on it.

We only had done it to one plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I see the lopsided margins are 8.2 can we look at the mean median? Mean median is 4.4.

What is the efficiency gap? 9.9.

And then the last one which would be the seats votes.

So it's very republican leaning too.

6% proportionality bias.

51-59.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well even though it scores quite high on the partisan fairness measures again I think it would be good to bring forward for the fact the public can be like I like this idea for these particular districts can you see if you can incorporate this into plan XY or Z.

So I mean, I'm done never mind.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I understand your thought process but feel people can do that by looking at the portal right now because it's already out there.

I worry about bringing a map that's not compliant and this does not appear to be compliant just based on the efficiency gap and everything.

The deviation is high and we can fix later but overall it looks like this map is going to need a lot of work.

Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And that was my thought is like I think we didn't work on this one.

We worked on like we worked on this one and that you know that zig-zag the west coast and Albion Battle Creek helped us move the efficiency gap.

We did work on this one and which led us to the other ones to get the numbers down. Yeah.

So I'm just -- that is why I think we left this one, yeah, and moved on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I would suggest that if one of the Commissioners wants this map included that they take it, get it in compliance and submit it as an independent map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would concur with that.
Commissioner or General Counsel.

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I don't know where communities of interest is defined.

It seems like a fairly nebulous thing.

I hope you would define that there are many ways to define it.

And I hope that you will give it your best shot in the next go around thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 42.

>> Promote the vote, a coalition of partners of civic groups including NAACP and access and Detroit action and others has submitted maps to the Commission which were fair and equitable for all citizens.

Promote the vote utilized same data and adhered by the same criteria required by the Michigan Constitution to create the maps.

Our legislative maps have been gerrymandered for decades to protect whichever political party was in charge.

Which silenced hundreds, thousands of voters.

Promote the vote's maps eliminate partisan bias while adhering to important map drawing criteria required by the Constitution.

These maps that were submitted to you recently ensure that there are no wasted votes.

And address partisan gerrymandering and create fair districts for all people in Michigan.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 43.

>> Yes, my name is Kate.

I'm from Livonia Michigan. Thank you all for your very hard work.

I come before this Commission today to argue for partisan fairness in these maps.

The purpose of proposition two was to produce maps that were nonpartisan and fair to all Michigan voters.

The time for partisan ship comes with the campaigns.

Through the quality of the candidates, the quality of their campaigns.

And they win or lose based on that.

And not because of the percentage of voters in a particular area.

Who are republican or democrat.

Please also draw the maps that comply with the Voting Rights Act.

Okay, I want to speak again about Livonia.

I have spoken before about it.

And specifically I want to talk about the House District maps for Livonia.

The maps currently split Livonia into three House Districts.

Besides creating a huge problem for the City clerk and for the mayor it is splitting

Livonia into three districts that disadvantage the citizens of Livonia who will be confused who the representative is.

And how can a representative fairly represent a District containing a chunk of Livonia, half of Redford and a chunk of northwest Detroit? That is unfair to African/Americans as

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To Commissioner Lange's point, her plan might be very different but some of the other plans are very similar.

If Commissioner Szetela drew a map it's based on another map and 80% of the Districts are the same and she can say these are the ones that are different and we can look at the map and see what they are and that's one thing.

Second thing just a tip, if the Districts are slightly different but the concepts are the same.

You can say we have a north Grand Rapids seat and a south Grand Rapids seat and the concept is the same, you can move forward without committing to an exact different in that area.

If you understand the differences then you understand the plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

So it seems like there is interest in starting with a debrief because we never had a debrief.

So do we want to go session by session? Just in general? We don't want to do Detroit and what stood out from Detroit? Okay.

So I think it's clear we've had sort of discussions generally around Detroit, Flint, and Ottawa County and those are the big three.

Do we want to start with Detroit and talk about observations and move on?

>> That's fine.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Madame Chair would it be helpful for me to quickly scribe the debriefing considerations to have in your mind while you're talking about this?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sure.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For debriefing commissions will discuss feedback and themes from Public Hearings, considerations and suggested changes for COIs, additional COIs, suggested changes and input from RPV and VRA line drawing consultants.

If you like while you're making changes, I can document the changes and then we will have a nice list for you all to examine.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

Thank you.

Ms. Reinhardt.

So how we want to proceed on Detroit? I think there are two easy ones that came up. Banglatown.

Adding in the two precincts and we all received maps.

Palmer Park, wanting to include that in Ferndale and Oak Park and Huntington Woods because of the LGBTQ community there.

Two simple small changes.

Any thoughts or comments on those? Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think there's a third.

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One individual talked about a street being split and that was an easy one.

I think that we could handle relatively easy.

It was in Detroit.

There was a street.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It was the dexter Davis and I think it was Laughlin worth Lynwood, does that sound right?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm describing the area.

Lynwood is over there.

Yep.

Hold on one second.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't see any reason why we shouldn't take those into account.

Those are neighborhood types of things that I think are appropriate at this point.

I think there's the bigger issue that we have to talk about.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The other piece that was maybe easy was the idea that there was a Latino District moving the line west.

I wrote down something like into 17 from 19.

I wasn't able to understand all of it, but the comment was mostly about increasing the effectiveness of the Latino representation in 17 by moving the line west from central, I wrote down, from District 19.

I think these are all house maps, related to house maps and there was something else about Melvindale has a large Yemen that should be included in Arab Districts we've drawn.

If we're talking about moving a line -- the other one that I recognize is that the Cherry map complete the Boston Edison neighborhood.

In general we might want to do a review of all the neighborhoods and I believe people know which neighborhoods are okay to split and which are not okay to split.

Recognizing we want to walk through those neighborhoods.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, and I think that also gets into the broader sort of topic of discussions about how we've divvy up Detroit and relooked at the maps to keep neighborhoods together because they're easy to keep together that way.

Commissioner Eid and then Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree with everything that's been said.

I heard a few different things.

Some of which have been mentioned.

Bringing the neighborhoods back together.

The house map, we have specific comments that mentioned the South field area for that.

We've also heard that was already stated on the house maps, the difference in those precincts between District two and District ten.

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I also have some notes here from people in Troy wanting to be with Oakland County. I have some notes about the Arab community wanting Dearborn Heights to remain whole and to be a second District along with Dearborn.

And just generally speaking by my account it seemed like the most preferred maps were maple, pine, and cherry.

And, you know, actually, I heard some good comments from the Spanish and Latino, Latina community about our maps.

That community seemed to have liked what we did by enlarge.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Anthony highlighted what I was going to say and Commissioner -- if you want to take notes of what we were talking about just for clarity -- specifically the gentlemen from the Dexter area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I looked at my maps because I drew a map of what he was saying, Laughton street move from number one to number two and I drew the map. Dexter Lynwood area.

Windemere Park.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And keeping the Roseville community together and when we go back and mend some of these neighborhoods and that's all I wanted to say and Commissioner Lange I think has her hand up.

I don't know if you saw that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

And in the neighborhood discussion there was a lot about is East English Village, Morningside? Something.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Morningside and Cornerstone.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Cornerstone, yep.

Morningside east English Village.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: This is a little bit more specific.

Someone made a reference to District 21 and wanting horizontal Districts in the wood ward 8-mile area and that's just a configuration suggestion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

Okay.

And the last one I would raise up is there were requests for Congressional maps to switch Southfield and Northville.

We're getting a little out of Detroit.

Sorry.

South Lyon and Southfield.

Right now Northville is pushed up and south Lyon is pushed into Wayne County. You're keeping the communities in their Counties and the other would be the API community in Novi.

There was a precinct or two left out and they want pulled back in.

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Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Roth owner Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It's not particularly in Detroit but I want to make sure special consideration is given to the (inaudible) community.

I want to make sure we give consideration to them.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

Commissioner Eid and then Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was going to say it's loud and kind of hard to hear. Let's try to be clear so that welcome all hear each other.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because the room is small, when people is having side conversations, it's picking up on the microphones.

>> I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right.

Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The seat community that was an African immigrant community that was a smaller -- it's not clear that it's a small change because when I was able to try and draw my map, I lost it so I can't actually speak to it at this point but I have a note about this.

Between south feed and north park there was a Jewish community.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Orthodox Jewish.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oak park.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There were maps given and I have not been able to look into it but Commissioner Lange was lifting up these smaller communities that we may have included, somehow recognizes that we can include them and all of these changes that I think I'm addressing I think are house map changes, I think.

Commissioner Szetela lifted up we have Congressional maps.

I would like to offer I would like to look at with Anthony Skinnell drew it and recognize the shift and he's been really clear to us and he has an interest in -- looking at that if we're going to look at Congressional maps and looking at how many Communities of Interest, he has included in that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right.

Anything else about the general metro Detroit area? Commissioner Clark? We've discussed all the things that keep communities together.

COI types of things and I also heard a major theme in Detroit and that thing was that the citizens of Detroit want to be kept together as a whole.

I think it's something we need to look at and discuss as we go forward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I heard that as well but the way I'm analyzing that is saying that they want to be both together and packed together is still illegal.

The fact they say we want to be packed together is a violation of the VRA.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have to comply with the voting act.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Trying to adhere to what the individuals wanted in Detroit, that's a fine line between giving people what they want and giving people what they want that is illegal.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I wouldn't call it illegal but noncompliant.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Your mic is not on.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we should take a look at it.

I think in fairness for the people who got up and spoke about this -- and there were a lot that got up to talk about this -- in fairness we should look at whether or not we can make adjustments and maybe we can't but it's worth discussion.

I would really like Brittni's and Juanita's upon that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark, thank you.

I totally agree.

I think as we all know there can be information gaps between what the public understands and what we've been working with and if we pay attention to Detroit's rich history and the fact that it is predominantly a City of color that has many neighborhoods and folks that have to have this kind of united voice because I heard that as well.

I think we can find a middle ground between the switches that we -- that they would like us to make.

We're kind of honing in on these neighborhoods and I think we'll find we'll have positive outcomes that don't necessarily put into question our map inside general and I think that will be the happy ground.

Because Detroit is a different place, much like Flint.

We heard those folks say it's a unique city and it has to be observed as much and I think my fellow Detroiters did an excellent job representing that.

I heard the concerns as well that we have an obligation to comply.

With it, as well, I think it's our obligation as we're making decisions in Detroit and I would like to say the same thing in Flint, to be very verbal as we're reassessing to explain why.

As a point of education, I think we can do a better job of doing that and using some of the things we've heard from the community so we're not silently drawing and talking the whole time and giving shout outs and nods to the enabled we've heard and I think if we do it bravely and together it will be absolutely fine.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any other comments from Commissioners?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Maybe one because I think we're trying to also paint a big picture here.

One of my understanding is the public is asking for partisan fairness.

We haven't mentioned it and I feel like that's one of the things we have to balance as we adjust, making sure we're getting increasingly fairer and representational and recognizing that it's right that we have to go in priority.

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The other piece I feel like is that I don't know that the public has asked us to get these done right the first time.

That's part of what I want to lift up.

My intention is to get this right the first time.

That's really a major, yeah, theme in my heart that we have to somehow, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, so Ann Arbor is off on the west side but in terms of partisan fairness, all of my individual maps changed what we were doing in Ann Arbor for the purpose of creating better partisan fairness and it drove down the efficiency gap in the mean median by making the change inside Ann Arbor.

A lot of our maps maintain Ann Arbor as a community but if you look at the top ten in the state and what we've done with the rest of them, Ann Arbor is in the middle and the only city we haven't split up.

There's a lot of Public Comments to split up in one way share or form for partisan fairness and to equally split up the community.

I think we need to look for it as well and how we're treating Ann Arbor and not preserve this special status and we have other communities we're dividing up.

Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Lett.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I thought about what Commissioner Clark just said of keeping Detroit together because of what they said and I think that's true and it celebrates the spirit of community there and wanting to continue to build on resources and I challenge us and this is also for Members of the public that are watching and Kim Brace that's his hand up as well in case you can't see, we encourage representation but we also look for ways that we can positively add growth to that community because I think that's a deeper job that we have in the way we are designing and reimagining through redistricting.

That is it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.

I did see Kim Brace's hand up but I'm focusing on Commissioner comments right now. Commissioner Clark and then Commissioner Lett and then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you Madame Chair.

I want to go back to your comment about Ann Arbor and efficiency gap.

My objective here is to focus more on COIs and the items we heard of what the individuals at the hearings thought would be the best approach.

My objective is not necessarily to continue to decrease the partisan fairness and the efficiency gap in particular.

If it even went up .1% it wouldn't bother me.

I they we're well in scope.

I think what we have to do is look out for the people and what they think is the correct approach and apply that as most appropriately as we can as we move forward.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ann Arbor there are hundreds of comments on the portal and we've received Public Comments as well asking for Ann Arbor to be split up.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's fine but the objective shouldn't be to keep driving down to .1 or zero and that may happen.
That's great.

In my mind is to take into consideration more of the Community of Interest and what the people said they feel is more appropriate than what we have to and focus on that and we have to balance it.

I realize we have to balance it.

The main objective shouldn't be to drive the efficiency gap down.

We should be being looking forward to the people until the neighborhood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't see that as being an either or choice.
I think we can achieve partisan fairness and protect community interest.
It is a Constitution at criteria.

We shouldn't ignore it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not saying we should ignore partisan fairness.
You look at the Constitution, COIs and keeping the neighborhoods together and so forth are higher priority than the partisan fairness so I think that should be our focus as we make the adjustments.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett and then Commissioner Eid and then Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: In listening to the comments, while they all use different words, they're really all saying the same thing that we need to look at these and make whatever adjustments we need to make to make them as fair as we can.

Keeping in mind one of my favorite sayings, don't let the perfect get in the way of the good.

And I have to really disagree with Commissioner Rothhorn.

He said we need to get it right the first time.

Well, we're on about the 33rd time on some of these maps so we really need to try to get it right the last time and that's what we're working on and everybody I'm hearing talked to is trying to do that.

And we've had some philosophical comments about what should be and what shouldn't be but I think we need to move forward with debriefing the rest of the five meetings.

We've kind of done Detroit and move on.

And then get down to looking at the maps because that's really what we need to be doing.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.
Commissioner Eid?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean I think we can do both, respect Communities of Interest and achieve partisan fairness.

In regards to Ann Arbor, Commissioner Szetela, you were speaking about in the Senate configuration for all the maps; is that correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe so and I believe in the house too.
I would have to look at individual maps.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree I think also if we did do that, we heard voices at the Detroit public hearing from the west Bloomfield area that they weren't really happy with being with northern Oakland County and they would rather be with southern Oakland County and that's one of the ways of doing that by changing the configuration of Ann Arbor and you would open more room for that type of configuration. I really like this debriefing session and I think this is good and I agree with Commissioner Lett that this should keep going.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I agree about the keep going but I want to make a point to Doug's point.

In the Constitution it says nothing about the efficiency gap.

We had Dr. Handley give us guidelines that stated if we stayed within a certain range these would be acceptable measures as it says in the Constitution.

So this idea of getting this efficiency gap down to zero, while tearing apart certain areas that have asked to be remained, Communities of Interest, as I've seen, as I've spoken out about, is about acceptable in my opinion and I just wanted to add that on to what Commissioner Clark was saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I totally disagree with that statement.
We have to take partisan fairness into account.

It doubt specifically say efficiency gap but it does say we take into furs of fairness --

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So they definitely fall within the criteria of things we have to consider.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can I get legal counsel to comment on that so that I have a clear understanding, then?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel did you follow what was just said?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madame Chair.
Good morning.

Yes, Commissioner Lange that was an accurate statement that those have been accepted by the courts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange did you have a follow-up?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That's not my question.

My question is as far as the reading of the Constitution, do we have to get the efficiency gap as close to zero to the Constitution.

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They were prying and I don't know if they're still doing it but they were going to transfer some river front property to a tribe to build a casino.

My supposition is that some corporation that's sponsored by the indigenous people are trying to make that happen.

Not necessarily the local indigenous people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think that's accurate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think the problem is you have a community that's vastly distributed, at large in part because of forced assimilation and historic inequities but that makes it hard to draw a map to accommodate them because they're spread out all over the place. We tried hard where we knew there are Indian reservations to keep the communities together.

I know that group did submit multiple maps.

Promote the vote map as well as other maps but those maps were whole state maps but it makes it hard to identify what areas we need to target and they weren't focused down and I know Members had spoken to the groups asking for them to submit Communities of Interest so it's easier for us to make changes and hopefully they do so. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree with Steve stair scattered all over in smaller groups and it's hard to look out for their interest when that happens.

One of the other things that I got out of the Lansing hearing and I heard it at other hearings as well -- it deals with student voices being represented.

They felt many colleges were split in different Districts.

Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills.

Those are two different Districts and they want them consolidated into one.

I thought I would bring that up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: While certainly the college students and the ones we heard from voiced that opinion, I didn't hear any of the citizens from east Lansing, full year round residents, backing that up.

My recollection? Hear in this area in east Lansing, when they changed the rules back in the day that college students could register to vote in east Lansing, east Lansing weren't very excited about that because there were 40,000 people here who were going to control the vote.

While we have a legitimate right to be heard there is a counter veiling process from the full-time tax paying residents.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think also particularly with college communities students don't necessarily live on campus and they're spread throughout the community and it's an issue of dispersion and how do you group those people together and frankly another factor to consider is the transient effect of college students.

People rent there for ten years.

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They're there for four years and move on.
Maybe eight if they go to graduate school.
It depends.

Go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I've been a college student for 11 years now.

Just saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's not something to be proud of Anthony.

>> We're also hoping for you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I have 3-degrees and I'm working on a fourth.

I'll take it.

The reason I say that is because while yes most college students and undergrad are at schools for four years, they're also important because the impact especially on a state legislature side that college policies on students last way beyond ten years and you're talking about how much funding colleges get which impacts how much loans a student has to take and the interest rate on those student loans and I think we're well aware of the student debt crisis going on in the country right now.

Not saying that I agree that the whys of putting east Lansing and Lansing back together is a good idea because I don't agree with that.

I believe the college community is better served with them being split but we shouldn't just forget about the college people's voices because the effects that these policies has on them does last between years.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Don't take my comments that way.

They weren't meant to that way.

The college students provide a significant voting block for whatever District they're in. I personally know of individuals who have been elected by going through all of the dorms on east Lansing campus and working the crowds to get votes and got elected based upon the students' votes for them.

They are definitely a political force and we need to take that into account.

I'm not saying to dismiss it.

But I am saying there's a counter veiling weight out there also that we need to consider.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like some clarification Steve on the comment you made that east Lansing students were required to register and vote in east Lansing. Is that a administrative requirement or just an east Lansing requirement?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Way back in the day students were required -- and I'm going from memory -- to register from their home, where they lived.

That changed.

They could register from their they were in east Lansing or Ann Arbor and vote there and that dynamic changed what went on what went on in college towns.

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I understand why we are saying it's not our responsibility but we do know the impact of the decisions that we are making.

If I wanted to highlight that, so that we could have more qualitative discussions if possible.

I know that is not everyone's perspective or view but I will speak for myself as a Commissioner when I think about drawing lines that is what I'm considering is what this will mean ten years from now.

For folks that are already suffering and experiencing different issues no matter what color they are and no matter where they live.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I want everybody to know it's so hard for me after five days of public comment not to say Thank you for addressing the Commission. Every time someone speaks.

I'm trying to hard so if it slips out once, please forgive me.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You can say thank you Rebecca it's fine.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: On a different note I want to say we also heard in regards to the house map once again concerns from the Arab American community. Mainly centered around Dearborn and Dearborn Heights and wanting those to be closer to the prior configuration that we had before.

But at this one we also heard from the Chaldean community which was nice to hear from.

Being a community that is spread out in Oakland and Macomb County.

So just wanted to acknowledge that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, any other comments? Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I wanted to save this until the very end.

But.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, no.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: There is one comment in I believe it was Flint that really irked and wanted to address my opinions on the matter.

Someone stated that partisan fairness is gerrymandering by a different name.

It's the exact opposite.

Of gerrymandering.

And ensuring that districts are fair.

So I wanted to raise that at the public hearing but I bit my tongue.

But I did want to give my opinion on that fact, on the public record.

So hopefully if the individual is watching this, they know how I feel on the matter.

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But the second step is you could basically prepare a matrix of the six plans and just say, you know, in the UP, the three districts in the UP are exactly the same and five of the six plans.

You just have a check box.

So that might be something you could prepare after as we look through this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Ms. Reinhardt?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

So just from a process standpoint to clarify.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are really quiet.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just from a process standpoint to clarify you all are going to be reviewing the maps but not making changes at this time.

Or do you plan on making changes to each of the maps?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think what the plan is we are going to look at the maps as a means of reducing the number of maps we are looking at and narrowing it down.

Then at that point we could make potential changes to a map or maps.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think I'm wondering right one of the things we are dealing with is we do have to look at metrics.

We have the fact is that we've got from our analysis, from our Lisa Dr. Lisa Handley said we are 52% democratic state.

Right and that seats-votes ratio feels like an important piece.

What I mean is if we start with it imbalanced the reason we moved in the direction is because I think many of us, I heard it from Commissioner Orton and I really resonate with it I don't need the efficiency gap to be 0.

But I don't want to start backwards if we have something that actually is more representational.

That's the part that is really challenging for me.

I do think there is a metric and maybe we can't agree on it but that is the hard part for me.

I should not say backwards but just like the idea that fairness does we have a metric that helps us understand proportional and we are 52-48.

And that was shared with us.

And so I feel like we should start with something.

Because these districts we are going to have to adjust to get to that representation and if we have already done the work to deny it at this point feels like, yeah.

And yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I think I'm not quite sure if I'm understanding what you're saying.

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But I think if we are going to go through this exercise where we look at each of the map, we know they are each within you know close to the range we are wanting.

So if we look at each of the maps and then we are trying to kind of consolidate, fix some areas it may change.

Some of the metrics so we will have to look at it again in the new.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think MC's point is why start with something we already did that to.

So like oak map is the base like, Elm map is the base line. We made changes to that map to make it better and so why like particularly I'm just going to pick on the oak map. So the oak map the partisan balance is 54 democratic 56 republican seats with a negative yeah, it's flip-flopped negative partisan bias of democrats with the seats that is a pretty huge imbalance.

Efficiency gap and the margin 3.8 in favor of republicans. Looking at that why would we consider making changes to the map when we can go up to the Peach map or the Pine map and now we've got 55-55 or 56-54.

Either of which are better.

So why would we start with the one that is the most poor performing and hope to change it.

Reality is we already did change it with Peach and Pine.

Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: What I would say it would be pretty simple to just put those in the matrix as well and look District by District and just understand what the differences are. Because if you have two maps maybe when you looked at the and when you say looking at the data you are only talking here about the partisan fairness data.

There is other data as well. But the point is that if you were to look at, say, you know the first two I guess it's Elm and cherry, no, I don't know whatever the two are that you say one is an improvement on another one, at least you can quantify it.

And say well how are they different? So the difference is these Districts are 80% the same and we changed two districts or five districts or whatever it is.

Then you can say okay that's the change.

Then you understand what it is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that.

That is helpful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What you are contemplating is are we doing like shape files or just bringing them up and comparing region by region using PDFs?

>> MR. MORGAN: Do it first by PDFs because that is again something during the break maybe we could contemplate printing those if you think that is a good way to go. And then just the views are not identical, but they are close.

And I think if we can look at the views and you can see what they look like and see if that is a logical way to proceed then you can say, yes, John do more of that.

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Or, no, we want something different.

So let me show, you pick the Elm plan first.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: What I'm going to do is to give you an idea what I have ready right now I will show those JPG or the different regions just for that plan.

I can compare two regions or sorry one region over multiple plans as well.

So let me just start with the Elm plan.

Sorry so what I have eight different views.

There is a north which is UP, Central and south which is sort of the larger picture.

So this is the Central not region but this is the Central view let's just call it a view.

And then I've got a separate one for Lansing and Grand Rapids.

So that is two more.

So that is five.

And I've got the thumb as six.

I've got Oakland and Macomb blow up which is 7 then the 8th is Wayne County.

So those are kind of standardized-ish views.

So this Central map you've got again you can kind of see what the districts are in the big picture.

There is in this plan there is a District 34 here, 35 in the middle, 33 down here.

You can see 36, one and 15 and in the thumb it's all there.

I'm just going to cycle through the next one.

So this is focused more on Grand Rapids.

So you've got a District 22.

Which is over in Ottawa County.

You have a north Grand Rapids.

A south Grand Rapids.

And then for this purposes this let's just say this is the Kent north District.

There is some Counties associated with that.

So when I show you this view for another plan, you will see roughly the same four districts, there will be a District here, a District here, here and here.

And so that is the idea you can compare those four districts across multiple plans.

This is the Lansing area.

It's just zoomed in more or less on Lansing.

So you're looking generally at two different seats in the various plans.

This is Oakland County.

And Macomb County.

And it shows you how many districts are roughly in the area so you have 18, 14, 16, you have a 11 that crosses into Wayne.

9 which is primarily Wayne with some of Oakland.

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Then you can see the other districts that are coming out of Wayne and then five and 7 are primarily Macomb County districts.

Then here is a southern.

Which you can sort of see the districts so there is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, 7 in this view essentially.

Just Ann Arbor, I'm including here because it's a better visual.

And then here is the thumb.

And while it does not focus on the thumb, I think we generally know what the outline of the Huron Bay is.

So there is a District here.

Here.

And here.

So you can see those.

And then here is the UP version.

So the UP version there is generally going to be three districts and you will touch a fourth or a fifth here.

Those are the views sort of cutting the state down into bite sized chunks that we can look at.

And then also, again, with each of these plans, all I did was I created a document that would be printable, that is just the matrix for that plan.

So it's the overview tab of the Autobound.

Then I also have got, which is viewable a little harder to print, but we can figure out a way around that, and this is the partisan fairness spreadsheet.

So I have that information for each of the six Senate districts.

And then there is also a way we can overlay them in the redistricting software.

But that gets much more complicated if you're doing more than, say, two or three.

So, again, if you want to look at each plan, sorry, let me just to clarify what I have.

Then here is a version where let's just pick one that is relatively simple.

Here is the UP.

These are all six plans.

With just the view of the UP.

So this one is, let's see, I don't know the tree names are throwing me a little bit, this is 104.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is, Elm.

That is cherry.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, and then here is another one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And that is Spruce.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right, okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is no changes yet, correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, you are not seeing any.

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We could look a little more carefully but generally you have 38, well actually let's be more careful.

So here is your 38 and 37 in the Elm.

So we can look to the interocular test as they say.

All right, so we've got and then this appears to be basically the same.

And if we overlaid them, they would be the same.

And then this is the third plan.

I believe it's also the same for this is the Spruce.

And then this one is a different one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is my individual map.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right, so that is, okay that has got your name on it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's the same.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is the same, right.

And so now this one is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Rhonda's.

>> MR. MORGAN: Not Senator Senate place Lange, right? So that is different.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So when should we -- what is in your process should we talk about this or just keep going interocular just looking?

>> MR. MORGAN: What I'm trying to do is give you the tools I have handy.

So now you have all six views of just basically those three things.

So if you were doing a matrix, you could say let's look, five of the plans those three districts are exactly the same.

One plan they are different.

How is it different.

You know, is it you could look at the metric and say it's different on the metric or the metrics are basically the same but a different configuration of populations.

You could quantify it with a different name.

You could say, well, in this you know this District how do you quantify what the differences are.

You can use the metrics that is helpful but you can use a quick descriptor to say the real difference is Sault St. Marie is different.

Or it probably is more to do with the District 36.

Or since we have the author of the plan here, we could ask the author of the plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so it looks like for the Upper Peninsula region Eid Szetela Pine Spruce and Elm are the same.

Is everybody seeing that the same? The Lange map has some changes to the Upper Peninsula.

Anybody disagree with this assessment?

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>> MR. MORGAN: We could focus on the areas where the boundaries are like you can see this boundary line is what you are really looking at here between 37 and 38. Then the outer boundary of 37 and 36.

So again this is you said Elm.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 04 is, Elm.

That is cherry.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it looks like it's the same boundary here and here so same. And then this is just.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Spruce.

>> MR. MORGAN: Spruce is the same with this boundary, right? And looks like it's the same there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: And you know we could look a little more carefully to see if 36 is exactly the same or not.

Okay and then this is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is my individual.

>> MR. MORGAN: Individual, okay.

And that appears to be the same.

Is it? Maybe it's not.

No, it appears to be the same.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I did not make any changes that I remember.

>> MR. MORGAN: As the author you can say I didn't make any changes and now you know it's the same.

Now this is different.

So what is different is from my read on in the numbers are different.

So you know we may consider this might be a good time to renumber things or not.

And it looks like the primary difference is Sault St. Marie is the community, the City, the Township around it, the Sue is in with the rest of the western UP.

And District -- it's numbered District 2 but basically the Traverse City north to the bridge is configured a little differently.

And then this District is you know it's configured differently.

We could describe how it is configured for those three districts.

And this is the Eid map, which is I think if I'm looking at this it's the same boundary in 38 and 37 and presumably 36.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid do you remember making changes? Okay, yep.

Okay.

All right, do you want to move on to another region or does anyone else want to look at this further?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think this is where -- so Commissioner Lange I think earlier you were saying like it might be useful to talk about.

Is this a good time for you to talk about that change or do you want to help us understand why you did it differently or is this not the right time?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is up to the Commission as a whole.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are here go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I don't know what you want to know.

Obviously, they are different for the UP.

My maps obviously were not based on any of the collaborative maps.

I did them all based on VRA.

One vote, one person.

Population and communities of interest to the best of my recollection.

The UP split was different because I was trying to remember and mind you, I could not get the thematics or the dots on our mapping thing to work for me at the time.

So I was trying to remember where the bands of the American Indian populations in the UP were.

I know from doing my own research that there was quite a few in the Baraga County.

I also took into consideration community of interest as far as Marquette saying they wanted to be with them.

I tried to split as few as what I could to maintain the population.

As we go south, there was comments about people from certain Counties relating more to the west side of the state.

So I tried to incorporate that.

The District that also looks like steps, those are rural areas.

It also includes my area.

It was population wise taking in consideration how rural they are and trying to get the population correct.

If you went even lower to the -- I don't know how low you want to go.

I mean are we looking at just this portion?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can just stop because we didn't go down that far on the map so you can kind of stop there.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I may again, I brought this up in Autobound and overlaid.

Since we have five of the District plans are the same, I used the Elm plan as the base and overlaid the one District plan that is a little bit different.

So if you decided again this is where you would look towards in just a general sense rather than discarding a map you can take an idea from a map and add it in to your maps moving forward.

So if you decided you like Commissioner Lange's map in this area, you could you know, do those three districts in that way.

And you could just put them into your plan.

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That's one way to handle it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark and then Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, Rhonda, it's hard for me to see part of the map but you have Cheboygan going to the west rather than the east on this.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Point to Cheboygan here.

I'm bringing up the map myself.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's the same as ours.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's the same as ours.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just in the UP she has the line different and 36.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is what I couldn't see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I couldn't see it well but I believe it's all the same except like between 36 and 37, the line is on top of each other.

Is that right?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, on this boundary that is correct.

So if you think about it this way in the combination of 38 and 37, there are differences. Sorry but the outer edges are the same between 38 and 37 as it gets down here. And then 36 is different here.

With the Elm plan has Arenac, Saranac, Iosco and Ogemaw. And Commissioner Lange's map goes to Osceola and Clare.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would think our next step we take is either take these two ideas forward since there is only two ideas here or talk about them and see if we want to change anything and incorporate them together.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would agree and seems how we want to move forward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want to move forward on a Section by Section or map by map basis?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The part that makes me nervous is doing UP down I feel we want to go population centers.

That is the only other thing I would say so yeah, I think we learned right as we did map that we needed to be in the population centers and sort of move out from there to understand all the ripples, right, that is what I mean.

If we are rippling that is the only part.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I may if you want to postpone any votes or decision making, you could just make a note and say these are the differences.

So you understand now what the differences are and there are many.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Which is what I'm doing.
Commissioner Lange?

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>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'd like to comment on that population about the ripple effect coming from the more populated areas.
That ripple effect, the rural areas still have voices too.
And they should be given just as much consideration as the urban areas.
So that ripple effect let's concentrate on the urban areas and however it affects the rural areas is not going to fly with me.
I'm sure that is not how you meant it.
It's kind of how it came across.
Because the rural areas do have their own concerns.
And I don't want them discounted because there is more urban areas that might take more time.
But their voice is no less important than anybody else in the state.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I won't disagree with you but I do recognize too the makeup of the urban and rural is very different.
The racial makeup for me is my concern.
There has been historical legacies of the right the Black population not getting representation early on.
So that is all I'm suggesting is that to recognize that we are doing something historic here.
That we are trying to make a difference with people who have been marginalized for centuries.
That's what I'm recognizing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so John if we can move on to another area, I think everybody has had to take notes about what the differences are here. If we can move to the west side and compare those maps.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will just call that Grand Rapids.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Grand Rapids area.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we will do that and again are you liking this style so far? Just in terms of comparison.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again at the break, you know, if you like the style then I could have another member of the team try to prep some other maps possibly.

Okay so we will bring up Grand Rapids.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Shall I start and do the all six together? Does that work okay?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looking at the reference this is so-4 so this is, Elm.
You will see different configurations let's talk about what we have here.
So there is one District here that is primarily Ottawa County.

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There is a Grand Rapids north, Grand Rapids south.

And then the fourth District is the treatment of Kent.

I'm trying to de-emphasize in this discussion these two districts because they are primarily in another region.

So this is basically a view that gives you three basically four districts, okay, so this is the Elm plan.

And this is the cherry plan, okay, and they are probably the same.

And, again, you know I don't recall there being substantial changes in this area.

This is another plan.

So this is the Spruce plan, I think.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes Spruce.

>> MR. MORGAN: It appears the Districts are the same just for those four districts.

And this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is my individual.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is your individual plan.

So this appears to be the same for those four districts.

So four out of four.

All right, and now this is Commissioner Lange's District.

So, again, even though this is a different configuration, I'm primarily focusing on one District here and the differences you know you can see that this has Muskegon whereas other districts didn't.

And then you have a north and a south Grand Rapids configured differently but still generally north and south.

And then de-emphasizing the southern and really picking the north.

You could go either way.

You could say okay this is the fourth District or this is the fourth District.

I would tend to say it's this number six.

So six, 7, 11 and 12.

And again different configuration.

And then I believe this is the Eid plan and I think this is a little different though.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It has a little drop down there.

>> MR. MORGAN: So there is a difference here so again it's 1, 2, 3, 4 districts and it is a little different.

It does not -- these Townships are not being taken in the south.

So somewhere along the way you know this plan is going to have to rotate that population out of view in some other way.

Okay, so it looks like there is probably three different options that are being looked at in this area.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we go back to one of the prior collaborative ones and compare it against Anthony's? So he brings down into three that part goes up into 33 instead.

Okay, that is helpful.

>> MR. MORGAN: We have not looked at the specific metrics but you can also do that, isolating these four districts if you wanted to could bring up the metrics for each of these four districts and look at your partisan numbers, your demographic numbers if you wanted to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right any questions Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So how about we start with focusing on the differences between the north Grand Rapids and south Grand Rapids District for all these.

Because it looks like there is only one difference.

And from there we can look at other areas.

So to accomplish that it seems that either the you know elm cherry of Spruce would be a base map and I would pick one of those to put down as a base then I can bring up the Eid map on top of it and the Lange map on top of it separately.

Then you could compare them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Don't you have Elm open right now?

>> MR. MORGAN: I do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you just layer on Elm since it's already open?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, no problem.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Brace?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, I love what John has been doing to help you guys out.

The one thing that I would just be cautious of is when you're talking about the matrixes that have been developed, either the partisan one or the Voting Rights Act one, those tend to look at overall plans, not the individual regions that we're looking at.

So just be cognizant of that.

Don't get confused by bringing up a partisan index for the Grand Rapids area because it's so much impacted by other things around there.

So just be cognizant of potentially keeping those kind of concepts a little bit separated.

>> MR. MORGAN: And to build on what Kim said, we have the data available.

And then if you are looking again with comparison for the four or five districts in the view you could look at the individual numbers if you wanted to.

They are just available.

And I think Kim's point is especially when you're looking at the plan as a whole you wouldn't take the regional approach.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I know John was saying if we wanted to have the same system with the Congress and house, did we decide we wanted to do that? He had to tell people.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think we do.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, all right, so again during the break I will try to confer with Kim and Kent and see if we can move forward and that and I will focus on the Senate today.

This is the Lange version.

You can see it's different.

But it's already here so let's look at that first so that you just understand what the differences are.

And it is different.

So you know in this case you have Ottawa associated with districts to the south most of Ottawa County and this takes Muskegon and I believe Grand Haven and this part of Ottawa.

And then it looks like in this case the Grand Rapids north seat instead of going into Ottawa it stays in Kent County.

And then the Grand Rapids south seat again the red line it's a different boundary.

I don't know whether that is closer to the Wealthy Street boundary or not.

And then it takes a Township over here.

And looks like it takes a little more over in this area.

So again conceptually even though you will see there are differences in metrics, on these seats they are conceptually a Grand Rapids north, Grand Rapids south, and then Ottawa to the Lake.

And then your remainder District again this is where because they are different it's hard to tell what is what.

But the area of the District that has most of Kent County would go up to Newaygo and it looks like it goes, hang on.

I have another plan on.

Let me turn that off.

Right so the District 6 is more similar to the Elm plan District 34 but without Muskegon.

So those are the differences.

I guess if I had to describe it the differences are really the treatment of Muskegon.

Muskegon is in an Ottawa focused District here or in the Elm it's Muskegon plan along the lakeshore.

All right.

Then you want me to bring up the Eid variation.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, the Eid version, the Eid creation.

>> MR. MORGAN:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe while we are there or when we are at each one it would be helpful if the Commissioner who created that could explain the reasoning behind.

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So we can see if that is something we want to consider or not.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay for Grand Rapids obviously, yes, north, south split or however you want to say it.

I tried to include Rockford.

We received public comment Rockford saw themselves as a bedroom suburbs of Grand Rapids.

There are definitely some rural areas out on the outskirts of Kent County.

So I tried to put those with more rural areas.

I tried to make sure that and this map confused me so I'm bringing up my own.

I made sure that Cascade which is where the airport is was included with the City.

And also Ada because we had a lot of comments about Ada so I made sure those were included because there was a lot of back and forth about whether they should or whether they shouldn't agree Cascade should be with Grand Rapids, it holds their airport.

That's pretty much the split for Grand Rapids.

I tried to look on the map to try to expand it and bring it.

The best I could.

I honestly it was almost a straight other than certain districts.

I wanted to try and at least keep voting precincts together.

I tried not to go down to the block level.

When we get into the big City, bigger cities sometimes it's hard.

So that's kind of how some of the you will see I guess little points stick up, but that is the reasoning for that.

I tried to keep whole precincts whole and not split up by blocks is that good enough for Grand Rapids for the Commission?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What about the Muskegon area?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: The Muskegon area was a little harder because there was conflicting about putting it with Grand Rapids and raising the voices.

We also had public comment about it being an agricultural in certain areas plus a lakeshore community.

So trying to take into consideration I knew that at one point you were trying to work the maps over into Grand Rapids.

So this was something different.

It was kind of about options for the public to look at.

And pretty much communities of interest.

I wanted to make sure and keep Muskegon whole.

The City of Muskegon.

Which was very important because that's where the population as far as your communities of colors go.

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And I also know that Grand Haven well Ottawa County had talked about the diversity they have also with the Hispanic population.

So I was hoping that I could still get a little bit of a grouping in there to maybe lift voices up.

Again, my -- I was not able to get I call them the dots up.

So whether or not I did a good job.

But I figured if it was bad, the public would let me know.

I don't know how else to put it.

I'm just going to be honest.

And again I tried to maintain Township lines the best I could.

I tried to maintain in certain areas the County lines.

If the population allowed for it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, and also if you wanted to, you could bring up the spreadsheets or you know and I take out those four districts and just look at them side by side if you wanted to.

That's another option.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: While we are here, yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would like to do that.

We have what 24 and 11, 23 versus 12, oh, boy going to get confused 22 versus 8 and 34 versus what? 34.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is where you really do have a difference.

So in this case I would call six is the one that is you know kind of Kent County focused. But it's almost like 6 and 34 are more congruent because Commissioner Lange's six as far as I can see is basically the same as 34 except for not having Muskegon.

That's a pretty substantial difference.

So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is there anything else?

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want to look at the two plans side by side or do you want to look at Commissioner Eid's version as well?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well I think we want to look at the metrics for this plan versus Elm.

I'm concerned about voting rights population.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, well, all right.

Sorry Commissioner Eid it looks like.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange actually has her hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I just want to give one more comment about Muskegon.

And as far as the County goes there was also public comment about Oceana Newaygo and Muskegon being kept together because of the school systems.

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The Agriculture and there was a special program and I don't recall off the top of my head that affects the school aged kids there.

It sounded like less we will just say some of the lower income, less fortunate type of school systems.

I don't remember exactly how they put it.

But there was a special program put in place for those three Counties according to public comment.

So I was trying to accommodate that the best I could also with population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> MR. MORGAN: So in this case, this is the Elm the overview tab from the Elm plan and it's the same but saved in an excel file.

And so what I will do is I will do a comparison of these.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are you going to do a comparison or put them side by side?

>> MR. MORGAN: Because of the District numbers I think it will be better for me to pull them out and put them in like side by side.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Something close to that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wasn't sure how you would do comparison with the differing District numbers.

>> MR. MORGAN: They are not going to be exact but you will be close in some of the areas.

So in the base plan the Elm plan we have, sorry, 23, 22, 23, 24 and I guess 33.

We say 11 is closer to 24 and 12 is closer to 23.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, John, this is great.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again for purposes of discussion here we are going to say 7 is close to 22.

Okay so the most congruent districts are 11 and 12 and 23, 24.

So you can look at the metrics across here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think was the Black voting age population is one of the reasons we were looking at a southern and northern Grand Rapids District.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so again the reference here so the northern one is 24.

So and the Elm plan the African/American population on that is 5%.

And then in the Lange it's 8%.

Non-Hispanic African/American population.

Then you also have the total minority percentage so in this case it's 21.7.

And then in the other seat, which is the southern seat, 23 and 12.

So it's 15 percentage African/American in 23 and 12%, 12.2% in 12.

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And then again, we are looking at in the District 22 and the Elm configuration it's 1% non-Hispanic Black and in the -- this is where Muskegon is with Grand Haven it's 9% for African/American and Hispanic numbers are here as well.

So this version of 22 has some of the Hispanic population, is higher than in this.

But I do think Commissioner Lange was saying the Hispanic population would have been in the southern part of Ottawa County.

That's my understanding.

And then the districts that are very different are going to be 33 and 6.

And again this doesn't show a lot on those differences.

But again we know that they are very different because Muskegon is in with District 7 here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right, so one of the things we can maybe look at is the southern right where she is including Cascade Township which includes more of the Grand Rapids area, that is southern District, which was 12 on her map, right?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, it's 12 and it has a different dividing line here but it does include Cascade.

So Cascade is in 12.

And it's not in 23.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right but includes Georgetown also, okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: No, I think Georgetown is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In another one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, thank you. Can you go back to the numbers again, please? And 12 District 12 was I see it now, okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Since we are looking at numbers now, if you brought up Commissioner Eid's version, we could add them to the comparison and you would have all three plans in one spreadsheet if you wanted to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right, okay, that makes sense to me. How do other Commissioners feel? Okay I'm seeing some nodding heads. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So mine doesn't have any Grand Rapids changes. It just has changes to the areas around Grand Rapids.

That is because I didn't want to change the collaborative Grand Rapids configuration that we deliberately made.

We can still look at it if y'all want.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Mr. Morgan was suggesting is then we have -- this is the best -- this is an alternative to it.

That does have the Cascade, Ada in the Senate maps. I think, yeah, they wanted us to make sure we got it right in the house maps also.

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Is that your memory, Commissioner Lange? I can't remember if it was in the Senate maps and the house maps that we didn't have it, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It was in both.

And when they said about Ada and Cascade the comments were when you were doing the Grand Rapids 6 or however, they called it, that Cascade and Ada should be included in some of those districts that combined with Grand Rapids.

But it was definitely saying that Cascade and Ada were associated with and a part of Grand Rapids as the City goes.

And the big one was Cascade because of the airport.

>> MR. MORGAN: And, again, I would just say that in this case, you might be able to -- if you like the way Commissioner Lange has dealt with Ada and Cascade you could take those districts only and put them into a version of the collaborative plan if you wanted to.

That would be something that would be relatively easy to do as a module just put that in or not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it's the read I want to get the Black voting age population and a read or a coalition District or something like that.

It feels like what would be helpful for me.

I'm wondering if Mr. Adelson has a thought?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Rothorn I appreciate you know what you are saying and the thought of a coalition District.

I think for now we are very interested as your process unfolds.

And we can certainly address the issues that you're mentioning as you go forward.

I think that the -- as you said, looking at the minority population the way you mentioned, I think that that is always significant.

As the Commission moves forward with whichever maps and reconfigurations the Commission decides we will be able to talk about that more in the future if that is okay with you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Absolutely.

At this point there is a 39% versus 36% and that is significant.

I'm just going to bookmark that and bring up that question later for a coalition District.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think that is a great point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so are we going to look at Commissioner Eid's Grand Rapids area or not? I feel if there is no changes this probably is not something we need to do.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is the partisan fairness spreadsheet if you wanted to look at those districts on that data as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not particularly interested in looking at like an individual District for partisan fairness.

I feel like it's a whole map analysis.

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Personally.

I don't know if anyone -- I don't want to look District by District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we were actually given that very advice we can't look at it so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can't.

Okay, so okay can we move on to another region and try to cover another region before we go to lunch? I'm sorry Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So is this do you think this is the time where we might want to make the change to at least the collaborative version? For that wealthy Fulton Street or should we do that after we are done?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have not picked a map to work off so no so we would have to do it five times.

No, we need to settle on a map first.

Okay so Mr. Morgan, can you bring up another region? I don't know what your next region is.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's go ahead and do the south because that's not you know, there is six or seven Districts that are kind of in that area.

And I think it's just a bigger picture to look at, at this level.

So in this view again these are the Districts that I would just point out.

So you have a District here that's Benton Harbor.

You have the District that's along the border with Indiana and Ohio.

You have a Kalamazoo focused District.

I don't know again what you would name this District but it's outside of Kalamazoo.

I'm going to skip over the Lansing area.

And then you've got Jackson, if you wanted to include Ann Arbor in this discussion I would just because it's easy to see it in this view.

And then you've got Monroe and Lenawee.

So 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 districts roughly and you will see configurations so focusing on the 7 districts generally.

And this is the Elm map.

So I will move on to the next one.

And this is the cherry map.

So I'm going to go backwards first so we can look back at the Elm map.

And here is the cherry map.

So the configurations are fairly similar for these four.

I don't know if there is any actual differences in them.

So that's one where we probably look side by side and say they are the same in this area.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, if I remember correctly some of those changes were made for plan deviation so they are small but they are bringing the plan deviation down below 5%.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the next one.

So this is the Spruce.

So looks like these four districts are the same.

It looks like they are basically the same.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So that is my individual map which splits Ann Arbor.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so the primary difference here, these four Directors are roughly the same.

But there is substantial difference in Ann Arbor so this is Ann Arbor going west.

Ann Arbor north going west.

Including Jackson.

So, again, if I had to describe this, you know, I would say this is Ann Arbor Jackson.

And this is greater Ann Arbor Ypsilanti and then I don't know what this would be called.

And then the Monroe Lenawee combination is similar.

Just a slightly different Township configuration.

And you know those are differences.

And then here is Commissioner Lange's map.

And these are different in these area the Kalamazoo seat is not too far off, different Township configurations.

The border District doesn't go all the way to the Lake.

We are skipping over Lansing.

I'm just going to Zoom in a little bit here.

This has a split of Ann Arbor with Monroe.

And then the balance of Ann Arbor but not including Jackson.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again if you were doing a grid it looks like four of the plans are basically the same and we have one more.

And this is, did I miss it? Hang on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the southwest corner of District 9 in Lange's map is also significantly different.

There is I think it's Allegan and Van Buren that are together there? If I remember correctly, if I remember the Counties names.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is Van Buren and this is Allegan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is Allegan up there.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is let's see that is the Lange version.

And then this is the other version.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm just remembering if I remember that is one of the things we wrote down in our little right that there was a native population and agricultural connection with those two.

That is all I'm trying to remember.

Anyway okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And here is the Eid version here.

And this is also different.

So in this case you've got Cass here.

Kalamazoo to Battle Creek.

So that is a little different.

You've got Ann Arbor to Jackson.

And then this has Ann Arbor going into the Detroit area.

To Novi.

So in this case you probably have three variations, generally one through four are the same.

Including the Szetela option of yours is different sorry I guess you have four options.

So the collaborative maps are the same and individuals are different.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, my map changes Ann Arbor but that is it.

Then Eid and Lange have many changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Exactly.

So I don't know how you know if you would make a chart of those in some way but that would be again just understanding what you have if you are going to discuss and negotiate things.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any comments or thoughts about these? Commissioner Eid and then Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, I can tell you why I made those changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If that is what y'all would like.

It's pretty simple really.

I was trying to both respect communities of interest and do better on partisan fairness.

And I think a configuration like this does both of those.

Because every District there represents a community of interest.

It may not be a community of interest that I agree with or that we all agree with.

But it is a community of interest.

And the partisan fairness numbers are a heck of a lot better than some of the maps.

As Battle Creek and Kalamazoo we talked about earlier Berrien, St. Joe and Cass together.

It has Hillsdale, Branch, Calhoun and the remainder of Jackson and Kalamazoo Counties together.

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And then it has parts of Jackson, the City of Jackson, and the County of Jackson with Washtenaw County.

And you know I think we have heard all of the collaborative maps have that Z configuration for Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

And I think one of the avenues we might want to look at is breaking up that area. If you do that it also allows you to maintain other communities of interest for example the Ann Arbor to Novi community of interest.

And then going more into Oakland County the West Bloomfield Farmington Hills Commerce Township community of interest.

Which this does.

Then you can have like Waterford and White Lake be with the other northern Oakland County areas such as independence Township.

So, yeah, that is the gist of it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right so to explain what I did with my map can we go back to mine? Because it really is that Ann area.

Can you Zoom into Ann Arbor a little bit.

Yep so, we received abundant public comment about breaking up Ann Arbor.

And we also received quite a bit of comment about Jackson wanting to be with the west side of Ann Arbor.

So I,

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: West side Washtenaw.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No Jackson being with the west side of Ann Arbor, both, so that was why I made this change.

And it dramatically improves the overall performance of the map.

It drops the efficiency gap to .7 and the mean median to .6 then still preserves those communities of interest.

Without having to make other wholesale changes to the map.

So it's just that small change in those two districts dramatically improves the map.

Rhonda did you want to comment on your map?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I did my best to take into consideration communities of interest.

We had a lot of comments about the border Counties, keeping them on the border. We had comments and I'm not exactly sure if I got that right or not.

12th hour mapping.

I kept recalling Michiana. And I may have, I'll admit it, I may have gotten the Counties wrong but the corner Counties there and I don't know if that is what they referred to as Michiana but remember public comment on that.

Some major ones there is debate about Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Keep them together.

They are a community of interest, split them up.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we spent a lot of time looking at all these maps and Senate configurations.

What are everyone's thoughts on them?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: My personal thought is cherry and Spruce incorporate everything that is in Elm so I think we should cross Elm off the list and focus on cherry and Spruce for the collaborative.

Because there's nothing in Elm that is not in cherry or Spruce.

That we've seen.

And if it is a change then it's actually an improvement over what we had.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is what I have in my notes as well.

Anybody have anything different?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I mean, I think Spruce should be the base that we work off of.

And then I would also because it does incorporate everything that's in Elm.

And cherry is a little different but not that significantly different.

And Spruce was the last one that we actually did collaboratively.

So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Cherry is a collaborative map too.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The last one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Cherry was the last one.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not according to the dates that were on the maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe you are right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is what I was looking at.

But I also think we should bring forward Rhonda's map because I think she has got some really good ideas in there.

I don't agree with everything in her maps but there are certain areas that I think we could use to incorporate into this Spruce map.

That is my opinion on this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we should go off the cherry map because the cherry map already has less than 5% plan deviation whereas the Spruce is going to require us to make all of those changes to bring down the plan deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Plan deviation is within spec.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No it's not.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Almost 9%.

8.58%.

It's way off.

Spruce.

Yeah.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think for Spruce and cherry there is no need to look at Elm because they were based off of it and improve so why not throw Elm in the dumpster of history especially because its metrics are terrible.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There are ideas I like.

Like there are ideas in there that is what I mean.

Not the whole map we are throwing out that is all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What ideas would you change and if you change to what is in Elm you are going back to that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I apologize not the whole of the map but the idea in the map.

It was a useful exercise.

I don't need to say any more.

It's how we talk about it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right.

But I mean I think what is the point of looking at metrics if we are not going to look at metrics? I mean what is the point of having them if we are just going to say well let's consider them all because they are clearly Spruce and cherry, I think are comparable in terms of their metrics.

The Lange map and the Elm map are significantly performing at a lower level.

So why would we start working off of.

To me it's like the discussion is at this point Spruce or cherry what are we starting with and go from there.

Not you know not my individual map.

Not Anthony's individual map, Spruce versus cherry.

Which one do we want to go with, what are the differences between those two?

Because they have the most similar metrics and they perform the best.

They both have 2018 seats votes ratio and a .03.

Bias.

They one has 3.1 efficiency gap the other has 3.4.

One has 2.7 mean median the other has 2.2 so one is a little higher in one area and one is a little lower in the other.

One has a lower population deviation in specs the other does not.

That could be a factor but why go to Elm with efficiency gap of 6.2 and mean median of 3.4 and seats vote ratio of 1919.

With a negative 2.3 against democrats when we have two better maps? Like it just doesn't make any sense to me, it's nonsensical.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we get rid of Elm to start with something else or is it too early.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Instead of I don't know if this works but instead of choosing to just get rid of something why don't we choose the one or two we want to work on and those ideas are still out there if we see that we want to incorporate any of those? As we are working on it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Commissioner Weiss first and then Mr. Morgan.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right, I understand MC's thinking.

But I like Rebecca's thinking better.

I go by that because I have the map here or not the map but the sheet and that was my top pick why? Because the numbers are better.

So my suggestion was going to be this morning let's just start with this map.

And see if we could improve on it if it's possible.

And maybe take a couple ideas.

Of course you might have to go back to the Elm map but it's my impression we started with, ELM and improved it to Spruce and improved it when we went to cherry if that is the case why not start with the cherry map thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We should compare Spruce and cherry what are the differences between those two maps.

What do we want to keep.

Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was getting back to the idea of a matrix where you are comparing.

If you are isolating and want to compare Spruce and cherry then you know you can bring up the different what are the differences.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark? Commissioner Rothhorn, Commissioner Eid Clark then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This question is for Bruce.

When you look at the metrics for the Senate here, does any of these plans raise a red flag for you?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Clark I appreciate the question. Are you asking in which of the categories or all of the categories?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> Livonia Redford west Detroit.

>> MR. MORGAN: Individual districts on the screen are you looking at individual districts or entire plan?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm looking at the entire plan.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: What we have on the screen those are for these metrics of the -- these areas per plan.

So just looking at just these it's difficult for me to say whether one is and at this point I would be reluctant to say one is off the table.

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Because you are just deciding which maps you want to move forward with in order to contemplate adjustments.

And looking at the numbers in isolation is difficult to make a determination.

What I would say though is as you go forward and as you contemplate changes, I would recommend that one of the more challenging metrics to me is the plan deviation.

The plan deviation takes a lot of time.

But I think the important point in that is as you move further from there is no equal requirement.

But as you get closer to 10%, you need to justify more why.

And the justification could include lots of reasons.

But keep in mind that if you have maps that vary in deviation 4.5, 6.5, 7%, that as you go further up, you will need to provide more of an explanation for the record about why you chose a plan with a higher deviation than a plan with a lower one.

So my thought in general is that the deviation tends to be among the more vexing metrics to meet.

Because there are a lot of changes that have to be made.

And I think in addition to that, the changes that you may contemplate have switches this deviation and numbers are going to change we have seen that before.

So being mindful of that and mindful of everything that went into I don't remember what the plan was where you spent a lot of time before you went out to the second round of hearings adjusting the deviation.

It's a slog, it's painstaking.

No question about it.

But I think that as you contemplate where you are going in the next seven days, think about that.

That keep in mind that deviation, to me it's not the most important number.

I'm not suggesting that.

But it can be one of the more challenging numbers to get to.

So I know that that really does not address your -- the question about which one may be appear better or appear more problematic.

But because it's difficult to assess that.

But keep in mind what the deviations are.

I think that can be a good one for now.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anyone else have a question? Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, it's not a question.

It's more of the same discussion we were having earlier.

I mean, you know, we spent a lot of time looking at these maps.

And how I view it, is we should be using either the cherry or Spruce map to make further changes on.

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In my book.

I've watched him.

He is good.

Maybe it would help.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What do you want him to show us I'm not clear what you say.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Bring the deviation down and get it a little closer if that is possible.

I don't know.

That is why I'm saying.

We don't know how to do it that way but he should.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It just takes time to bring it down.

We have seen that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Do we want to waste time doing that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You don't need to with cherry.

That is the point.

It's already there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right that is what I was thinking.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We did it in an open meeting and it was a pain in the tucus.

So Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Erin had her hand up first.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: The overall plan deviation is right now for cherry?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 4.93.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: If we look at plan deviation, I would like to state mine is 2.23%.

Just wanted to throw that out there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

Commissioner Curry did you say something? I thought you said someone.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was looking at Erin's hand has been up for the longest.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We cannot see her on the screen and Commissioner Wagner we cannot see you on the screen.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Quite all right I understand.

I was going to chime in and similar to what Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Eid were saying let's start with the one with the best metrics.

And then let's compare them to individual maps because there has been quite a few of Commissioner Lange's that I have liked as well.

So that was just my two cents.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Orton did you have your hand up as well?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the 7 and then the 8 including Highland Park. Or not including Highland Park in 8 it's either 17 or 8 and trying to understand that or remembering like this is the improvement, I think.

Right, the -- there is a reason we moved to cherry, there is a reason we moved Highland Park into District 8 out of 17.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think 8 was also where we are preserving the Bengali community and 17 if I remember correctly has a lot of the Latin X community.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where is the LBGT community we wanted to highlight that I think it's the palmer.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Palmer Park.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Further northwest Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is that in 8?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right under Oak Park see the diagonal line below 13 I think on this map we have most of it in except that little jut out from 14.

Can you Zoom in a little bit more John and show us.

That is Palmer Park right there.

The diagonal comes down.

And I'm not sure if that little part of 14 is part of Palmer Park or not.

I don't think it is.

I thought it was between the two diagonals.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm sorry 6 mile Woodward area.

So immediately admittedly my strong suit is not looking at a map like this and knowing. I will always have to have neighborhoods so I'm going to say that loud and clear for everyone.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is it possible John, to bring up the neighborhood map on top of this?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Names not just the outline of neighborhoods.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In terms of process we are still trying to understand Spruce and cherry.

And do we feel like there is things -- that maybe what we were talking about. Holding Taylor keeping Taylor whole for example one did, the other didn't and trying to understand it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But I mean I think most of that is just plan deviation trying to bring down the plan deviation and get it down.

Because you know it's almost half of what the other plan is.

And that is because of all those small changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I guess.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Palmer Park right there, yep, a little to the east.

Yep, right there.

So it's included in this map.

Palmer Woods Palmer Park and Sherwood forest.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe there is a question about plan deviation being low versus communities of interest.

Because we have neighborhoods broken up and things.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Which I think is where Mr. Adelson was saying we really have to justify it and be willing to justify it whether it's a higher population, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I mean let's look in the Detroit area.

Like these neighborhoods are together.

So can we Zoom out a little bit, John? And so we have that cornerstone village English village down there where we need to maybe make a correction.

It's hard with the names on it.

>> MR. MORGAN: I can turn the names off for the moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Madison.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That would be helpful.

That is split, yeah.

This is so confusing to look at now.

Okay, so does anyone find this confusing to look at as I do? I feel like I can't tell what is where with this on.

Can we take the neighborhood lines off and focus on the differences between Spruce and cherry and see if there is anything we want to incorporate?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is fine with me.

I was saying that for that specific moment.

If you were asking me a question about Detroit, then Commissioner Kellom would like the label of neighborhoods so I can make sure that I'm making number one the right choice and also well, yeah, that's all I want to say, that I'm making the right choice.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel like we are stuck in decision paralysis.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, well, how about we get out of that decision paralysis.

Is everyone okay with continuing to go with cherry as far as the collaborative map moving forward?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I agree we are just looking and looking and looking and not doing anything.

Let's pull up a map, decide that is the one and compare it to the other one and make the changes that we want to make.

We already started the meeting talking about the things that we wanted to look at.

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I was going to say John can do it real quick.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: On the website.

>> MR. MORGAN: Where.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Michigan.gov MICRC.

The maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hold on I'm logging in too.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's see if it is better or worse.

I don't know.

I'm pretty good yet.

There you go.

Can you hide everything except for Lange and cherry so that we can kind of compare them? It's just easier when they are right next to each other.

So we can see it on the screen.

So right now the Senate maps are in the blue.

So the cherry has a lopsided margin of 4.5.

The Lange map has a lopsided margin of 5.6.

The cherry map has a mean median of 2.2.

The Lange map has mean median of 4.4.

The cherry has efficiency gap of 3.4.

Lange has efficiency gap of 6.1.

The democratic seats under the cherry are 20 with a democratic bias of .3%.

And the Lange is 19 with a negative democratic bias so bias against democrats of negative 2.3.

Republican seats are 18.

With a negative bias against republicans of negative .3.

And the Lange is 19 with a positive republican balance of 2.3.

Is that helpful?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so the plan deviations are within spec.

Okay so going back I think to the cherry map, which is what I think we want to do, we were in the Detroit area.

And we've confirmed that Palmer Park is with oak you know Ferndale Oak Park Huntington Woods which was requested.

The other things we need to check in this map are the wind mere park area Dexter Lynn wood but that was actually the house map so I don't know if we need to worry about it in this map.

So we will save that for later.

Bangla Town.

There was concern about two precincts and I'm waiting to see if someone has that map.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And just in the housing split because of Highland Park that we were working on that Mr. Stegall brought our attention to.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want neighborhoods in Detroit or Novi?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Neighborhoods in Detroit.

I guess we can take a peek at Novi really quick because I don't think it affects this map. Any preference? Okay let's bring back up cherry and take a look at Detroit with the Detroit neighborhood overlay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Neighborhoods of Detroit are on the map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are not seeing your screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well they are still there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sure they are. I'll take your word for it.

Commissioner Kellom do you want to lead this look and see if there is anything you want to change?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Well you know I'm going to ask for what you all don't like and that is the labels.

Thank you, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you want to do this systematically this District 5 only has a few neighborhoods to consider.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, so, yeah, you could I mean that looks like Mohican some of the neighborhoods in Detroit Detroiters don't always use the neighborhood names.

So are you all wanting to take that small area where it's split and put that into 5? It's such a small little.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or go the other way and put it in six.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is true.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It up to you.

I don't think it hurts to put it into five.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I say put it into five.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And I think my understanding is that the reason we put this on our list was because we do understand that neighborhoods are important and we you know so if there is someone who can help us understand right the two right Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Curry if you can help us understand which ones where there is egregious and they cannot remain divided that is what I think we are trying to do.

If you understand something like hey it's okay, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I got it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom is correct some neighborhoods have a stronger identity than others.

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And so for some neighborhoods maybe it is not such a big deal but for others it might be.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: So that would be the areas that go ahead John.

>> MR. MORGAN: What I was going to say I brought up the other plan for reference. You know, so in the other plan it looks like that's not in.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I don't think it would make a huge difference. I have not heard anyone reference that area. They have been more like large scale suggestions as it relates to like the Eastpointe Harper Woods the whole east side so we can kind of scan around go ahead.

>> MR. MORGAN: Hold the decision on this for the moment and let's scan and see other options.

Okay so this is maybe, maybe not.

But there is one.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Erin has a hand because I know you all can't see her.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you are talking, we can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

I am trying to juggle the phone and the computer.

But for those of you that are familiar with the Grosse Pointe area, did we hear testimony that cornerstone village belongs in with them as well?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: They did not want to be with the points. Cornerstone morning side and east English village wanted to remain together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, they are all Detroit neighborhoods.

We did.

She is asking if cornerstone wants to go with Grosse Pointe.

Yeah, sorry.

All right keep going Commissioner Kellum.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Yep, what I see on my little screen looks good. I don't see anything right now that needs to be shifted.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going along the border.

We see here District 5 now there is a split neighborhood here between 6 and 7.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I don't think that would make much of a difference outer drive, Hayes, Commissioner Curry do you have any thoughts on that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No, English village is pretty much to their self in Detroit here.

So Hayes is doing their thing over there.

So I don't think it would make that much difference.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Okay.

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>> MR. MORGAN: You want to go ahead and put all of this into six or leave it split?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put it into six.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so that puts that neighborhood whole.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

What is that little curious piece?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is following the precinct boundary instead of a block boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here is the downtown by Greektown.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That looks fine to me.

>> MR. MORGAN: So leave it split?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What Street is that?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to say Zoom in to The Street before I say yes.

I.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's Michigan avenue.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here is Jefferson avenue is here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is Jefferson avenue.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Down at the bottom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is the gold coast.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You can leave them split because they are more or less split any how you know.

The way they are made.

Because of the large streets down there.

Larn and Michigan Ave and all that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Right Brittini, don't you think?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You can call me sister Kellom that is fine. I appreciate.

[Laughter]

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay there is a split neighborhood between 8 and 17.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm not familiar.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Piety hill don't split that.

>> MR. MORGAN: All into 17? Or this into 8?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the population.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put it in 8.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Versus 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: 8 from 17.

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I will mute for a minute.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay as I'm going through here the census blocks are on two sides.

Well, you know, the census blocks are split by the neighborhoods.

So you have to decide which way you want to go.

Do you want to go back.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you show houses, are there houses in that triangle there? Because I'm just.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, if there is houses near Dexter and Finkle you can kind of keep them together.

I think Oakman is more of a Chaldean neighborhood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Come on sister Brittini.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You would not be able to hear me over the train.

I didn't have anything to say.

I realize when we were at the bus it was the lodge and I don't think that was Woodward.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is not Woodward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we Zoom in? I feel that is not houses.

>> MR. MORGAN: Hospital.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lynn wood something supply.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Probably Lynn wood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lynn wood something.

>> MR. MORGAN: Pipe and supply it's a business.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So those are businesses and then Robinson academy.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is a school.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is a school.

So is that okay to have them into 17? Because they are not houses? Or do we want to put them back the other way?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What do you think put the businesses in 17 or the which ones?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think what he is doing is good.

So put.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: North of oak man Boulevard.

North of Oakman Boulevard.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is there a little triangle we have left out right now? Right there, what is that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is that? Anthony, you would probably know. What is that?

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>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: He filled it in.

She was not asking what is it, let's fix it I think that is what Chair Szetela was saying.

>> MR. MORGAN: A median between two highways.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, yeah, can we go back to the non-satellite map? And can we grab that last area.

Well it's part of Dexter Finkle so I would say leave it where it is.

All right, so Zoom back out again.

Yeah. That is part of Dexter Finkle so I say leave it.

All right anything else in that area? We got a little bit where are we?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Davidson Schoolcraft and Littlefield community.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They are pretty good together the Davidson and Littlefield is good, everything else looks pretty good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Davidson is 13 and Schoolcraft and Littlefield is in 17. So they are not necessarily together.

So what do you think? But they are okay the way they are?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They are okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I know, happy homes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And northwest community.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What is that little strip? Never mind.

I think we already fixed that.

That little line that was by Dexter, Finkle, Davidson, Schoolcraft where it looks like 17 kind of bleeds in the area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, that was part of the same precinct, yep.

Do you want to fix that part just below where it says David son Schoolcraft where it's part of Oakman yeah though three little precincts, do we want to move those into 17?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I would like to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Along with the blurb going in Littlefield.

John, can we put those into 17? Okay and just fix Littlefield put Littlefield together with that line and I think that will be good.

Because there is houses there.

All right, yeah, we are saving.

Dude.

Why did you say that, Steve? It won't happen.

Right, okay, all right anything else?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No I don't see anything blaring there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Brightmoore together.

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Commissioner Clark has a question.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Juanita after we went past Boston Edison you said that was not Woodward that road we are looking at.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Boston Edison goes up to Woodward.

Boston Edison is a very pretty nice.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I know where it is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, so it runs into Woodward but, no, it is not.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I said it was the lodge that curvature I was describing that I saw and said it was Woodward it was not, in fact, Woodward.

Even though there are pieces of Boston Edison on both sides of Woodward that particular strip was the lodge is what I was correcting myself.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I thought your comment was that was not Woodward, that road so okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is another split neighborhood if you want to adjust this or not.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is Plymouth and what?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And Hubble.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't know how would we adjust that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put it into 19.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You could assign it to 19 is what he is asking.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay that will be good Szetela se how many people are in there though?

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 19 is 5,000 under so it's okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That would help it, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have pride area split.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is pride area?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't know.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's a new name and I'm not familiar with that name.

The streets around there, what streets are around there?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Does Commissioner Wagner have her hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think she just left it up but you can check.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Wagner did you have a comment or question?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No I left my hand up, sorry about that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, okay.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think pride area is an area they built into you know the new Meijer's. I think that is over near pride area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Close to Brightmoore.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is that new little area they are building up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Fullerton maybe.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is it, yeah.

The other side of Grand River or somewhere.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I don't know if that is that area.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, there is grand river, that is it, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Okay all right Commissioner Curry, all right, all right.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: If I don't know anything else.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: You know that area.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I know Detroit period.

I've been here all my life.

All over Detroit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So do you want to grab the rest of that triangle and put it in the pride area community? Do we want to put that triangle into 17? I think it probably makes sense.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I think so, yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So grab that triangle cutoff triangle and put it into 17.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is a trapezoid.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is a what? Geometric shape.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What if we actually put 13 so 13 is under and 17 is over.

Maybe it doesn't make that much difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 13 is under and 17 is over.

We will see.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I would keep some of 13 with Grand River and 96 area because when you get to that new little place what we just talked about, what was that? The little place they built in.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Pride area community.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is more of a business area where they put new little businesses in.

There is not that many houses right there on that particular triangle.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anywhere else?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They want to keep grand Mont and what else was that together, keep grand Mont.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And we checked that, they are together Grandmont, Rosedale Park, Westwood, Fremont in one and North Rosedale and Minock Park and they are altogether so we are good there.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Neighborhood split in three districts here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is the Brightmoore area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: 19 is under.

Is that Brightmoore neighborhood? Can we Zoom all the way in.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: A lot of houses over there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Brightmoore is over here.

>> MR. MORGAN: In 9 and Schoolcraft Southfield if we follow the line this is the entire neighborhood and it's in three different districts, 1, 2, 3.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Would probably be okay, yeah Brittini?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know that is okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay I did not hear anybody complaining about it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we Zoom so I can see the names of the street?

And it's split into how many different, four pieces?

>> MR. MORGAN: Three different districts the pink portion is in District 9.

This is District 19.

And this is District 13 over here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

>> MR. MORGAN: Here is the Interstate.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Could we at least put that little area of 19 into 9 but I'm not looking -- that could be too much population, I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's going to be too much.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's relatively small population probably.

These are census blocks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's right off the freeway so it does tend to have a lot of businesses along there.

Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I say put it into 9.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Add that to 9 and see what it does.

Hopefully we will still be within specs.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is that? What is that, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: These are just areas that I didn't get with the clicks.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You what?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 19 is our largest deviation.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

Thank you for saving as always.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now it's split just between two districts.

Over here you have Holcomb community and Berg-Lasher is split.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I have not heard anyone really complaining about the splits over there.

I know that there are a lot of businesses kind of around that area.

So maybe that probably why they are split because of the businesses out there.

I have a strong opinion about that.

I mean it looks funky because it looks like a stair step but what is happening in 14? Is it under.

>> MR. MORGAN: Take some of this in 14 or you could.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's try to even it out a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Keep both of the Berg and Evergreen, Lasher.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What did you say Commissioner Curry what was your suggestion?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Looking at Berg and Lasher and Evergreen and Lasher so work with that a little bit or whatever.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: John are you going to assign the other little.

>> MR. MORGAN: Like that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Like that John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to put the Holcomb community in nine?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I would but I want Commissioner Curry to say.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It would like a little more neater what happened to that? He just pulled his tooth out.

What are the streets there John?

>> MR. MORGAN: It's by Lasher it's the burg neighborhood is mostly single family houses.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I know where that is but I'm talking about where the thing looked like a tooth that was being pulled that line.

What streets are those? I can't see the streets.

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

Sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN: 7-Mile and this is a shopping center Renaissance village apartments and Apollo market.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I would not worry about that.

Those are all businesses.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and this little portion of the neighborhood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to ask about that are we moving that too into 14.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Those are houses what you think Brittini?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Chippewa and those are mostly houses over there aren't they?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: All of that is.

Can you move that into 14?

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>> MR. MORGAN: I bike through the neighborhood and this is kind of like the back end is wilderness.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Nothing past that because then it would not make sense.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Start to get in park River Rouge runs through. It's the wild lands.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I like River Rouge.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Before we leave this area too much that is 19 is our largest deviation and 17 has extra.

Meaning 17, 19 we are under populated by 6,000.

And 17 is over.

So I just and because we are working on neighborhoods what I'm hoping you might be able to help us do is between 17 and 19 because they do touch, I think further north John.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Aviation 19 we need in 19.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We need to reduce it.

Excuse me we need to add to 19.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you put Delray in spring wells?

>> MR. MORGAN: Delray and spring wells are in the same District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: See that Aviation sub right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Put it into 19.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Aviation, it's a neighborhood.

Has a particular style of houses.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, that is where Brittini it kind of changed the looks of some of the houses over there and building up that neighborhood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is Oakman Boulevard by the way.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: One area is a totally different culture than another area so where are we at on that? I can't hardly read this.

I need my glasses on.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's small.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I understand this is a plurality District but we are still and I think these are all good changes we have made but just want to be aware we are dropping the BVAP quite a bit.

We almost dropped it below 34% but it went back up with the last change.

So we should just be careful making sure we have that number in mind too.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, that is true.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What area is this in?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In 17.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anybody else we see along here we need to adjust?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm through when you get that far up.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Commissioner Curry you better sit back up in your Chair no way.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I may not know that area but and all the different neighborhoods have made a great change in the past couple of years.

So I'm not too familiar with what is going on but I know where they are but when you get up more towards the north, I'm not too familiar with what is happening in that particular neighborhood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Last area I think John is trying to get our focus on is far well and we've got a little Pershing do we want to change anything here Davidson, do you want to move any of these lines around?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I didn't hear anybody talking about it and I probably would.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: How come I see District 17 at the bottom?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, that is weird.

It says districts in view but it's not showing us districts in view.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: That is not going to help me make any decisions.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Maybe move the two or three blocks in Pershing.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Homes over there so maybe they are satisfied.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are moving them into 6 or 8?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Into 8.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Sorry thank you, thank you, thank you.

The wrong way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do you want to put that in the cube? And is that neighborhood divided, is that Krainz Woods? I'm not familiar with that at all? Do we want to put that into six? Do we want to put that in six.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We should be careful because these are new neighborhoods that have popped up where Duggan planted a whole lot of nice new homes there so the neighborhoods.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: You are asking if Krainz Woods goes in 6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are below population there and could balance it out if we put the whole community in.

That is what I was thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Including Krainz Park?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not sure how much population or leave it.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have the Mohegan region you can put it in six.

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>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I would say put it in six.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the population of five? I'm not seeing five, okay, but five is more under so would we want to take away from five but no I'm thinking not I would say just leave it.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is a District you might change on the north end any way.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I really wanted five to come down lower into Hamtramck but that is an out loud confession.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: More southwest?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we add to five in the Mohegan region? Are you against taking that sliver and adding it to five and taking it out of six and into five so Mohegan region is complete all in different five?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I knew what you meant.
It can be totally complete.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm not familiar with the name Mohegan region and.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it okay because of the population?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead and add those blocks in just into we are adding into five, right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ones that are currently in six and that yeah add those blocks in.

>> MR. MORGAN: 6 is 2%.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: 2% what.

>> MR. MORGAN: Under now do you want to add the Krainz Woods to six?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would think so.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We probably need to see the streets so we can tell the names.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think it's fine to add it to six.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It probably is fine.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm stepping back you guys.

>> MR. MORGAN: Trying to save the plan and I think the computer may be protesting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just give it a second.

Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We got 12 more minutes then we can go home.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Curry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry you are home.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm not comfortable.

Just sitting in a Chair all day like you guys.

I feel just like I feel like.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Our hearts are bleeding.

ADDENDUM

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Without objection the Commission will continue deliberations.

All right so yesterday.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I made a new copy of it with today's date.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd like to address a subject once John brings the map up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Could you repeat that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to address a subject once the map is up.

It's up.

It's relative to the Detroit area.

I'd like to take a look at District 7.

And I'd like to complete the lakeshore on it.

So I think the appropriate thing to do is to bring up the Spruce map and lay it on top of that.

Or and I will show you exactly what I'm talking about.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark we did get that public comment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's exactly I think the last individual or previous one to him discussed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I guess what I'm saying you might not even need the overlay. You might just want to.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It will be helpful so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: For people online that might be watching or whatever, I mean we are pretty familiar with it.

We've had some discussion on this previously.

And I went back and I looked at the other Senate maps last night.

And the Spruce map identifies this as the approach that I feel we should take.

Anthony's individual map did the same.

Then there was one other that had this configuration that I'm going to talk about.

So it's a pretty wide accepted approach.

And I think it reinforces the communities of interest up in the anchor Bay Area.

So if you take a look at this, the area from new Baltimore around anchor Bay, yeah, that one there.

I think that should be rolled into 7.

Okay to complete the lakeshore District.

Lakeshore District as I see it is there is the lakeshore District in the thumb which that area is currently with.

But the thumb is very agricultural.

And it's more tourist oriented.

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And this area people live there.

It's not as tourist area.

So I think it's more associated with District 7 as it goes south to the Detroit river, okay?

So I would encourage us to take this Section of 25, as the individual who just talked about this.

And incorporate that into 7.

And complete the lakeshore District coming down Lake St. Clair.

They have a lot of things in common.

There is a lot of flooding in the area.

Significant problem for them.

We don't hear about that up in the thumb area.

And I know they have a bridge problem up in the anchor Bay Area too that needs some attention.

So I would like to see us do that.

And we will get comments from other people go ahead.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So the reason why I did this is because it creates more balanced districts.

And I don't really think that tip of the Bay there has much in common with Grosse Pointe or St. Clair shores or mount Clemens or new Baltimore.

They are very rural up there, nowhere as densely populated as the other areas.

And I think what the man was referring to is grabbing a few precincts not even the whole thing.

Because marine City is not a heavily populated area at all.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 3 precincts there I'm not sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have to Zoom in more.

John, can you Zoom in more? And can we also see the -- can you change the matrixes to Directors in view so we can see the populations on those two districts?

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I like the idea when it was shown in other maps there was positive feedback on that.

So I would be all for doing it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There was also positive feedback on doing it this way too.

As I said like the cherry map has the most comments out of any map that we have 400 plus comments in favor of the map.

Plus all the hundreds of comments we received at the public hearings in favor of this map.

With this configuration.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: But the comments on the map are generic to the entire state not just this specific area.

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Yeah, we are still within what we need to be within.

And then we don't have to make any further adjustments if necessary.

So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you reverse it so we can look at the Hispanic and Black voting age population and then put it back in? For 7.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so do you want me to undo what I just did.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Undo and you can redo it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right now with it it's 23 minority percentage.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 15%.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is the District 7 number.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, looking at 7.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Chair Szetela I have a question.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sure go ahead Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can someone quickly state since I'm just now joining what this kind of back and forth is?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark wants to include the rest of the Bay in with District 7.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He says it's necessary for a lakeshore District.

So what is it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's not too much.

16%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Put it back.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put it back.

I think I want to make some other changes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: To get the number down.

Minority population is pretty high.

The minority population is pretty high for that area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's not a VRA District but no.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That one and the next one down, okay, now what I want to do is where that City is 41 just above that I want to change that to green.

Lime green, not the other.

I don't know if the other is gray or green.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is where you were before we reversed the changes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct, I believe so.

About 6,000, yeah.

So that keeps the lakeshore together.

The Lake St. Clair lakeshore.

Yeah.

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And I look at the population and yeah, it's over it's 6,000.

But I look at the percentage is .3% over.

Which I think is in line.

Yeah, that is what I want to propose and I think we should do.

I think it keeps the community of interest of Lake St. Clair issues together.

All the way down to the Detroit river.

And this is some significant issues that they all have to deal with.

And the same issues that they are dealing with south of the Detroit river for the flooding and that.

And we've put them together.

To make this happen.

So, yeah, that is what I want to propose.

And get comments from the others.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm looking at is again I'm focused on process and I do -- I like this and feels like a good compromise and feels like we did not change the numbers too much.

It feels we are listening to people and getting closer to something.

What I'm looking at though is also like the 25 is now our largest population deviation so what I'm thinking about in terms of process whenever we make a change like this let's just note if that I'm looking at the right hand corner, the orange block, so what I'm thinking is now the 25 is out of whack it's also the one that is going to make our plan deviation we will remediate it the most.

So if we can because we adjusted 7 let's also just try to say okay, how are we going to fix 25 while we are here.

We just changed it and thinking of process when we did this.

We did this yesterday too.

It's looking at if we make a change and one of the districts around it pops up and we can affect our plan deviation let's address it.

The second thing I'd like to do is suggest somehow because we do need to look at partisan fairness because we did not look at it yesterday and we are trying to talk about how we do that today.

Let's just make like somehow let's just you know say when do we look at it? How are we going to monitor ourselves? And recognize somehow, we need to be aware of it as we make changes.

If we make too many changes all at once we won't be able to understand if we are going forward or, yeah, how do we do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton? Then Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Two things.

Right where John's cursor is right where the screen is District two is low by about the same amount that District 25 is high.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If I may the seats votes ratio seems to be the one, I'm monitoring the most.

I don't need to see anything other than seats votes ratio.

I don't know how the Commissioners feel but I'm okay jumping straight to that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to go through all the other tabs?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: They all go together.

So I think we should look at the seats to votes ratio changes as the efficiency gap changes.

And they all kind of change as the efficiency gap changes.

It gets lower the seats votes ratio changes so let's look at all of them.

Originally the map as we had it come out the second round of public hearings before we made the changes yesterday it was at 4.5%.

Lopsided margin.

2.2% on the mean median difference.

3.4% on the efficiency gap.

And the seats to votes ratio was 20 democratic to 18 republican.

With 0.3% bias.

Now that doesn't include the changes that were made yesterday evening.

But let's.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think Mr. Morgan he is asking you to click on the tabs.

So we have the 4.5.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is the same.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the lopsided margin.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the mean median.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 2.2 also the same.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is the efficiency gap.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 3.2.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That has gone down a little bit from 3.4%.

But there is no way at this point for us to know if that is due to the Detroit changes that Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Curry made yesterday or the changes that Commissioner Clark made today.

Let's go to the next one.

Okay and this is also the same 0.3 percent with a 20 to 18 ratio.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you Madam Chair.

Yes so, my opinion is the change that's proposed really reinforces our COI area.

And it does not impact the numbers at all.

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Factoring in also what.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Again.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What happened yesterday.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We did not do what I asked so I don't know that that's true or not.

So if you're trying to reassure me in some way.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not, I'm making a comment to the public and to the Commission.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You guys done want to look at partisan fairness let's not.

What I was asked for we didn't do.

So we've done something else so can we just unless there is continued discussion on this can we move on and continue working on the map?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Why don't you take a vote and get through with it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is nothing to vote on.

Let's unless there is continued comments on the partisan fairness you have the basis proposed base line.

Let's move on.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay stop bringing it up.

[Laughter]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so is there anything else we want to change?

Commissioner Kellom I know that there was and Commissioner Wagner there was something with Detroit with Jefferson Chalmers is that what it was?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see it, Jefferson Chalmers.

John is it possible if you can change the colors between 6 and 7 just it's a little hard for me to see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

That is much easier to see.

So we have why isn't eight showing up on our districts in view?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 8 is over there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see it thank you, thank you, thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Want somebody else to read it?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What do you mean? Well I'm just going to read off the numbers is all so 7 right now is 6,000 over,

8 is 3200 under.

And 6 is 3,000 under.

Kind of the thought process was pulling out Jefferson Chalmers.

What is it that you wanted to do Commissioner Kellom?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Adding Jefferson Chalmers to 7 and Moross-Morang in 6 that is swapping in the public comment if I got it correct is that correct Commissioner Wagner and Commissioner Kellom.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you want to leave or MC to do it?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's fine for MC to do it and you articulated what I said and I don't have to take ownership of the swap.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead John.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will point out here this is the boundary of the other plan. So starting with Jefferson Chalmers sorry starting with these neighborhoods into 6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just curious what is the rationale the person gave for wanting to make this change.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Jefferson Chalmers area is more of a coastal I think he said a coastal community.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's part of the gold coast.

>> MR. MORGAN: That goes in 6 and start with Jefferson Chalmers into 7.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct, thank you.

Okay.

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>> MR. MORGAN: That reflects the change you requested.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are all set. Thank you.

And I'm wondering so if that is it, and so within deviation one of my memories is we have not quite finished that what Mr. Stigall highlighted for us yesterday, that idea that, yeah, Highland Park, right the actual municipal boundary actually divides houses. And so we may want to look at that before we leave the Detroit area and other things we may have forgotten.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Honestly for that one that is the municipal boundary, that is where it is.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is the real boundary.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They are well accustomed the precinct clerks as to what house is in what area.

It's not a point of confusion because Highland Park is a separate municipality from Detroit.

So I don't think that is a change we need to dig in to.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And I would agree it's the City inside of a City.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

It's just not needed.

It's weird but it's not needed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm okay with that, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right are we -- anything else in the Detroit proper area?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there anything else on the list from yesterday?

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have things for Detroit Metro but Detroit itself. On the list from yesterday we have API concerns around Novi which I'm not sure affect the Senate map or not. And then also and there was a comment today that lifted this up again Troy Rochester Hills API as well. So we have those two areas to look at Metro Detroit from an API perspective. If we can kind of go out to Novi first and take a look because I'm not sure if it's this map. I feel it might be the house map they were talking about for that particular area. So can we if you go to the left outside of Livonia west. That's where we are going to get to Novi. Okay so Novi is together on this map so that is not the concern on this map. So that is a house map concern. House map. So can we go up to Troy which is currently in blue number 16. Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, I think what we are going to have to decide because the changes are going to meld into Oakland County. Especially Novi is what are we going to do with Ann Arbor? Because if we change Ann Arbor it's probably Ann Arbor and Novi are close to each other. We've had we've seen two configurations. One that brings Novi into it. The other that does your north and south split which I think also works and does not bring Novi into it. Do we want to do that now? Because it's going to affect Novi or do we want to just do this and then go to there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to come to Ann Arbor last. So and I don't know that that's necessarily going to affect Novi but I think in terms of the specific comment about API for Novi it is not implicated for this map. Because Novi is together and it's the house map where we have is precincts and Novi split up. So we don't need to worry about that specific thing here. That does not mean we might not make changes later. So all right so 16 there were some comments about the Sikh community in Troy and Rochester Hills and Sterling Heights. And so I think we kind of need to look at that just Asian American in general. Because Sikh would fall under Asian American in the census. But I think the complication here is John can you pull up the map so we can see a little bit more south? Because Troy is the southern part of District 16. Yes. So they want to bring in more of Sterling Heights.

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I'm wondering if there is a particular concentration north or south for Sterling Heights. And you know, can you scroll down to District 6 on the matrix so we can see what the API is now in 6 and then look at so in 6 the API is 3, 3.65.

3.95 sorry.

Misreading.

And then 16 it is 15.

Quite a difference.

15.87.

And then 8 is Bangla Town and that is 9.64.

Okay so can we Zoom in to the border between Sterling Heights and Troy? And put on the thematic dots for Asian and see if we can see if maybe there is a different way to draw that line to keep communities together.

There is something we missed.

So just that precinct there.

What are the percentages you have it sat at now? 14%.

So if I remember correctly because that is 14% that is actually going to bring down our percentage is that accurate? Was that a yep to me or? Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: In District 8 you are trying to add it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Add it in 16 it's not going to improve the numbers.

But it will add more community members then.

>> MR. MORGAN: Generally speaking yes you could trade out other population to change the numbers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just a suggestion, so first off, I'm not sure the Sikh community identifies as Asian American.

I'm not sure they put that on the census.

The Sikh community is not too different from the Chaldean community and actually it matches the areas match up pretty well with being you know Troy Rochester Hills Sterling Heights West Bloomfield Farmington Hills.

They might, I'm just not sure that they do.

But if we can look at the top of 16, the northern areas, does this go into Oakland Township? Yeah, it does.

That might be an area to look at moving and taking Oakland Township out of it and instead including more of Shelby and a little bit more of Sterling Heights.

You can put Utica in 16 and you take out Oakland and put more of Shelby in there.

How we have the dots right now they match up pretty well.

Yeah, we can go down too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to say I thought we were quite careful in this area. We were trying to keep together...Commissioner Clark it would be helpful if we have a map.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Taking Oakland Township I would take the northern part of Oakland Township.

It's very less populated.

And the southern part of it is really integrated in the Rochester Hills.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If we had a map one of the things, I wrote down from the Chaldean commenter in Grand Rapids, and again like our map the portal does not work as well as I would like for me.

Maybe others can find it but 68370 or 2 I'm not sure if it was a 3 or 2683 or 68270 does that sound accurate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Chaldean? Not the Sikh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The Sikh representative in Detroit did not give us a map.

Because you were asking for a map because of Commissioner Eid's comments that is why I'm sharing that.

Because there was a reference to a plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For Chaldean.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not Sikh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct and I don't know if it's house or Senate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are we sure it's this map the concern is about, is it possible it was a house map? That is what I'm kind of wondering.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, you got it we may be okay here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel like we drew this very specifically to keep together the AAPI community.

And what? Yeah, okay so let's just move on from here.

Because I don't think this is an issue for this map.

Because looking at the numbers I think unless anybody disagrees, I think this shows pretty clearly that this map is doing what they ask.

Okay.

All right so Ann Arbor and then Anthony did you have something about West Bloomfield too? Like what was.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, at the Detroit hearing especially during the virtual public comment we heard from people from West Bloomfield and/or charred Lake Sylvan Lake referencing the Chaldean community of interest there.

The Jewish community of interest there, and they brought up that they don't want that area to be with the northern part of Oakland County.

Waterford, independence Township, Springfield Holly and would rather be basically with either District 9 or 11 as we have it drawn.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we pull the map over so I can see what he is talking about? Pull it so nine, there we go.

You're talking about District 18.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes District 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Repeat what you just said.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: See that with the Township of West Bloomfield and Orchard Lake the square on the south right corner.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where Sylvan Lake and Keego Harbor are.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All of those essentially.

It's my strong opinion that they should be with either 11 or 9 somehow.

Now that takes some reconfiguring but then if you do that you can also make a better 18 by putting all of the northern Oakland County Townships together.

Any thoughts on that? I know Janice is from the area as well.

It's a bigger change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So you want to put Orchard Lake West Bloomfield down with Novi-ish, Farmington-ish and then do what with the rest of 18?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Then you move up on 18.

You include the rest of Oakland County with 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But why would you want to push that down?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Orchard Lake West Bloomfield.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Cultural communities do not extend to Oakland County. They are situated in Orchard Lake West Bloomfield and Walled Lake Commerce but do not go up into independence or Highland or White Lake or Waterford.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I feel that is what honestly the main along with splitting up Ann Arbor on my individual map it has that change.

And it is one that I feel very strongly about.

In fact, I feel so strongly about it that if we make that change on this collaborative map it is likely that I would retract my individual map.

So I hope we take into account.

We can pull up the shape overlay perhaps.

And look at it if that is what the Commission chooses.

But again it goes back to Ann Arbor.

Because if we split Ann Arbor there is probably a way to do it where it brings in all of these Oakland County Townships as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I agree with Commissioner Eid.

I think that those upper northern communities would be better with the other ones.

I agree with what he is saying.

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For VRA and minority based reasons.

So...this is the layer for Commissioner Szetela's plan.

Okay so let's make those changes to districts 27 and 29.

That follow the outline of that layer.

We are going to have one probably that's 27 be the northern portion and 29 be the southern portion.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so 29 is here and you want to put this entire southern portion into 29?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, it doesn't matter which one is which.

We need one to be 27, one to be 29.

Whichever way is easier for you to facilitate that change.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Once we are done with Ann Arbor it gets a lot speedier because we can go to Townships mainly.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is geography issues here so I'm taking my time with it. But working quickly.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to go ahead and save this and reimport it because there is probably a geography problem.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: A triangle to the west a little bit more southwest corner and looked like there was unassigned or something.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just move the decimal point is all.

And it's 4.6 we would be fine.

HSP is State House plan.

>> MR. MORGAN: Shape file

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Eid or Madam Chair while we are saving down here could you provide any additional justification for the change to this District?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are making a few changes here.

These changes are for the following reasons.

We are making two districts out of Ann Arbor.

Part of that is for community of interest reasons.

We've heard communities of interest ranging from Jackson to Ann Arbor.

And we've also heard people that say they want Ann Arbor to be split in order to have more representation.

And what this will end up doing is also having a better configuration for Oakland County. The changes I mentioned earlier including West Bloomfield Orchard Lake with the more southern parts and being able to recombine some of the northern parts of Oakland County.

It does that also bringing down the partisan fairness numbers to be closer to 0.

So supports both criteria three and criteria four.

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And probably criteria six as well.

As far as maintaining municipality and County lines.

>> MR. MORGAN: I saved the plan, brought it back in and looks like it's following the line.

Do you want to run a contiguity check?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, we will do that at the end.

Let's follow the line on 27 as well over west.

I believe 29 there are some changes westward as well.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want these Townships of Washtenaw County into 27?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Eagle eye Orton.

>> MR. MORGAN: So continuing all the Townships?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

Top on the left do you see Marshall over there, that little part of 29 that is jutting out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Put that into 3.

Okay now let's go eastbound.

Do you see that one Township? That is in red in District 30? Yep, let's put that into 29.

Okay and then further eastward superior and Salem Counties.

Yeah Townships, thank you, not Counties.

>> MR. MORGAN: You wanted superior and Salem into 27 or 29?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 29.

Okay let's move up to 18.

Okay Zoom in on Lyon and South Lyon there on the bottom left.

Move those into 18.

And then West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake into 11.

Go left go Commerce Township.

We will go to the precinct level.

The right side of it.

The eastward side.

That is, yep, so the northern part of it, those right precincts, let's add those to 11.

>> MR. MORGAN: Population 3107?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: North of that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Adding those to 11?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Adding those to 11.

At 2696.

Let me get my population numbers up.

2966, 2939, 2968.

Okay and then Wixom let's assign that to 18.

And 18 needs a little bit more around that area.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Second, I have a question for our VRA expert because 27 and 19 did not have that population needed as you indicated, would that be preferable then what I had started to originally do in splitting up 9 and 10? Because the reason I took this type of configuration because I did not want to touch 9 or 10 due to those minority considerations.

Because nine and ten do have that population.

See what I'm saying?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner that is a great question.

Each one has its own challenges and its own I guess do and don't. And it's different and Dr. Handley's analysis addresses black voting power, ability to elect in Wayne County and not in Asian voting strength in the Ann Arbor area.

So there are several considerations.

With also with the Asian community, even though their population wasn't high enough to control an election to be a majority or even a plurality, the potential maybe to have an influence District where you can have some influence on the outcome of an election.

I can't speak to the electoral patterns in Ann Arbor.

So 12% arguably you have more influence than 5% but I couldn't tell you based on data who votes for whom.

That is different in Wayne County where we have the data for that.

So that to me is the distinction.

Also with nine you have an ability to elect, opportunity to elect clear District based on analysis.

Ann Arbor as it was originally configured would be at best an influenced District.

Then I also raise the point too when you do divide a minority community that is always something to be alert to in the decision making.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we go ahead and run that for us, Mr. Morgan?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I did make note of the original numbers.

Before we made these changes as it was originally saved in version one.

It was 4.5 for lopsided margin test 2.2 for mean median difference, 3.2 for efficiency gap and a seats to votes ratio of 20-18.

With a bias of 0.3%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Favor the democrats and the rest are republican leaning is that correct? Lopsided and we cannot hear you.

Efficiency gap and republican.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is what we have.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 28, 29.

>> Can you turn on your microphone? Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't have my mic on I'm sorry.

I thought it was 27 and 29.

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So 68 and 57.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's go through the numbers.

Lopsided margin test.

I didn't see that one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 3.4

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's gone from 4.5 to 3.4 favoring republican.

Mean median difference is gone from 2.2 to 1.1 in favor of republicans.
2.2 to 1.1.

Efficiency gap went from 3.2 to 0.6% favoring republicans.

And the last one so we went from 20dem and 18R to 21dem and 17R.

And the bias increased from 0.3% democratic to 2.9% democratic.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I want to look at the swing on that too.

So can you close it out and I will have you rerun it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Your purpose is to look at the Delta.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just to look at the change of how it swings.

Like how stable it is.

>> MR. MORGAN: What did you want me to run?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Close that because we will rerun the report but for the 2020 Presidential and we will run it for the 2016 Presidential and just see what happens with the numbers when we look at those two Presidential elections, how much does it swing. We can do 2012 those are the three Presidential elections that we have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN:

>> MR. MORGAN: For the State Senate plan?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, the same plan you are in just rerun the report.

>> MR. MORGAN: With Presidential elections.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Start with 2020 we will look at that then look at 2016 and then we can look at 2012 as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you help us know because this is the first time, I'm seeing this and it may be helpful let us know what you are analyzing and yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I've had some discussions with Dr. Handley about this and there will be more follow-up on it.

But our totals are weighted average of the elections then when you dive down into individual elections for plans so we have plans right now particularly for the Congressional where the metrics look about the same.

So the mean median efficiency gap they are all .6, .7 mean median is 2.something but then when you look at individual elections you see some of the plans have huge swings. So that's what I'm looking for is so instead of doing yeah Biden versus Trump to see how much does this map swing.

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That gives you just a little bit more information about the stability of the plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What you are saying also Dr. Handley was saying this is a good idea is that true?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right when you are comparing different plans to dig into the lower level it's something you can consider looking at as well.

It's just another point of data to look at and say okay, you know, because like I said particularly for the Congressional that was something I was looking into.

Because our Congressional plans are so close and yet there is some that have very significant swings year to year.

So this is 2020.

Presidential, right? So this is lopsided margin.

>> MR. MORGAN: 2020 election for one election.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For one election 2.9 republican.

Can we see mean median? 0.8.

Republican we look at the efficiency 2.3.

Republican and then let's look at the seats votes.

And then Commissioner Eid go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well I was going to say if you want to go down this route then I think you are probably going to do this, we should look at 2016 as well because a different party won each of those.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those are the two I think are most because they show a swing. So, yeah, that is exactly what I want to do.

I want to look again so we got that.

So we can close this.

We have it.

And then rerun it.

For 2016 Clinton versus Trump.

And then we are going to see some different numbers.

Yeah, Bruce do you have any thoughts looking in the election years versus going with the composite?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think to your point Commissioner, if you are looking at one election with a democratic nominee won and another election with a republican nominee won you could get that comparative sense of difference.

And then compare that to the -- the overall analysis that Dr. Handley did using all of the elections.

So I think using two elections like that is you get a much more accurate sample than just picking one election with one outcome.

Two elections with different outcomes I think is better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothorn?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And what I think Commissioner Szetela is trying to help us understand is that there is a stability that we have because we have ten years of election data and so we have a stable.

But when we look into the individual more than one individual race, right we see swings. And so the I'm just trying to understand the stability factor.

Like why don't we just look at the one all ten years, right and understand okay we are good.

We have to look at the other ones to understand if there is more of a swing with more current numbers.

And that, yeah, help me unpack this.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Picking two elections with different outcomes.

I heard comments at some of the public hearings just pick one election.

Pick like 2020.

Well 2020 the democrat won so you are already going to have some degree of bias.

But then if you are looking at two elections where one the republican nominee won, one the democratic nominee won that is much more efficient I think as Dr. Handley explained than just taking one at a time.

Because that is something I think we have been consistent about too.

That shows bias that is in isolation.

Using her approach of looking at all the elections and picking two where the outcomes were different that just gives you additional potentially additional information.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It sounds like the swing you're looking for right is if it's a large swing then we see instability that we don't see with a very stable ten years of election.

Is that right? So we are getting more data right.

So the swing is what we are looking for.

Right to make sure we get a more stability District.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think between those two elections that there is that potential.

But I think for us it's more it's fairer in that you're not just skewing it by picking one election with one outcome.

You are picking two elections with different outcomes.

One for each party.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The District that we have drawn or the whole state map we have drawn we might, okay, this helps you understand like the variance or the swings that we see helps us choose a more stable set of maps instead of districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How I think of it I used to teach college classes so think of it from being back in school and how your grades work.

So maybe you've got four students who have Bs and then but when you dig into that and you look and you've got one student who is consistently a B student one who has A

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and Cs one has all As and a terrible grade maybe they got in a car accident and missed a test and you have one an AB and C.

You can't Judge a map just looking at a single number but when you look at other numbers you can evaluate especially when we try to compare maps how do the happens compare.

So looking into the 2020 versus the 2016 these are two elections with very different results.

If you have a map that is swinging wildly to me that is a less reliable map than a map that I would expect some swings but like two to 3% swing one way or another.

Or within our margin of what we are looking for say up to five.

To me that's a more trustworthy accurate map than one that is going 0-11.

So that's what I'm looking for is that swing because to me it helps me understand the plan.

Like I would expect more republican bias in the 2016 election because Trump won that year and there was a wave of republican votes.

And then 2020 was the opposite.

So same thing with Obama in 2012 I would expect there to be less republican bias and more democratic swing in that.

So I expect some bias.

But what I'm looking for are things where there is significant bias that I wouldn't expect because that tells me there is an issue with the under lying plan.

Mr. Brace?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

I'm happy to come in on this discussion.

It is an important discussion.

And it's something that we've always tended to look at and why we try to put in as much data as possible.

Because in politics and in elections you do see the changes that take place.

Certainly over this past decade and by looking at the individual contests, which is how we've set this up so that you can do that, you've got the ultimate flexibility.

We've created the composite score so that we kind of take individual bias out.

But we give you the capability of looking at the individual ones and be able to run the comparisons and see how it looks.

So I think this will give you the ultimate, what is the wide variety of what we might see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Mr. Brace.

Can we see Mr. Morgan those last numbers you ran and go ahead Mr. Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We are at the order of the day.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 1.9 lopsided margin this is 2016, yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mean median 2.1 republican.

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Efficiency gap is 3.5.

Republican.

Seats vote is 18.

20.

In favor of republican with a negative 2.5 bias for democrat.

So that is exactly what I'm talking about the swing.

So just to wrap up so we can move on so when you look at the overall for the lopsided margin, version three, the composite is 3.4 republican.

When you look at the 2020, it goes 2.9 republican.

For the 2016 it goes 1.9 republican.

Mean median it goes 1.1 republican for the composite.

To .8 for the 2020 Presidential.

Then up to 2.1 for the 2016.

So for the efficiency gap we have 0.6.

For the composite.

2.3 for the 2020.

Again leaning republican.

3.5 leaning republican for 2016.

And then in the seats votes we see that swing where we have 2117 for the composite but if you look at 2020 it's 2018 then if you look at 2016 it's 1820.

So there is swings but they are still within the 5% that we talked about earlier.

Go ahead Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, I mean what is most striking to me comparing those two elections is in the election where republicans won, they won the most seats 20-18. The election where the democrats won, they won the most seats and it was the same ratio 20-18.

I'm kind of surprised it's 20-18 given the composite score.

So that is surprising to me actually.

But it works and on both elections, it seems like you know the party that won the most votes wins the most seats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Not jumping the gun here but we are going to Midland next right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Going to Midland.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This map is Midland City with the Tri-Cities, or no?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe it is.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You want to handle Midland Dustin?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I don't.

[Laughter]

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>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt.

We are continuing on working through the maps and shifting over to the Grand Rapids area.

So if we can shift over to Grand Rapids and who would like to lead this? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Not to lead it but before we do that since we've been talking about the different metrics and looked at the different elections, I wonder if we could have Mr. Adelson talk to us about Lisa Handley's advice or the information, she gave us.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner I would be happy to. The metrics that are being used like the efficiency gap and lopsided margins for example, these are methods that have been used in Court.

They have been endorsed by the courts.

They are recognized by the courts.

These are methods that they are accustomed to using.

There are many methods to evaluate, this is partisan fairness and in some states competitiveness.

These are the methods that Dr. Handley selected as you know.

These are methods that are widely accepted.

They are not controversial.

They are not revolutionary.

They are not untried.

Each metric gives you a different number and result which amounts to eventually looking at the margin to see if that is consistent with the conclusions of Dr. Handley about the where the predominant of the vote is in the State of Michigan today.

Looking at her analysis involved three elections rather than one.

One election tends to skew the result depending on who the winner is of the Presidential election. So at the end of the day from our perspective, the looking at the four metrics, looking at the string of elections to quote Mr. Morgan is consistent.

This is consistent analysis across the board.

Using a string of elections is more consistent than just cherry picking and using one.

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That partisan bodies may do political may do because they are naturally trying to skew the result in a partisan way.

This is not a partisan body.

It's not an elected body.

It's not a legislature, it's not a political party.

So looking at things from our perspective in a way that are defensible, that is consistent, those are the most advisable.

The decisions about how what particular efficiency gap or lopsided margin the Commission chooses as a body to accept as far as maps are concerned of course is a Commission decision.

If there were a margin in any map that was inconsistent, that was an out liar, I'm not going to throw numbers out but something that would be obvious on site to all of us, that is something that we would advise against doing.

But picking what -- however far you think the efficiency gap should go and how however many, what you think the seat margin should be is a Commission decision.

Based on the partisan fairness analysis and we are certainly here to answer any questions about numbers going forward.

But that's going to be very important discussion over the next week.

Does that help?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

So you're saying using the string if that is what we are calling of elections, the group of elections that Dr. Handley gave us to use in our analysis is what we should be doing.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well that is the most defensible.

I think you can pick different elections like Commissioner Szetela 2020, 2016 to get additional metric or additional bit of information.

Which having additional information I think can typically be a good thing.

But as far as making decisions, rather than picking as I said one election as your bellwether one election as your benchmark is not as defensible as going through those consistent elections where we have this, this and this.

So not just taking one snapshot out of time in one year.

That's a more of a best practice, more of a defensible position to take in deciding based on the breath of the analysis and the election.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To dive in deeper the Ann Arbor when we did do that analysis one of the things that Commissioner Eid lifted up was that in the seats vote ratio in particular between 2020 and 2016 there was a flip, right.

And so I think if I'm hearing you correctly right that is additional information that helps us understand the districts we have drawn are with that configuration not just the Ann Arbor but the whole state map what we looked at helped us see we have proportional

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and a relatively balanced map with the change we made with Ann Arbor is that accurate? Meaning what Commissioner Eid lifted up.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think to your point it's an additional data point, additional point of information that you can take as far as you want to take it. But it still is going to come down to the nitty-gritty decision how far do you go. How far in choosing maps, what is the seat differentiation, what is the efficiency gap difference that the body decides is the map you wish to approve or move forward. So as you know there are a lot of numbers.

And there are the efficiency gap goes one way.

The seat margin goes another way.

The discussion, the informed discussion of, well, but how low should we go.

Or how what should this percentage be that is for discussion and debate.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If we are able to maintain all of the other constitutional criteria is closer to 0 on those numbers better?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Loaded question.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I wish you were a student in one of my classes.

We would have a lot of fun.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 11 years yesterday maybe I will add a couple more.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm not going to say taking things you know, out of whether it's out of context or just taking a snapshot in a way.

That I I'm not going to say one is better or not.

That the -- you have four tests that you are using.

And it's up to you in your discussions to decide which one is better perhaps.

And how far do you go? How far is what you consider the body considers individual Commissioners decide is the best.

Or one is better than the other.

But that's not for me to say.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well if it's up to us to decide it's certainly in my opinion that closer to 0 while maintaining the communities of interest and all of our other criteria is more fair.

That's what the numbers say.

Even on that last map.

In my opinion.

Three of the four numbers still were republican leaning but all of them were closer to 0.

That is a decision for all of us as our esteemed counsel just told us.

So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: There was one today on the comment.

Leave it where it is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

I remember that.

Okay, any thoughts, comments? Commissioner Orton? I saw your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is there anything left on the list or can we take a look.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Southwest Grand Rapids and northern Wyoming but I believe that was a house concern because they are together in this map.

And then not for this map Grand Rapids Kalamazoo was a discussion point but that was Congressional and not for this obviously.

What else do we got? That's it for this area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we Zoom out and kind of see maybe not the whole thing at once.

But, yeah, go down to the bottom.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There was a comment about Parchment with Kalamazoo and I don't know if that impacts this map or not.

It might have been a house map.

I see Kalamazoo so Parchment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Parchment is with Kalamazoo.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is not an issue with this map.

It's the house map.

Yeah.

We had some comments about the UP.

Did we address Sheboygan west rather than east Ross common Benzie have we gone to Gaylord yet? I feel it's been a long day.

We looked at it and said we didn't need to.

Yeah, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Can I see the UP real quick? And Zoom in to the Sault St. Marie area.

These particular County splits I know I brought them up.

Do we want to potentially look at these here? Or keep them as is? I am on the fence either way.

So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe one of the reasons we did this there was a large population of native indigenous populations in Sault St. Marie and we headed west to Traverse City area with District 37.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So then that was my recollection as well.

The only concern I have there between 38 and 37 then is that one Township that's really long that juts into 37.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Rerunning for partisan analysis for 2020 and 2016 so we have the same numbers for version three and we will go back to version three again so Brittini can make her changes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just for comparison.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the one you want to look at before you made changes this morning?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Which was version one.

Yeah, that was the right one yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: The one before the Ann Arbor changes is version one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

So version one has that change up near the new Baltimore area but otherwise there is no other changes in it other than the changes we did yesterday obviously.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay this should be the correct plan.

So there's no change this Ann Arbor.

But there is the lakeshore change in District 7.

So I believe this is the correct plan.

And what did row want me to run please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I want you to run the partisan fairness partisan fairness for the 2020 Presidential election and we will write down the numbers and we will do the same thing for 2016.

Then we will go back to the other version.

It's further up.

Yep, there it is by Biden and Trump.

I mean, yeah, close like we made changes to it yesterday.

So and then Doug made a change this morning.

So it just doesn't have like the Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids changes.

And honestly Ann Arbor is what really changes things around so.

So 4.1 lopsided margin what is the mean median? 1.5.

Okay.

What is efficiency.

4.9 big change there.

19-19.

Negative 1.4D.

And then 1.4 republican.

So can you close that out? We don't necessarily have to save it and just run it again for 2016.

So Clinton versus Trump.

Lopsided margin is 3.2 still leaning republican.

Mean median is 3.3.

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Leaning republican.

Efficiency 6.2.

Leaning republican.

And seats vote is 17-21.

Negative 5.1 bias, okay.

So we went from a map that looked great.

So 4.5 I wouldn't and shouldn't say that because people online will screen 4.5 republican for the lopsided margin.

And then it had 2.2 republican lean mean median, 3.2 efficiency gap and seats vote ratio of 20-18 with a .3 democratic lean.

When you run it for 2020 it goes from 4.5 lopsided margins down to 4.1.

The mean median goes from 2.2 to 1.5.

The efficiency gap increases from 3.2 to 4.9.

And the seats vote ratio breaks evenly 19-19 which is actually biased against democrats 1.4%.

If you go to 2016, we see even more radical changes.

So it goes I shouldn't say radical that is probably not the right word more changes goes 4.5 all the way to 3.2 lopsided margins so that seems more favorable but the mean median goes 2.2 to 3.3.

In the efficiency gap goes from 3.2 to 6.2.

And then the seats votes switch from 2018 democratic to republican.

To 17 democrat to 21 republican which is a negative 5.1 bias for democrats.

So that is what I'm talking about with the swing.

That when you look at the composite .3D, that is not the whole story.

You kind of got to look deeper.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Does it reflect so 2020 was the election where there were more democrats no excuse me 2020 yeah more democrats and 2016 was more republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: When we looked at the Ann Arbor District like there was a correlation what is the correlation here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So when you have the original map does not split Ann Arbor. So the version one that I just read to you does not split Ann Arbor and has seats votes ratio of 20-18 with a .03 democratic lean so very small democratic lean.

The version three has a 21-17 seats vote for the composite.

And a 2.9 democratic lean. But when you run it for the 2020 Presidential election the seat vote for 2020 is 20dem, 18 republican and the year where Trump was elected 2016 it shifts 18-20.

And the efficiency gap never goes above 3.5.

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So there is less variability in that version 3 map with Ann Arbor being split.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I think to sum it up which is what I think what Commissioner Rothhorn was asking for, before the Ann Arbor changes, when on the Senate maps if you ran the 2016 numbers, republicans won on 17-21 margin was that what it was, 2016.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2016 for which one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2016.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Which map?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Version one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Version one 2016 republicans won 21 seats to 17 democratic seats.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Which is the election they won all be it by a very small margin.

In 2020 where the democratic candidate won by a large margin a larger margin than in 2016, they did not win the most seats with version one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It was tied 19-19.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Verse once we made the Ann Arbor changes 20-18 flipped based on which party won the most votes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, and then 2016 it flipped again based on which party won the most votes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Does that help answer your question?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The answer is yes but I still have this nagging sort of I know these political numbers can be manipulated, right.

I think we are looking at these because these are the most recent ones and are included in our composite election results and Dr. Handley said use the composite.

The reason we are breaking these two out is because they are more recent and help us understand the composite.

And in a nuanced way.

Is that fair to say? Mr. Adelson? Like we are looking for a nuisances here that is not and the courts will not uphold this so I think what we have to decide is how we are going to make this decision.

Ann Arbor is not, yeah, like we have to understand it.

We will keep Ann Arbor split the way we are or not?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: As we come down to the end of the day and on Friday and the end of the week, yes, I mean I agree.

I think that these decisions are ultimately up to you.

And as you said with the consistency of the composite election results.

That seeing that consistency -- tool are defensible and then deciding which -- how far do you want to go.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: If Commissioner Kellom is satisfied with those satisfied before we adjourn can we just run the numbers real quick and see if they changed them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Partisan fairness, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I doubt they changed very much.

But just to make sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay you want the partisan fairness for this with all of the changes that we made today.

Okay these are the numbers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 3.3.

6.2, not good changes.

Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That changed a lot, yeah.

Is this the right one? Are we looking at the right thing.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will double check.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel like that is the 2016 old map.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'll run it again.

And.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The version one map but who knows.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think you have to click on partisan fairness.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Partisan fairness, there you go.

I've done this too many times.

>> MR. MORGAN: There may be an issue it's going to run the same report under the same name.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

You got to close the other one.

4.6.

Lopsided margin.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Increase from 3.4.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> MR. MORGAN: I can tell you what happened if you want.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is all right.

We don't need to know.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So with the mean median.

1.2.

Okay.

1.2.

The old one what was it, 1.1.

Efficiency is 3.4.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was .6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And the seats votes, yep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was 2.9.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And if we, yeah, so if you look at District 7, the changes of taking out Detroit flipped District 7 to a republican District which is what the change is coming from.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you took less of the area on the Algoma or whatever it is it would change it back and change all your metrics.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For what it's worth 7 is like 49, 50 like yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Reverse that and make it 50-49 and the metrics.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It was 51.1 before.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What do we think? Those changes seemed to make the numbers worse.

Do we maybe want to keep the Detroit change that was made in 13 and 7 but revert the changes made in District 7 or what does everyone think?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's come back on Monday and talk about it then because we are over time at this point.

All right, that concludes our deliberations for today.

We don't have any minutes to approve I don't believe.

And no staff reports.

Correspondence received in advance of the meeting is included in the Commissioner's meeting materials.

Future agenda items.

Announcements.

As items on the agenda are completed a motion to adjourn is in order motion made by Commissioner Witjes and seconded by Commissioner Lett is there any discussion or debate on the motion? All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed say nay.

The motion carries and the meeting is adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Thank you.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So y'all wanted to use the Whitmer; is that correct? And who else.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Whitmer and Schuette.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And Schuette was the republican.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

And I don't know why it says divide by zero here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe do percentage instead of.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, I clicked the wrong one. Let me try this again.

Should be the actual number. Whitmer. Other way around? Yes, that is probably what did it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's make sure we have it for the Governor race too because Mr. Schuette was also Attorney General. So I just want to make sure we have it on the correct, it would have been 2018.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so there is Schuette. And see how that works, yep. Okay here is the numbers. We can come back to them any time. So the lopsided margin was 6.1%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> Mean median is 1.6% republican. Efficiency gap is 0. And the seats is 23-15 and efficiency gap is minus is over 6% proportionality bias is 6%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we rerun it for Snyder? So you have to click on partisan fairness again or it won't do it right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do what.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Click on partisan fairness again or it won't do it right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which one was it again the year.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2014 and I believe it was Schuette; is that right? Schuette versus Schauer. Snyder versus who was the democrat.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Shower Schauer or something like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's further down. I think it's past the state like the Senate races because it's a state race so there is Whitmer so it would be further under that so Whitmer. Go down. Snyder right there. So Snyder is the republican. So Schauer is the democrat so democrat is shower and then Snyder is the republican.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Who is the republican again?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Snyder.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Snyder.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: SNYDER, there he is I see him there. That is right there, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Snyder Schuette.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not Schuette, shower, right there, shower is your democrat.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And Snyder.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Snyder, yep.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided is 1%. Mean median is .4. Efficiency gap is 7.3. And seats are 8.5%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Should we put the democrat on top and the republican?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He did.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: He did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can look at it again, I just want to make sure. Which election is it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The 2014 gubernatorial.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we had Schauer and Snyder.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Anymore?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, if we can do the composite and do the two Presidential elections as well so just do the overall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well I did the original overall.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You have it saved.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did save that, which one do you want to do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2020 Presidential. You have to click on partisan fairness first. I know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Statewide races Biden.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Biden and then Trump 20 because there is more than one Trump on there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trump 20.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided 1.7. Mean median is .6. Efficiency gap is .5. And seats is 3.9. 21-17.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we do the same for the 2016 election which is Trump versus Clinton? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 16 not Trump but Clinton. 16 Trump. 1.9. 2.1. 3.4. And minus 2.5 for democrats, yep. Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Pull up I'm sorry I had the microphone off pull up the overall composite and Commissioner Clark you had a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wanted to look at District 7 numbers that is my comment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to look at them from a composite index perspective.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want to look at the, I will just run it again just because I can. Statewide democrats. Statewide republican. The lopsided is 4.6 republican. 1.2 republican. 3.4 republican. And minus .3 republican.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay .3 for democrats negative for republicans, depending on which party you are looking at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So close.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is this the composite?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are good.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Looking at the numbers with the changes I made, not with this, the numbers are relatively very close. So I see my opinion is I see no need to change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And that is what I was telling you. I think it's fine and you accommodated a community of interest and Commissioner Kellom made some changes to accommodate another community of interest. And I don't see any reason to change it but I mean I'm just won't person, if other people, I think it's good.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I'm going to yield back and I don't see any changes on District 7. We will move on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you want to look at VAP at all? He has the map up, did you want to look at that?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No. I'm good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

All right, so any other -- did you have an Ann Arbor District you wanted to put up.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did not hear.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you have an alternate Ann Arbor District you wanted to pull up?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did and do you want me to Zoom in and bring it up? Would that be easier.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you send it to Kent?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay because like I told you I drew an alternative one too if you want to consider that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's look at them both.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the will of the body? I feel we got a lot of comments today liking this, we got a few who didn't like it. I mean I drew an alternative to sort of put the more rural areas down to address some of those concerns go ahead Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I have a question do alternative maps at this point still require 24 hours in advance before we pull them up to the Secretary of State media?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's not an alternative.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's not alternative just showing a different configuration.

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>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: My question is were we not going to vote on how many we would bring forward before we decide which ones were going to go forward? I'm just.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think that remains to be seen. I think for we don't have multiple maps at this point for the Senate. We are certainly not limiting other Senate maps so just a vote on this particular map. Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just a thought on that because that is an excellent question, I would say in regards to the total maps we should be at or below what we brought for public comment. I know this is completely unrelated to what we are voting on, talking about the number of maps to move forward and keep in the back of your mind in my opinion it would have to be the same number we brought forward on the second round of public hearings or less.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so restating the motion we have a motion by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner Lett to advance map 102921SD version 3 for the State Senate to publish it for 45 day public comment period and consideration by the public and consideration for us for a vote after that 45 day period expires. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I just request a roll call.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Absolutely Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think it's a good map. I think it's a great map actually supports communities of interest. Supports all of the VRA considerations we've been looking at. The data that was just ran had 2014 and republicans won the election. They won the most seats. 2016 republicans won the election slightly and they slightly got the most seats. 2018 democrats won in a blowout and they got the most seats. 2020 the same thing, democrats won and they got the most seats. And the composite scores of all ten years of election history show that it's a fair map on you know, accepted measures of partisan fairness. It looks compact to me. And I think we did consider County, Township and municipality lines. So I like the map, in support of it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right and yes just to confirm this map was called the cherry. So this is version 3 of the cherry map as adjusted by the Commission. All right we are going to take a roll call vote on that motion, sorry Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: One more thing Kent can we just see the spreadsheet, the partisan fairness again for the composite scores on this? Sorry, I did not write them down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me make sure this would be the right, so this would be the last one run. I'm just going to run it again to make sure we are not -- it doesn't take but a second, right? Okay this is the current lopsided margin favors the republicans 4.6%. Mean median is 1.2%. The efficiency gap is 3.4. And the seats to votes is 2018 proportionality bias is .3.

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republican. With a bias against democrats of negative 3.22. It also has a plan deviation of 8.44. The Peach house plan.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Which one was that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oak so Peach has 6.3 lopsided margin which is .5% lower than oak. It has a mean or a mean median of 3.4 which is .4% lower than oak. It has efficiency gap of 6.4 which is a percentage point lower than oak. It has a democratic to republican seat balance of 55-55. Whereas oak was 54 democrat 56 republican. With a negative bias against democrats of negative 2 point 3 versus 3.33 with the oak. Then the Pine has a lopsided margin of 5.8 which is lower percentage point lower than oak. And half a percentage point lower than Peach. On a mean median of 2.7. Versus 3 -- and efficiency gap of 5.7 versus 6.4 and 7.4 with the Peach and oak respectively. Seat balance of 56 democrats to 54 republicans which is still a negative bias against democrats of negative 1.4%. So best performing is Pine. Middle is Peach. Worst performing is oak. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population deviation on Pine?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's 4.9% and Peach is 8.3. And oak is 8.4. Did everyone get all that or do you want me to repeat it? Good, now can we look at individual maps? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Turning off Peach, Pine and oak or oak Peach and Pine. Turning on, 101321V1. CSO fixed turn that on. That is going to be the red plan. Next up is 101321RAS. It should be green, I'm sorry. And then the ten 0921DJC, should be make that blue because it's supposed to be blue. Keep me from losing it. That would be the CSO which is, yeah, CSO.

QUESTION: Kent, you muted yourself.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: DJC is blue. Looking at the same sequence. This order here is red, blue, red, green, blue. Just kind of go up to the top again and do the visual scan. This looked pretty subtle. I believe that looks the same as the previous plans even but we can lay them back in public ones. We start seeing a difference in all three plans Midland there is one Township here moved. Otherwise they are all pretty similar. One Township here moved. Then we have you know a variety of packed here. We will go through them one at a time when we come back to it. Two plans the RAS and the RAS plan is different from the other two around Flint. One side of Flint really, not all of it. Actually it's probably just one District. And then of course when we get down to the Detroit area you start seeing where the RAS plan varies from the other two plans. A little here, a little there. More so at South Lyon, Brighton. Maybe at Ann Arbor. And then we get where the CSO and the DJC plan the CSO plan varies from the other two plans in Carlton south of Taylor. Right there. Coming across there is one Township difference for the RAS. From the others. Probably and then we have the Battle Creek, Calhoun area. Shows a difference. Probably the next probably the biggest difference besides the Detroit and Midland is this, these districts here. The blue and red, I guess I don't know. The blue plan which is Doug Clark or DJC plan goes up the coast fairly

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they have in common is the Midland and Midland Township and the northern part of pretty much the same or very similar I should say. And they differ in these two areas.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it seems like we want what I'm thinking about those are the ideas we want to take with us, right, the Midland area, Benton Harbor and the Detroit area. And it seems like we've got in order to make a decision again we are trying to figure out what adjustments we want to make before we make a decision. I'm thinking about right ideas like from these the individual Commissioners map and different ideas and we have got new data from yesterday that talks about VRA districts. Because these are so small and potential coalition districts and I know we have right from the Flint hearings and Detroit hearings we heard help us feel reflected. Help us feel like we can actually elect a representative. I want to recognize ideas and then there is also I want to suggest before I feel comfortable voting for a map to go forward, I really want to make sure that we get some sort of analysis right that says like we can make changes here. Specifically in the Detroit and the Flint area based on this coalition District data to help us understand that we are being responsive particularly to those communities and these population centers that have been historically marginalized.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I think didn't we decide all of our independent maps were based on Pine. Is that accurate?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not sure with yours. You didn't say one way or another.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not sure either but as I reflect back to the hearings, the last five hearings, Pine was mentioned more than any of the others.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And it has the best matrix so I would say we should start there and make improvements.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm going to share because I have the, share the metrics because I have it open. So this is our -- Sarah's spreadsheet that I pulled. But I got rid of everything other than just the house so we can see it. But yes, these are sorted and ranked. By best performing to bottom performing. So and then if you notice two of them have the plan deviation below 5 again. So that would be Pine and Szetela. And I agree we should start with Pine. I think that is a good jumping off spot. I think we should my thoughts are incorporate possibly Cynthia's changes to Battle Creek from her map and then also one of your changes, I'm not sure whose from Midland as well. Or, you know, go through the list. But I think like using Pine as a jumping off point. We heard about it the most, it has the best metrics in terms of deviation and overall performance.

And we can overlay mine for the Ann Arbor area later if we want to look at Saginaw and Ann Arbor and what I did there and designed side if we want to make those changes too.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to make sure we look at the lakeshore over on the west side of the state.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, yeah, because we got to adjust that. Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would just like to mention that the total population deviations, that is fairly easily adjusted. We learned how to do it fairly quickly. So you know to bring one down a percentage or two wouldn't take long. Just depends on what you want to do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right. All right, so Benton Harbor. Is there any further thoughts or in agreement we will start with Pine and make our changes from there? Okay, all right, so Mr. Stigall can you bring up the Pine map? I would suggest saving it as a new version just so we have a record of changes and will work from the list we have from the meetings and we will look into those other concepts that we talked about.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair, I'll name the new Pine plan Pine V2.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That way we know it's based on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let me find my list, somewhere.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So where would we like to start? I'm going to check to make sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Work on our list like we have done before because we had a bunch of comments from public hearings and we kind of did this for the rest of the maps. So let's start with Bangla Town in Detroit area. And apparently there is like two precincts we left off in that area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is that at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Number one and two, I believe it's number two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Down in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Two and ten so between two and ten if you go up a little further on the line, a little higher.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Hamtramck right here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, and does someone have the map? I had the map at one point. There is apparently two precincts that they requested we move because we have it split. Yeah, no, they wanted moved from ten into two. So kind of holding this up for the camera so people can see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm going to bring it to you so you can see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Submitted at public hearings this part of our public record and there is just two precincts that we neglected to include with the rest of the Hamtramck area that they have asked that we include. So small change, easy fix.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I identified it. It's this Jutting out part and it's recommending it go into District two which is over here.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Pine V2, right? Pine V2. We are doing a composite here, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay the lopsided margin is 5.9% republican. The mean median is 3.1% republican. Efficiency gap is 5.7. Seats to votes or proportionality bias is 1.4 percent in favor of the republicans and seat count is 56-54 in favor of democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And can you scroll down a little bit? Because I see 31. Can we stop so I can grab the number. I'm looking for percentages in two Directors 31 which is part of Midland is 58.4 republican and I think it was 56 was the other District we changed? And that is why the metrics went up because we flipped what was a democratic District to two republican districts so that is why our metrics have changed. Okay, the old one was the same, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Seat difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back to the map and let's we did Bangla Town.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to save this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Save as. So I saved that. Now what do we want to do here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go down to Detroit area and looking for Dexter Lynn wood area and a line we were requested to move near wild mere park move one to two at Lawton Street and looking at border between number 1 and 2.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair that is wild mere.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Windemere.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Wildemere.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put on the neighborhood overlay? Because that would be helpful. Is that the neighborhood overlay or is that another map?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is not the neighborhood map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is someone else's map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the one that was sent to me more recently by a Commissioner or.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Neighborhood ideas.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1027 is a newer one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Current City Detroit neighborhoods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry about that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

Can we Zoom in a little bit, I'm looking for a particular name.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me turn off some of this stuff. There is too much going on here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. I think it's right there. I actually see it, I see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay where are we at?

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay just bring your cursor up a little bit more, a little bit more and go to the left a little bit. There you go right there. Wildemere park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So all this neighborhood either in one or two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Asking to move from number one to number two at Lawton Street. Actually so Zoom out for a second. I think the request was to move the purple into to make that part of two. So that area in the purple for Wildemere park, put it into two is what the request was. So we are keeping that neighborhood together but it will be in two. Is that consistent with everybody else's recollection? This is the map I drew at the time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is not the same area where we were with Bangla Town?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, this is different a man who spoke about Lawton road mark Payne that is right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Most of the neighborhood is in one and this is the only part in two so we want to take the larger part and put it in two?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't know our Detroit area folks do you have any say on this? The gentleman asked us to move the west of Wildemere park into number two but actually from a numbers perspective it makes more sense to take the parts that are currently in two and move them into one and that way the neighborhood is together. Is there any preference one way or another?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think he was mostly concerned with keeping the neighborhoods together and not splitting from across One Street to Another Street if I am not mistaken that is what I was hearing. But if you're still connecting them the way that you have it, that should be pretty good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what way is this?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This way we would be putting it in two and it's a clean line. Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think he is saying do it the other way, put it into one and then you're moving less population so there is less for us to correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I totally understand, I just know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what was asked for.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the area in two. We can put the whole.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we see the population deviation for one? It did not seem to make much of a difference for two. It's still within specs. And one is still within specs.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Exactly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so I think that is good then. Any concerns about that? All right easy fix. We did Bangla Town and did that and look at Grandmont and Rosedale and Cornerstone, Morning Star, East English Village. I believe Rosedale is just to the actually I think I see part of it. If we can pull the map, pull it so it's in 15 right

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now and go up a little bit, I see grand Mont right there, yep. I see Rosedale park. What else do we have there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This neighborhood here is slightly fragmented see how 16 comes around and connects by one City block and then takes up this area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So it looks like that's going to be quite a bit of changes. What we were asked to do is put north Rosedale park Minock park, what was the other one grand Mont and grand Mont two altogether and right now we have them split. However we have accommodated that in two other maps. So Juanita?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, I'm just thinking. I know that in that area, I'm not sure how far the drive is from there but one of the large NAACP men have a building there in that area. I'm sure he doesn't -- they may not want to be split. He has a large, large congregation. Plus he is NAACP for Michigan, Detroit. So we need to kind of keep whatever they ask for together. I can't quite remember. I don't know if Brittini remembers or any of you all remember. But that is this area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I remember. I would say it's worth the work to put the Rosedale parks in the grand Mon, t community back together because they share a community center and built a neighborhood recently to stay together and edify that community and that is important to them in the Senate map. I'm sorry the house I'm sorry I misspoke.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner go ahead.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That might help us the lay over. It's right to help us draw it because like you said these are big changes and I think we have looked at some, I say we, Commissioner Kellom and I drafted a few maps that might help us draw this and fix those areas and it will impact the rest of you know the map. That is I think what we are recognizing so what I'm thinking about is recognizing that these are significant and important changes absolutely.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent can we pull the map down a little bit so we can see the green area Evergreen outer drive. Looking at this from a perspective if we bring in north Rosedale park in the purple which is 15, we then isolated that Evergreen outer drive so we will have to bring that into 17. And then adjust the border of 14 with 17 to make that happen, right? Does that make sense to everybody? So Kent can we give that a shot? Can we bring north Rosedale park and I think I can't remember if it's Minock.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Minock.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Minock bring that into 15 and put Evergreen outer drive into 17 then we will have to make further adjustments between 14 and 17 to sort of accommodate that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay what is this line?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not the whole way. I think it's Grand River.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is the boundaries for Grand River.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think so yeah.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think everything on the what do I say the north or south side of grand river they should be more into the same districts and everything on the other side of that on the south side or the what is that? South and south and west should kind of be together. So if we can kind of keep that like that, that would be good. If we can keep those people that is in the Evergreen outer drive area with McNichols and Evergreen area, keep them all kind of together I think that would be a good thing. And am I kind of saying that correctly, Brittini? Do you see that the way I see it? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I understand what you're saying. I also was waiting for the overlay that I created.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's see the overlay if we can.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I swear north Rosedale goes up to outer drive.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: North Rosedale do it does.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's what I thought. Kent, do you see where you have that little part curving off to the west, I swear that is part of north Rosedale park because it goes up to outer drive.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One precinct split by the neighborhood line so do you want to put it in 15 or put it in 17 or split the precinct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would keep it in 15 because I think that line is wrong on our neighborhood map. Because north Rosedale goes to outer drive and that is just north of where the boundary is on this map. Add in the Section of blocks just to the east of what you currently have selected.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do it at the block level is that what we are saying?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can do the blocks that are in the current shaded area for north Rosedale and grab those blocks that are above where that curved line is because that curved line is outer drive.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Where the curve takes you, Madam Chair.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here as well.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair wherever that curve takes you, it takes you to that big NAACP man's what is his name? We were all there. MC what was his name? We were there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mark Payne, no Qument.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No, what is his name, Brittini? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Are you talking about Reverend Wendell Anthony. His church fellowship chapel.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It runs into that and they want to be kept together, I'm sure.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know what, okay, that is a totally different subject. I will just keep focused on something else.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah. But he is the NAACP president for around the Detroit area.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will move in the median and just making a straight line for appearances for population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see what you're doing. Now can we Zoom out and see where we are at? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's my understanding this area that is in green call it Evergreen outer drive is what was going to be moved to 17.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if it makes more sense to move the smaller neighborhood underneath it and move that into 14 rather than trying to move a whole bunch into 17 any thoughts? Are we connecting them? What are our numbers? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point 17 is even and 14 and 15 need a lot or 15 needs to give up, 15 has to give up some.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela you are asking for thoughts and I think there is a thought an idea on this overlay I think Commissioner Kellom was waiting for.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we bring up that overlay? Do we have that, Kent.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it's what you had earlier.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it is, that is why it's there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to turn off the.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is the one that is the 27 ideas, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And it's the let me change the color so we can see it. It was actually up there. We just couldn't see it like we wanted to. It's the lighter colored red line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think if you Zoom out a little bit it still sort of has the strips runs east west and enough neighborhood changes and I'm going to try to summarize this Commissioner Kellom and let me know if this is accurate. Minimizing the cuts and still goes east west and VRA compliance it's just holding more neighborhoods together that Commissioner Kellom thought could be held together. Again this is an idea and it may reflect what the people in Detroit were asking for excuse me one idea, right, that says this is this represents our neighborhoods our communities better and we may be able to elect better. So it's again I think it's the idea. It does reflect what you were saying Commissioner Szetela. That little block that is cut out and goes into a different District. But it's hard to see with the neighborhood lines and also that area, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah so, I would suggest putting that block of 17 into 14 and then we will have to further balance.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this in 14.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, and then that is connecting those.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: From 36 to 110 do we want to make that change? Put it into 110 then we have to adjust because that is a pretty big population move.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Looks like it will work. If you take it out of 36 and put it into ten, I mean I guess yeah ten will have to come down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Okay can you go ahead and move that? So move that into 110. So now 110 is a little over. So 36 is good. 35 is currently under so we can take a little bit and put it into 35.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, you have the community the gray dots community of interest and a fair number in five now. And five is sitting at 1600 down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what are you suggesting? What are you looking? Microphone, Kent microphone.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm looking at these Asian communities here. In District 5. And these are Asian communities. Or populations that are. So I looked at five and see that it's 1600 light. You know, so and right now District five is 62% minority. 11% non-Hispanic. So I was just thinking maybe you want to put some of these communities in with this community here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just thinking about the question is I can't remember if this was also the Chaldean District. I remember I think West Bloomfield and Sterling Heights is my memories. Any other population here that might not show up with Asian coalition districts anything we have learned? It's a question.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is the northern part of Farmington Hills the part that is closer to West Bloomfield that is currently in District 9. And 110. But I think our West Bloomfield District that has West Bloomfield with some of Commerce is fine how it is here. So I wouldn't recommend making any changes to that. Yeah, so that is about it for me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you pull the view down a little bit? I want to see the last precinct at the top in 36. What is the Asian population in that one? Can you -- I see the dot there and I'm just wondering what is it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2200 people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, 36.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner. A couple points. If the you know, as I understand from the discussion of reading these, the Asian neighborhoods back together again and re-unifying them. If the Commission is inclined on the same line I think where the cursor is now in District 5 that is one of the large Asian American communities in this community. One of the things that I always have to remind myself the smaller the dot the smaller the population. This is one of the larger Asian American community dots. So that would be a consideration. Just also as another FYI, you are the Supreme Court has been saying for decades that it is okay legally to over or under

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could we do a quick review of the Grosse Pointe area particularly Grosse Pointe Woods and make sure that it's whole?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't think it is and I thought that was done for VRA purposes I'm pretty sure it was.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If it was then that is acceptable, I think.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That northern part next to Harper Woods.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Westerly I thought we did that intentionally for VRA.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can't remember to be honest with you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just before we go into the big changes maybe we should run the partisan fairness again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, great idea. You're dividing by 0 I think you need to rerun it. That is going to make you click on partisan fairness again. It didn't. Good. Yeah. Not focused. Statewide, yeah. Yeah. All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margins is 5.8% favoring the republican.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Mean median difference is 3.1% favoring republican. Efficiency gap is 5.7% favoring republican. And then the seats to votes proportionality bias is 1.4% favoring republican. And the seat count is 56, 54 democrat.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So virtually no change. There was a .1 drop in the lopsided margin. All right, do we want to before we start making some bigger changes, do we want to save a new version as version three? Yeah, all right so let's save this as version three. And my suggestion is that we start with Grand Rapids, Lansing first because I think they affect each other. And then Battle Creek and Benton Harbor because I think they affect each other too. But I know we have specifically received proposed maps redrawing the Lansing area and the Grand Rapids area and we can do them incrementally too if you guys want to do that. We can do Lansing and then save a new version and then do Grand Rapids and you know do it that way. Or we can kind of do it all on one map. Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Putting Saugatuck into the lakeshore District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not yet, no. Commissioner Orton go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think in a house map we can go up that far because it's already as skinny as it can get.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm not opposed starting in those areas but would it make more sense to look at the Detroit area because the ripple effect there is going to be much, much larger?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to say the same thing. We have all the Commissioners that can help us currently present.

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at whether it's you know whatever the number is so let's just select it and see how many people we are dealing with.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Between 18 and 3 is kind of that area that might benefit. But I think we also want to be really clear about what coalition area is. Who is here and yeah how do we want to assign it, what districts shall we make. I see Commissioner Orton's hand.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't want to make that by myself.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The highlighted area has population of 29,010. Which is roughly 3.5% of a District. I mean, I'm just actually it's more like 30% of a District I'm sorry. That is 29. So that is a 30% of a District just for a rough idea. That's.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see that 3 and 18 are significantly low. But there must be one that is high or is there one that is high? Is there another one that is out of whack? Somewhere on the list? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: There are no districts that are significantly over?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like our largest District is 71, right? Based on just what I'm seeing in the orange, right, at the top. 71 is 71 the under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next to this unassigned is one can take let's say 6,000 of them. Three can take let's say 9,000. So that is 15 of the 29. And 18 can take, could I mean theoretically take 9,000. So now we are let's just say now we are at 20,000 between 1, 3 and 18. 21 you know can take 1500, 2000. 8 can take 1500, 2000. You probably could distribute them all amongst those districts or fairly close.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So let's try that Kent, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just don't know how you want to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, I know I know. But so let's take in population or areas that are closer to like the neighboring districts if that makes sense. That is the way I'm thinking about it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just wondering in this area would any of the thematic dots help us as we try to pars out these precincts? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: All of it would help Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think the dots are good. The other thing would be you might want to put the neighborhoods up here. I think MC is trying to do what Detroit wants done. I'd be looking for Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Kellom to say what is the unassigned yellow that we are looking at. Should it go one way or another. That is what the idea here is.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we have, yeah, never mind Kent you are doing it.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, which I guess we were using this earlier. This is what we have used earlier up to build these whole things. And this is the neighborhood low layer that has previously been used as a reference.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Russell Woods Dexter and Lynn wood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are whole and this is that major road is Jefferies. 96.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And they are also pretty much the Black African neighborhoods too. So if you could, they are probably somewhere you can -- knowing the nationality where they can still have things in COI together. It would, well, you can put.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: 1446 pull that into what is that District 1.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like we can put this whole across here roughly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Commissioner Rothhorn, can you facilitate this discussion? So I can focus on other things.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Absolutely.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I'm going to assign 1446, 1365, 835 to 1. Is that the will of the Commission? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These three right here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Shall we complete the neighborhood there before we move on? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can go as far as -- we will finish that right there. I see what you're saying now. I would kind of move my way around this area, adding the population to the districts. For example this neighborhood runs from down here where my cursor is goes north and then curves and comes across. So with the population we are trying it may be hard to keep that District. You may be able to take three.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, that is what I was going to suggest because that is like I mean it's up there but the Russell Woods oak land community, that is a strong community.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so we will do -- we will start.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Assigning those areas to District 3.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Curry nodding her head so keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to go up and start with...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have the Boston Edison neighborhood split again at the lodge rather than we thought it was Woodward but it's not actually Woodward but

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looks like the lodge freeway is a natural sort of split between for the Boston Edison is that okay for natural split?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay very good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so three still needs a bunch. 18 needs a bunch. 18 needs a bunch so you know do we start here and get like these neighborhoods into 18?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm seeing Commissioner Curry nodding her head and you are thinking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a bunch of ways you can do it, go this way or that way.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We still have the baggily neighborhood and I don't know if you saw that in 18.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I did see it. But you know give and take so we will see. Because, yeah, and so Pilgrim village can be assigned to 18. I agree with Commissioner Curry's assessment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move that across to 18, okay.
That is not what we wanted sorry about that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Don't apologize.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss was offering his eraser for you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent has got it, all right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The Oakman Boulevard does it need to stay in 3? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If you heard my muttering to myself.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What are the communities around oak man I can't read this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: North is Dexter Finkle Commissioner Curry and we have Russell Woods. Do you need something more Like Street names to know? What are you asking for?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Not necessarily.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Spindle Oakman.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Lynn wood.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Lynn wood is not Oakman needs to be kind of not that close to Dexter Finkle but they are all like one neighborhood to another neighborhood. But Oakman Boulevard is predominately, what is it, Chaldeans? Then when you look at Finkle and Dexter they are predominately Black African/Americans. So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are trying to decide what do you think 18 for District 18 or District 3 for that Dexter Finkle Oakman what do you think?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They would probably need to go into three possibly.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to say three but I wanted Commissioner Curry to talk about it.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will go Dexter Finkle Boulevard in 3 and Mr. Stigall you had your hand up did you want to say something.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three goes across and cuts it off and 18 needs population. You can bring it down into there and Dexter. Finkle because 18 is still low so I think.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put Dexter Finkle in 18, Russell Woods I would like to go into three if that is possible assigned to three. I might be jumping and I know you are doing one thing at a time.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are census blocks crossed off a little bit. I don't know I don't understand why I want over there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela identified the neighborhood lines may not the overlay we are using for the neighborhoods may not actually be an accurate reflection of how the people perceive the neighborhoods so is it okay to leave it the way what do you think? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: This is an area where the neighborhood name is this is genuine to this area. There is a strong Oakman community, there is a strong Dexter Lynn wood community so the names do reflect this area and people identify say I'm from Dexter and Lynn wood as the commenter talked about. Payne, Mark-Payne this is near where he was discussing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What Mr. Stigall is pointing out is that the block the actual census block the lowest layer that we have crosses the neighborhood divide. So we can't actually split it between Dexter Finkle and Oakman the 76 is what Mr. Stigall has highlighted and that is the census block. Which crosses over. So at this point we can't divide a census block.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you just put that little bit with Oakman then? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I can do is an option is to bring in the aerial photography and you will maybe see where most of the homes are. If most of the homes are, you know, north of the line you do one thing. If most of the homes are south of on the south side.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: A lot of homes on Oakman side and I don't know how it is over there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sorry Commissioner Orton has her hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just wondering for the layer lines do we only have the neighborhood on or do we also have the overlay that Brittini and MC did? Because if they are both on maybe some of those lines are that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We do not have the previous District lines turned on because this area was totally unassigned in that plan. So this is an area that is left over from that plan. It's really hard to tell.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I would think.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This part up in here is fairly unpopulated compared to the time. And looks like most of the homes are on oak man Boulevard community side.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They probably are and that is a whole new Oakman community, that is that community. So maybe there is not that many homes across that where we are trying to put something is that what we are saying?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the question right now it's where the community homes are in the Oakman Boulevard is actually assigned to the Dexter Finkle neighborhood. I know it's a hard choice but I'm wondering if you feel okay with leaving it in 18. Again for population reasons or for whatever reason.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, because both of them are oh, I'm sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to say I wanted that area to go with 18. That's fine. That is what I thought we were doing. That is fine to leave it in 18.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What about and the Chalfont to the west do you want to add that to 18? And then what I'm thinking about is we need to add.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay then we can go into three with Oakman Boulevard.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I misunderstood what you were asking I said it altogether and waiting for him to go to Russell Woods my apologies. Chalfont and Dexter Finkle can go into 18.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then that Section in 21 is overpopulated but should be okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Roughly 120 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's near Lynwood and Davidson so that would probably be okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Add that to 21.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Assign it to 21.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm thinking we want to leave we want to complete Bagley neighborhood and even Fitzgerald for 18 so I think we want to leave 18 under populated. 18 and 21 are going to be kind of tricky to fix now but let's stay focused on three. 18 can go up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 and 18 whatever. There is opportunity up there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so let's stay in the Detroit area in three. And we are assigning those to three at this point is that right Commissioner Kellom? Commissioner Curry? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Russell Woods and. In Oakman community.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The rest of this into three? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yep.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we have I would suggest highlighting all this area and see how much population is left in there to deal with. Or just approximately any way. We don't have to be exact but have an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we assign Russell Woods to three as you are doing that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to see what we have here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are painting ourselves in a corner here potentially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I want to know what we got. Just approximately. We don't need to get down to that, that area is 17,000 so where can we put, a little less than 17,000, let's call it 15,000. So 3 can still take 5,000. And leave 12000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 18 can take another 5 roughly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is not touched by 18 because that is why I was looking at it was 18 well it touches right there. You could almost put all of this into 18 whatever that is. And that would give you some you know room for.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Kellom nodding potentially is that accurate Commissioner Kellom? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was nodding and saying, yeah, I think I like that suggestion.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And we have the northwest community split right here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It would keep it together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can take all of that and put it into over here I don't know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: But that is only you know that is about 2000 maybe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 4,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 25.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right at 2100, 3300 you are right I'm sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So maybe the 962 is what I was thinking about the Littlefield down below too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Come all the way down.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Littlefield 962 where the three is. Just to the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we can take a look at it and we can always put it back. That is probably not what I want to do. It's much slower when you have to use blocks all the time. That is 2700. Gosh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's leave it there Commissioner Kellom? Commissioner Curry? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Again just to add a little bit more population to 18 should we go north or west to happy homes or south to Littlefield community? I know we won't break up Oakman but where to grab more.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Go to Littlefield but Commissioner Curry you might have a different thought. You are.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are on mute Commissioner Curry but we can see your lips moving.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Grand River is like a main road so where are we trying to put it at?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Trying to move it so that we are moving it out of sort of the orange District into the dark gray District and moving it into 18 because 18 needs population.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, well.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And that is the Davidson Schoolcraft and northwest community. We would be putting Littlefield community in with them in 18.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Littlefield would probably be good over there, yeah, that is not too far from those streets. They are in the community. They have communities of interest there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can come right through here and go all the way across.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's try that Kent please assigning that chunk, Littlefield and a piece of the Grand River 96 area into 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll select the area and y'all holler at me if I'm doing something stupid.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm not going to holler at you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm used to it. I've been married almost 40 years.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Bless you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just to be consistent I'm going to assign the 0 blocks so they are nice straight lines.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It will look better when you print maps or people just looking at them, they won't look jagged. If it's not jagged nobody questions it. Where is 18 now? So 18 is still a good number. I'm going to put this back into three. Just for appearances. Now I would suggest putting as much as you can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Into three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wherever into three. And negotiate between 3, 18 and 1, maybe even 21. But 18 can go north too. So.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Russell Woods and Nardin Park assign that to three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That little chunk in Dexter and Lynn wood too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to go up here and get these into three. They will be left off otherwise. Now three is over.

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

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So three is you know really over. So one can take 3,000 and we still have some unassigned. But then some of that unassigned could go into eight as well.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to put Boston Edison in with eight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do that now.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If that is I don't know what this historic Atkinson is two blocks north, south. Put this.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's okay to add it to eight with Boston Edison and historic Atkinson.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If we need to back them out, we can back them out whatever needs to be done.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Take that little piece.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know if you see it but it splits the census blocks so it's a matter of these and any of them which way do, they go. Do that I go to this side? Or this 8? My inclination would put them in eight.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Eight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They are altogether no matter where they are at.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now eight has gone through the roof so I mean.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah well 3 and 8 are both high. One is low. So the unassigned area is to assign it to one then we will look at the difference between three and eight after.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right like the north side of 18 still can take population. So if you go up this way.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 18 is low right now? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, 18 is just about right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I see but still one is low and we have this area right next to one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right with the idea I was going to go this way with one as far as we can, 1, 3 and 8, 319, 337. So it should work.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It will pan out, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because that is 6%. That is 5% between three districts. None of them should have to -- just depend on exactly. The problem is you get into the neighborhoods how you split neighborhoods.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We put this into one. Is that the idea? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Assign Virginia park into one.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So basically, we need to get one to take more, three and eight. And there is a little bit right there. I'm just going to stick that in three right now just to get it assigned.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Eight is our largest District in terms of the population plan deviation. So we probably want to address that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three and eight have to both come down and my observation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How about adding so that little corner Dexter Lynn wood just above just north of Boston Edison the gate way community that corner that is in eight add it to three.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Add it to two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the pink District is three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And two can take some population too. I mean that is completed and I wrapped all the way around. So but then again, we get into you know having to divvy up neighborhoods and making that decision, that hard decision. Okay tell me what you want, where are we at? Pick a spot. To get.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Do we want to go this is a tough one. 18, no 18 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can put Commissioner Rothorn's, put some of this into three and then push one up in there and split two. Probably be best if you are going to split a community to split one rather than two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Split one.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Three used to be a Dearborn District or was a District where we had identified that the Arab American community had the opportunity to elect the candidate of choice. So if it comes down to deciding between neighborhoods it might be a good idea to think about which of the minority groups in the neighborhood vote the same way using our analysis from yesterday because I think this change on three might have changed those election results. So we got to see.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I mean, the -- that was not in response to you Commissioner Eid. I'm sorry. I was just thinking about that area really can go either way as long as they stay together. I really don't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry Commissioners the computer is thinking. That is a nice way of putting it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Curry, three and eight, the oranges and the tan District have too much population.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: If you can put some of that in one. How far is -- where is one at? How far over? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: One is the pink and purple.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How far over does it go to the south? .

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32 went down this way then 28 goes that way and this goes that way. 32 could come across and 28 go across. You know there is a hundred ways to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What other District is low besides 25 so we have 34, that is low 20,000. What other districts are out of.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's just about it 34 and 25.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well 34 and 25. Let me turn them all on and we will take one eyeball test. 25, 34. Of course we still have some like 22 is almost 5% low. But there is a bunch of unassigned down there too. 22 is down around Monroe it's north of Monroe. So I mean it's not Monroe. Nowhere near it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 34.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: South is Trenton Grosse Ile so 22 can come here

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's assign that to 22 Down River to 22 while we are here. So it's 30,000 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got them. It was mostly this area down in here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And 13 so between 13 and 22 we can now balance because 13 is under populated. 13 is right next and Allen Park. This is all down river, this is where we can actually massage.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have 10,000 high but if you did that change right there it would make.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Again it's where it's so important we have coalition Districts and lots of voting age population that you know I want to try to respect. And I'm just thinking about that area. It's all Down River. And 13 and 22 we can we got the highest District and the lowest District. The most populated and the most under populated. So where should those lines go?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I say we can park in 13.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lincoln Park in 13 please. And I see Commissioner Curry is nodding her head and Commissioner Kellom too so put Lincoln Park municipality. Do we want voting precincts or Townships? We don't want to do Townships? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will do precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: With your microphone on is that what you're going to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's on right now. Dog gone you guys. You are mean. I have to put up with that. Total lack of respect. You got me rattled now, see? All right, so that area is 40,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are 10,000 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The idea is you can move down and maybe take this. Shall I assign it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do remember Southgate and Wyandotte wanted to be together so I'm not sure.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can make that happen. Put this in 13 and this goes in 22.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay try to balance it out please Kent and seeing nodding heads there from Commissioner Curry so let's do it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to highlight everything from South Gate runs all the way up here, doesn't it? The lower half, just select it. That is 30,000. So and 22 is 10,000 under so you are shifting the issue but not...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Shifting it but not fixing it. But, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Moving the problem. Well, what if you put more of this with Lincoln Park?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry has an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Lincoln Park is more closer to Allen Park instead of Ecorse. So is there any way we can do that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Allen Park and Lincoln Park appear to be together. Because that is Allen Park right here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lincoln Park here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay so Ecorse is a little dip from them. Maybe to River Rouge, can you get any of River Rouge? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One is even so if we take much out of it, we have to probably add some to it. And you can probably add to it from eight or three because they are already high. So that may help. And River Rouge I mean that is a lot highlighted.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: River Rouge, okay, River Rouge Ecorse and Melvindale and Lincoln Park they are all like together. They are just one walk across the street from each other. And that is how close they are. And Detroit. The southwest part of Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm concerned about Commissioner Curry I think this is also where I remember the Latin community, there was a, yeah, this is where we wanted to keep together a community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Keep that close to Lincoln Park can you do that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In District 1 there is almost 40% Hispanic community if you look at the voting age. I think that's, yeah, I just don't want to dilute that if we can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Don't dilute it then.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I'm quiet because I don't have -- that was my thought Commissioner Rothorn. I don't know that I have a great solution for that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right so what I'm wondering do we feel like this exercise has been useful for me but right because we have tradeoffs and what we recognize is right we can't just bring in half ideas. We almost have to bring in a whole

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Curry nodding her head.

Commissioner Kellom, are you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is 18 at population wise? I'm sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 is still carrying 18,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are over so let's go to the top.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is 9.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to get to 25 because that is 9 under, right? Am I reading that right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes and 32 is 14 over and 34 is 19 under.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right just doing a quick look to see what else we had floating around.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's pull it back so I can see more of the map. So we have 18 currently overpopulated. We are going to pull up to the top. We are trying to move. So 18, 34 is the coast so we got the coast. We've got 25 and we have 32. So 32 is over. 25 is under. 34 is under. And 18 is over. So we're going to move 15,000 up into 32 by bringing down Troy. That's going to change our 21 a little bit. We will have to make adjustment there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is a little light, in a way you are putting some of 18 into 21 just depending on how you look at it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think this is where there were neighborhoods between 18-21 we might want to make whole. This is again the Bagley neighborhood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is not Royal Oak we are outside of Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 18 and 21 before we start moving too much, I know that was one of the reasons we were trying to do this is to make those neighborhoods whole so if we are going to, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are talking about down in here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I'm having to take from 21 to get through to 32, right? So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put Bagley into 21. Let's see what those precincts are population wise.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This actually is quite a few of them in there. There is a lot of ways to do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If we are specifically trying to make Bagley whole.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what we are doing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry and Kellom is that what we are doing.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Fitzgerald and the Grove would be helpful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one add that one.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Obviously I should have. That is a bunch of water. Okay, I think that will -- unassigned areas, that is always never good. Put that in 18?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Looks like that should be in two because that is the neighborhood line. But that is yall's call.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent is going to ask and somebody respond.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that should go in 8.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So, you were telling me, Commissioner Rothorn, not if I wanted to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Somebody say yes. Lopsided margin is 6.3% favoring the republicans. The mean median is 3.3 favoring republican. Efficiency gap is 6.5% favoring republican. 6.6. I don't know what I said, I meant 6.6. Proportionality bias is 2.3% in favor of republicans. But the seats are even 55-55. 2.3% bias favoring republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that is probably the closest comparison, oak, Clark, Peach. Those all were similar metrics. Can we save the map for now and just save that partisan fairness? And I think we have other changes we wanted to make. Do we want to start moving onto those?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me, Madam Chair, before that did you want to look at election numbers?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can look at the numbers that would be great.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: My apologies, I lost the headings. And I will get them fixed but that is the Governor's primary.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We want to look too at the primary for Dearborn in particular because Dearborn.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Look at bellwether where the majority candidates were up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not see that. Did I. So what districts were? It didn't load up. I know the big change was like 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 12, 10.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: How about we look at...I think you just mentioned three districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1, 2 and 3 we can do at the same time because they are together. So we have, yeah, the democrat overall performance is 90 some percent for 1, 2 and 3. Biden carried one, two and three, 89%, 92% and 89%. Trump was 10.8, 7.1 and 10-4-7. That is districts 1, 2 and 3. Obama in 2012 carried these three districts 95.2, 97 and then 95%. Romney had 4.8, 2.9, and 5.21. Senate 2020 Peters carried these three districts 89, 93, 90. James had 11%, 7%, 9%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Kent, can we go to the right and look at 2014 Secretary of State and 2017 gubernatorial, please?

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right if we need to. Do version -- this is version two. So do version four.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As long as we have access to the original number of it and any changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's clarify what numbers you're looking at are you talking about the minority populations or the partisan fairness or both? Might not be a bad idea to just run, oops I'm sorry Kent, I spoke too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was getting ready to copy this plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can just clone it and make it version four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah. And before we close for the day or upload or anything, y'all want to rename these if they go forward, correct? Because these get posted to the.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we will keep this Pine version four for now because it is still based on the same framework. And I do have the map, the numbers from I think this is the most current, it's the last Page. Pine version two composite and Anthony let me know if these are 6.3 for lopsided margin. That's version three. Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I still have them in here. We can bring them up and lay them side by side when we need to. I mean you will have the most recent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Version two 5.9 and 3.1.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 5.8.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, thank you. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It might be a good idea though to also see the minority numbers before we change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can open them up right now. There it is. If y'all want to note them again this is Pine. Well, let me run them again. It should be right 5.8%. Mean median 3.1. Efficiency gap 5.7. Republican favoring. And then this seats for this version is positionalty bias is 1.4% favoring the republicans. Seat count is 56-54. Favoring democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's look at the active matrix for 75, 76, 78, 79 and then 83 I'm sorry 86. I misspoke.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so you don't want to look at just.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We want to see what the minority populations are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I'm backing up here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just the active matrix.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 75 is 708, 7.08. Non-Hispanic Black. 76 is 7.14. 78 is 26.2. 77 is not modified. 79 is 5.8. I guess 86 is in there. That is 14.1.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 78 is also 19.2 percent Hispanic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that's actually.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 86 also has a significant Hispanic population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 79 has 14.6 Hispanic. 86 is 8.9. 14.159 Hispanic Black. And 12.3 Hispanic. I think that covers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you do me a favor, where the total minority says 82.76, put the cross in the corner and pull it down. Thank you. Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So there is also going to be changes probably in 77 as well. But that is a very small it's 90% non-Hispanic white. I'm just looking at this population here. Somehow it goes around. This will be unassigned.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you get that all done? You got that all done? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 77 is 1%. And 9.8 minority. This District here 78 shows 53% minority. 79 is 27% minority. 76 is 23% minority. 23.2. 86 is 39.3 minority.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right I think that is good. Is everyone satisfied? Yep. All right so if we can start making those changes to the Grand Rapids area, I'd say start with 76 and fill it in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Does it matter if I start with 75.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Start where you want to start.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can only keep track with one unit. We will do 75 right here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: While Kent is doing that one of the things, I notice Byron Center which is south of us here that was also split in our current map so this District or this redistricting allows them to potentially be whole.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: At the moment they are not assigned, are they?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Byron Center is currently split between 77 and another District and they are south so yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to ask I thought it was south.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The line there for what it's worth it's all voting precincts and it's at the Fulton Street.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Personally I think it should stay at Fulton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We got this map from the portal and they provided a map which is great. Did they provide any justification on the changes at all?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it was to put more of the Hispanic community together. And then preserve the Cascade and Ada connection bringing those back into so keeping the communities together and what else was there? I thought there was something else as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to say every public I shouldn't say every public comment but today this morning they were speaking to those.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I realize that, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: While you are in 78 there is a little tiny block over to the west on the river. It's no population but, yeah.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I saw something wrong.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall you were identifying Wayland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just saw a number earlier when we were Zooming in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Our population deviation it's 6.3. So we got better but still have, yeah, I think we are -- I think we can be within we want to be within 5 or 10 I think it's 10% is that correct? We want to be within 5%. Okay, Commissioner Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think that that's a good, rough guideline because that is half the ten% range. Remember the ten% although it's not a safe harbor it's a number or guardrail number not to go beyond it and 5% gets you close to 5% puts you in a good place.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a total of 10% plus or minus five%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 5% deviation is plus or minus 2.5%.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Is there any other area we can go look at and potentially change this in?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is and wondering we have changes in the Lansing area.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's go there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I think we thank you for your work, Commissioners. We are going to -- Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can we just run the numbers and see if it changes anything.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Partisan fairness numbers correct, can you do that Mr. Stigall, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Madam Chair, the lopsided margins is 5.8% favoring republican. The mean median difference is 3% favoring republican. Efficiency gap is 5.7 favoring republican. Seats to votes, the proportionality bias I think this is the same as prior. 1.4 percent favoring republican. Seats favor the democrats 56-54.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could I see the population deviation one more time? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Certainly. Total population deviation is 6.33.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is that coming from this area or somewhere else? Sorry. Like the Grand Rapids area?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The population deviation is not coming from like there is other districts, we did adjust in the Grand Rapids area. And got the numbers back to sort of where they were. But they are, yeah, 71 and 27 are now our largest and smallest and not in the Grand Rapids area. I think that is your question.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That was my question.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We were going to move on to the Lansing area and as introduction since we have Commissioner Wagner with us too, I wanted to offer one of

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well I mean I was going to suggest we actually create a new version before we do that. Before we change that. So do you want to run the numbers now and see where they are at and decide if we even want to do that? Thoughts? I like data. Data is good.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, let's see if what I said was actually right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we saved, right? Please tell me we saved.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oh, yeah, multiple times. I promise you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So let's run the partisan fairness, see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's coming, I know it's coming.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margins is 5.2 percent in favor of republican. Mean median difference is 2.9% in favor of republican. The efficiency gap is 4.3% in favor of republican. The seats to votes is .5% proportionality with 57-53 in favor of the democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That and just to be clear that was an improvement over what we had. We had 5.8 for the lopsided it's not 5.2. We had 3.0. It's now 2.9. The biggest drop was in the efficiency gap which was 5.4 and if you remember we are trying to stay below 5 we are 4.3 and the seats votes are 57-53 with a 0.5% favor of democrats versus republicans. I think that's a lot better.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think you have it backwards.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did I say republicans versus democrats. It's in favor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's in favor of democrats with the greater seat share compared to the vote count.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But it's half a percent.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm just saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are right. Previous seat count was 56-54. If you actually like take 110 votes or 110 seats times 52.3 it comes out to 57.5 is the proportionality so we are there. We are good. Better. Yeah. We still have to fix. I think we should probably maybe have some discussion about that. I don't know. The lakeshore. Do we want to try to fix the lakeshore? I guess my question to Mr. Adelson is, is this District acceptable from a legality because it was so thin and stretched out there were some concerns about whether we could -- whether it was legally justifiable, Commissioner Witjes did you have a comment before he answers?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say we could defend it. The compactness is going to be all sort of messed up on this so in M -- number 7 on our list it's a true community of interest as far as I would say. Plus we have the comments to back it up so we can use the same rationale what we did in Flint here because people said this is a good District for the lakeshore. I have my own reasons as to why it's good for pollution that comes up through Michigan and hits there. But I think it's a valid idea for a District based on just those couple ideas alone.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure, the election results are as far as margin they are improved or comparable to yesterday. So and yesterday we had there were four districts, now there are three districts with large Arab American populations am I correct about that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Microphone.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I believe District 2 is also a District here because I did not change it. And I think that is what we looked at yesterday.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6300 El-Sayed to 3200 to 3300.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Bruce or Mr. Adelson did you look at the overall demographics of those and make sure if there is any VRA districts we didn't mess anything up?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: It seems to me that the that there was a swap with two of the districts. But that the other districts, the districts appear to be strengthened over all for Black residents of Detroit in those districts. So the numbers to me all looked pretty good. And with the improvement of the electoral margins and also have the Arab American population in these three adjoining or nearby districts it seems to me to be a good change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right can we run some partisan fairness reports? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry, I'm off track here. The lopsided margins is 5.3%. Favoring republicans. Mean median is now at 2.7% favoring republicans. Efficiency gap is 4.3% favoring republicans. Seats votes ratio the proportionality bias is still at .5%. The seat count still favors democrats 57-53.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so very little change. So the lopsided margin went up by .1 from 5.2 to 5.3. The mean median actually went down by .2 from 2.9 to 2.7. The efficiency gap stayed the same at 4.3. And then the mean or societies -- seats votes ratio stayed the same. All right, okay, so it's just about 6:00 we are scheduled to take a break. So hearing no objections it is 5:58. We will recess until 6:10. Hearing no objections we are in recess until 6:10.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 6:15 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Please announce during roll you are attending remotely as whereas you are physically attending from, I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.
Anthony Eid?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's do that Mr. Stigall will you help reading them out loud? It's very small, the font is very small at this point so could you read them out loud or make it bigger, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Understood. If I make it bigger, we cover up the map. So 8 is 43% non-Hispanic Black.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And Asian too please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Asian is 4.57%. And 28 is 5% non-Hispanic Black. 13.75% non-Hispanic Asian.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 13.75.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at 43 and 4.5 for 8 District 8, 5% and roughly 14% for 28.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so we are going to assign that precinct that you -- where we have 17.74% Asian population to 28.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see though it goes down so it's going to cutoff that other precinct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, so.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Either have to go to blocks or take more than one precinct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, and we also have 25. Next to 28 there is in District 25 just north of you, just north a little bit Mr. Stigall yep that block right there into 28. So that is lower. Lower percentage.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4885.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay and 28 is under populated do we want to try it? Yeah, because otherwise we are significantly shifting eight in ways that, yeah, we may not be able to...I guess we could go in...let's try the 25 into 28, please. But 25 we did not write the numbers down for 25 and that is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See what they are now. So now 25 is 6% low. It is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Population 6% low is that right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is 6% low.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And non-Hispanic Black is 7.6 and the non-Hispanic Asian is 6%. While 28 now the numbers percentage wise are ideal, the non-Hispanic Black is 5.31%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it went up a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Non-Hispanic Asian is 13.6.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It went down just a little bit. And I think this is where we want to sort of understand if we are trying to remedy 28. Mr. Adelson those changes in 28 may be okay.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The changes in 28 seem to BVAP came up a little bit. But the BVAP is low. And it's 5.3%. So I think there is some room. The goal is to reduce the population in which the deviation in which.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 28 which we have done. And our largest population the one that has the most to give is District 8. So that's our and, yeah, so that is our dilemma. I also believe if I'm not mistaken this is the area where the Chaldean community is present. And 25 for the Sterling Heights area. Is that right? Commissioners?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, and Chaldean area there is Chaldean population in the West Bloomfield area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I guess so my question was did we potentially impact and make a positive change for the Chaldean community by adding that or is it further north or do we know? We do have those maps, okay, Mr. Stigall? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was thinking out loud so now 25 is even lower than what 28 was at 6.2% low. And there again you know 10 is going to be the next one probably because it's 3.87% low. I'm just looking, trying to you know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Help us cycle the population it's appreciated, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not mess up too bad. So two could give up a tiny bit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I'm not sure what the best move is here. But could we just go back and try taking from eight I mean that is what is going to balance the deviation. So we can just take a look at the numbers and we can always undo it but since that one precinct causes a problem, what about the far left precinct and just see what happens with that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed. Let's try it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Far left undo this, correct? Put that back into 25.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes please.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For now.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Take the top half of District 8 you are saying and push it into 25. Yes, I agree with that and what I was just talking to Bruce about.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What do we want to do here? Take this precinct or go across this line?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think take the precinct right.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The left precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28 is 2.53. I think we -- have y'all been trying to get them under 2.5 or at 2.5 approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, but let us see the numbers before you move.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So 28 the BVAP did decrease just under 5%. Yeah, and I can't see when the.

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large a number. And then 18 could, you know, give up a little bit. I don't know if there is little precincts in these areas. We have to Zoom in and look at them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will try to add a thousand in ten and take hundreds potentially from 18 and potentially from 12 and try to find the path maybe do we want to start again with a couple hundred? Or just a hundred? 12 to move into 10? Go ahead Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Probably a couple hundred since he said hundreds.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we will have to be at the block level. And so those blocks and I mean the people who are familiar with these neighborhoods that that's what I think I'm looking for is trying to help those Commissioners, those of us who know, yeah, who know more, please help us make these choices.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So the Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Community kind of effortlessly blends together. And that is also a community where we talk about the LBGTQIA and resources there in the northwest side of Detroit, loves that area. So it's a very bonded Section. So that is why much like Commissioner Clark spoke about Rochester Hills, there is some areas that should be considered I guess just more thoughtful so before we just start shoving people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where we are zoomed in to, is in the right area?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, just describing that whole little neighborhood same thing with Hazel Park Oak Park and all kinds of is this meld those are like the first suburbs after you cross 8 mile and the Coolidge 9 mile area something to think about.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't know this area at all but the first row in 18 where he zoomed in the long row it looks like it's part of the neighborhood to the right of it that is in eight so if we chose those to keep that all of that together that would be good.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Brittini didn't Hazel Park have a racehorse area? That seemed like something like.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: They did. That is the other end, I know what you are talking about kind of by 696 it's no longer there. But yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is what I was looking at right up in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right that is the area, correct Commissioner Kellom? Commissioner Orton is that what we are looking at?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Not meaning that much but if it takes it that is fine and I was talking about the first strip.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: A thousand and a contiguous area and looks like it's clean. It's the thousand and we have an 18 can give that up. And we are moving it into 8. Do we need to look at numbers? And I'm thinking when I say numbers, I'm looking at Black voting age population or do we feel comfortable this is okay and I would believe

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me, okay, Commission District 8 is now 43.75% Black. And District 18 is now 45.34% Black. Asian and Hispanic population are well below 5, well one is 4.47. What other District? 8? We have not dealt with 10 yet.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What we are about to do so 8 is, yeah, so we have a couple hundred to take out of 8 because we want to keep it a little bit overpopulated if we can. And we are going to move it into ten so where should we yeah so then we will also take a little bit out of 12 then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If need be.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If need be, so Commissioners help me. Is that -- what is that line that is sort of on the west of 10 and east of 8? Is that a County line? Is that a major road? Is that something we should cross or should we not cross it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the County line.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's Dequinder road that is the area the Bengali community describes, starts kind of like you know their COI.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We don't want to cross that I believe. What I'm hearing we may want to take from 12 rather than sort of disrupt that community. Is that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm also not in love with the way and this is not always about looks but the way District 8 looks. So yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Any changes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: We can go into ten a bit. I would not be against it. But that is just not my decision so that is just my thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Again thinking about the careful moves we want to make, I know this was drawn, right, with your with COIs in mind so as we are moving and changes neighborhoods go ahead Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Didn't Bengali say they are located in Warren and that is in 25 the bottom part of 25 along with 10, probably kind of go together some kind of way?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think that is accurate. What you're saying is accurate, yep. So then again, I'm thinking so Commissioner Kellom did you want to sort of fix 8 before we sort of try to do massage 10 or do we want to move into 10.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Move into 10 is fine because I can't process that quickly about what to do with my lightning bolt 8.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me 10 needs almost a roughly a thousand.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I don't know how y'all feel about it. This whole side over here is higher numbers except for whatever.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Adding to 10 from 8. Okay so very good.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can cut down on the lightning bolt if necessary but I don't know the neighborhoods.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Do you have some names you can put on it so we can kind of see the streets? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, this is Cadillac heights and this is Davidson.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Familiar with Davidson.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Anything across this line well right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to say let's add Conan garden.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Took this piece in the northeast Central District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can select the blocks and just see what happens.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You are welcome.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not going to quite do it but gets it in the ballpark.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is only 111 but it does cleanup and follow the neighborhood line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay assign that to ten?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me try that again. Ten still needs a thousand but if we continue to improve neighborhoods.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Uh-huh so two is fine. I think I don't think we want to move.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I went too far.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep. And.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well for example, two you see how this Davidson seems to be split right here. So if you took a little bit of this two and put it in ten, you would be you know doing the neighborhood thing again. This is Davidson.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Kent, try that, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is sort of the area of the LBGTQ neighborhood. So do we have I mean I have that portal submission pulled up.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: That is the Hamtramck area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So that is not.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Bangla Town right here. Buffalo, Charles here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is not 8 mile, sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is McNichols.

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- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Also known as 6 mile.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep, yep, yep, I'm with you.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now excuse me ten still needs a little bit more but we are down to you know just hundreds. 12.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What is happening with 12? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12 has mount Olivet.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Take that please.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take that Section?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, Kent.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You will also learn how to use your microphone too.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will get there Kent. So we will make this change and it's 34 as our lowest populated and number five District 5 is our highest. So we may this may help us get our plan deviation under. But not quite. But yeah, I think we have made it whole. Let's see if we can find District 5.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Southfield Oakland Farmington Hills.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Right there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Nine is over as well.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mine is over, I thought.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Under.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 9 is under and 5 is over; is that correct? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, side by side so it's just a matter.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you help us here Commissioner Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Absolutely. We got to give some to 9.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we are looking at sometimes it's useful I think we are in the hundreds or are we looking at a thousand Kent to get us under that population? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hundreds will get it done.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We need hundreds.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move a thousand it will be even better. So I mean.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's shoot for a thousand.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can do part or a whole precinct if there is a whole precinct. As a matter of fact you can move 2000 like this whole precinct here or 1800 or 2153 any of those would work. You can go.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I thought we were going 5-9 not 9-5? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm stupid.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You won't talk about yourself now stop it.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1748 you can come all the way over here and get 2800, 2500.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: A piece on the side just that little so I'm thinking and we can see what one of them does.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2162 would be right in the ballpark as far as your percentages.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's try that as sign that to 34, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yowzah you did it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Dropped well below 5%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay all right thank you Commissioners for that. And we are within our plan deviation and we are ready to run the partisan fairness numbers and look at this plan which is the merged I just want to make sure we are on Magnolia correct?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, thank you all for the teamwork. I appreciate that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're welcome. Do we have we have not looked at Benton Harbor before we did any other changes, we were going to run partisan fairness so we did this to get Magnolia for partisan fairness and after that and I should acknowledge right thank you Chair Szetela has joined us. And I think it was around 1:40.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 1:40 just noting your present for the record.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have a lopsided margin of 6.1% favoring the republicans and mean median difference is 3.1% and efficiency gap is 6.1% favoring republicans and seats to votes is 2.3% favoring republicans and the seat count is 55-55. Any comments.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What was the first number.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 6.1.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have the numbers Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kellom I was going to see if buddy Bruce had any thoughts with the partisan fairness numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Version five is the closest do you have the numbers Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Version five which we worked on lopsided margin is 5.3 the mean median was 2.7, so a little lower the efficiency gap was 4.3 and the seats votes was 57 to 53 with a negative .5% against democrats, .5% in favor of republicans. No it's the other way. It's in favor of republicans.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me Madam Chair I have both the plans the spreadsheets up here we can look right at them if you want. The top is Magnolia the bottom is Pine V5. So the lopsided margin is 6.1, Magnolia, 5.3 for Pine, V5, favoring republicans. The mean median difference is 3.1% Magnolia favoring republicans. For Pine V5 is 2.7% favoring republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Efficiency gap is 6.1% favoring republicans. Magnolia. And Pine V5 is 4.3% favoring republicans. Magonolia2.3% favoring republicans. The seat count is even at 55-55 for the two parties. The seat the proportionality bias for Pine V5 is .5% republican count. The seat count is 57-53 democrat.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If we took the map and promoted it at this point, do you feel that it took care of the issues that the people of Detroit had when we were at the TCF center?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Clark that is a loaded question. I would say overall, yes. If we had time and tweaking, of course, I would like to create a little bit more representation as we pushed up across 8 mile and play with those numbers. But I think would make us more responsive to the comments in the community of Detroit. One thing I can stand by mostly if not all of the neighborhoods in Detroit are back together.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay great. And Juanita what is your opinion?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry are you on? Is she on? You might be muted Commissioner Curry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair I'm trying to make some of the districts more contrasting so we can more easily see the variety of District shapes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss do you have a question? What if or a maybe. What if we looked at 28 and 21 to see if there is something we can tweak simple and not too drastic and maybe improve that plan deviation a little bit. I don't want to spend more than five minutes on it and look at the numbers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we need to do that if it's below 5%.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It would not hurt if it's simple, real simple.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Between which one and which one?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Look at 28 or 21 and see if it could be done shifting one or the other if one is too high or low to borrow from a District and I would take a few minutes to do and see if it helps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Rothorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss one thing we have to do excuse me we have to evaluate whether we want to do it or have to do it is around the Flint area is a difference between version five and Magnolia so we will be shifting districts and the plan deviation may shift because of that so I'm not against doing it. I know we do have a limited amount of time and know we will be making some bigger changes like you were saying.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That was the other thing if it's all right I like what you are saying thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I see Commissioner Weiss wanting to try something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you want to go take a look take a look.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Highlighting because we got comment on TCF and this morning so yeah, I just want to make sure it's in there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you put the neighborhood overlay with the actual words with the labels so we will just be faster for this?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 7-Mile right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And Woodward.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: When you get to Royal Oak you have a lot of just regular families over there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: This is literally where I grew up. So Palmer Park and do you see it MC.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Palmer Park I'm there almost that is my area too, where I do a lot of business at.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Schultzs, northwest Detroit palmer Woods University District Bagley community all of it is included. On the portal they were suggesting a horizontal orientation but as you can see and I don't want to speak for everyone else the neighborhoods are kept sequentially whole visually. So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think it's pretty good, don't you Brittini? I think it's pretty good. We will know between now and tomorrow. Maybe too late to make any changes but that is the best we can do, I think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just from what it looks like to me like it is between 18 and 21 so it's not totally whole and I think we may not be able to have it totally whole as presented on their map here. In the Senate excuse me in the House Districts but in the Senate districts, yeah, we can get there. We are not able to accommodate it in the House District. Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I do think the bulk of the community is in 18 in this map.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I suggest we take one last look at the numbers because we made some changes and then I'd like to put forth a motion if the numbers are acceptable, we move it to the 45 day period.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sure so Kent already ran the numbers I believe and has a report, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I'd like to see the numbers, but there is one more area I'd like to examine and that's the Chaldean community in Sterling Heights I think we can edit that a little bit so they are more represented.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Which community is that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Chaldeans.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is Magnolia as it sits right now. The lopsided margin is 5.7% favoring the republicans. The mean median difference is 2.9%. Favoring republicans. The efficiency gap is 5.4% favoring republicans. And then the proportionality bias is 1.4% favoring republicans. The seat count is 56-54 favoring democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Could you repeat the first one again 5.9? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It is 5.7 for the lopsided margin favoring republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Now is that a 0 as we can get that? You know they kept on saying keep it really 0-0 or something. Is that as close as we can get it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's better it's better.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay that is as close as we can get it then probably.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I don't know about that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, it's better than it was earlier. It's still not as good as Pine version five that we adopted yesterday. So we might want to look at making more edits to get it to that same level of partisan fairness maybe.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, that is what they were talking about.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I second Doug's motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so well we can create an alternative draft for I know Commissioner Eid just mentioned making additional changes. It sounds like he may have intention to improve partisan fairness so we have a motion and a second. Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Witjes to advance this map to the 45 day public comment period is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Just something quick I support Commissioner Eid's effort to continue to improve the map because I'm sure there are small tweaks and something he has thought about for getting here so I would like to give him that opportunity to do so. That is all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well I mean before motioning to advance it I think we should look at that Chaldean community. Seems we looked at darn near every other community in the state. So I think trying to figure out a way that they are represented since they are a cohesive minority community that also votes differently from the rest of the Arab community, I think we should do that first before you know making a motion and seeing what it does. I mean we got a little bit of time here so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not disagreeing with you but we have a motion and a second so if you don't want to approve this map you would have to vote no at this point

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm looking at it and I have to share it. So from this was the column of precincts I believe that had the largest number. He was referring to. And this is one precinct coming through here. And it crossed this way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, so can we also put on the Indian Asian population dots? I thought we drew in this way because we were trying to keep together the Indian population. So we might be like switching one community of interest for another potentially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We need to get to at least the precinct level. So this is the Asian combined. We had Native American is that what you're saying?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No Asian I thought we were trying to keep the Asian population together in this District. You can see that is exactly what we did, that is what I remembered.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Most of that, this column of that Commissioner Eid had posted you know most of it I mean it's in 28 other than the population right here and a little bit right there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I see the Chaldean being split up 28, 25 and a little of 23 how I'm looking at this map. If we map what is on Dr. Handley's analysis, then you will see it goes from 28 to 25 and into 23 just a little on 23 mostly split on 28 and 25 but I understand this was drawn for this purpose and we might have to decide which community of interest to go with here. If we do have to make that decision, I mean I obviously am going to advocate for the Chaldean community Novi is there but I think we have Szetela so go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we have made other districts 110 for example that we made to have a very high Asian population. We have other districts like District 2 and District 8 that have high and District 10 that have high Bengali populations but we have yet to have a Chaldean District. So we should keep that in mind too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Did we keep Dearborn together and I don't know if they are Chaldeans but that is one population that we tried to keep together there, right?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We definitely did. Do it for Dearborn and I think the Dearborn District looks great but the important differentiation between Arab community and Dearborn and the Chaldean and Sterling Heights is they vote differently. Dr. Handley's analysis showed that by and large in Dearborn the voting goes with you know similar to how African/Americans vote. For the democratic candidate where the Chaldeans in Sterling Heights seem to be voting for the republican candidate. So it's a little bit of a different community.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is the other culture voting for are they republicans or democrats or what?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Muslim Arab Americans, are you talking about the Indian or are you talking about.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: But you're not getting the concentrated area you're trying to get to. To do that you have to cut all the way across 25 then you will orphan that District below and then we will really have to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Take the precinct that is highlighted and you can take the vertical precinct and if it doesn't work, we can see we tried.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's a separate version go ahead and knock yourself out.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so the precincts in 28 the top three since they are connected to 25 then we then won't have to go in 32 let's put those into 25.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put those into 25.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is 8,000 people-ish.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah almost.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so now 28 the precinct you highlighted before and then the vertical precinct that is there or we don't even have to do that precinct. We can go one more eastward.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8500.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign that to 28.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry, I will go over here. We should see if it had a difference on partisan fairness, it might or might not and not sure how 28 was previously so maybe we should look at that now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do you have the old partisan fairness open? .

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Look at 28 and 25.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Districts 25 and 28 were 50/50 on 25 and 28 was pretty close to 55. Taking 48.5 and 50.3 to 49.7.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: They were already technically this is just a composite I don't think it's accurate for democrat or republican and let's run the numbers to see if it had significant change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 25 is now didn't change at all. District 28 essentially didn't change, it moved it a tenth.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Two precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The districts.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Did the overall number change or 5.7 before.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 51.3 if I remember.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 51.4 so virtually no change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is definitely within the margin of error.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we see the lopsided margin? I thought I saw 5.7 there at the top and then the mean median, it should all be the same.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: My guess is it can't change. Your elections didn't change. Mean median 2.9. Efficiency gap 5.4. Seats are 56-54, 1% bias and should not have been a change.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we try one more the 2018 gubernatorial election which is Whitmer versus Schuette? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking for it there it is so it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2018 I think it's further up. It's above Snyder because that is 2014 there is Whitmer and Whitmer is the democrat and Schuette is the republican. Where is he a little further down because those are all, yep, right there. Schuette, 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, lopsided margin is 6.4. Favoring republicans. The mean median difference is 2%. The efficiency gap is .6% republican. The seats to votes favor the democrats 66-44. And the democrats have the propositional bias of 5.5%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so now if we can go in the plan and make these proposed changes and see what everybody thinks and maybe rerun some reports. So what I see is 2348.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 48 you will bring up into Brighton.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 49 okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah so, I mean it's probably easiest to start with 48 and bring that up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Follow the blue line.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Into Brighton.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can do that. Sorry Dustin. We kept Livingston whole in every other map we have so it's their turn. Yep, and if you can put those in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 50.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 48. It can't stay there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go to 49 and extend it to Wixom, yep. Fix 21 and make it all 21.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area into 21.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Into 21.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Put that is area into 22. And 23 will extend into the little jog out there. So we will go in Ann Arbor and cause blocks in 48 to change and assign them for now and we will go and fix them. We love Ann Arbor. Commissioner Orton, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: While he is making the changes can you describe why you chose these changes or the lines where they are or whatever?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I mentioned a couple times that I want to preserve the Asian community on the east side of Ann Arbor and I think this does this. Bringing Brighton in with the north side of Ann Arbor I think it makes a lot of sense from communities of interest perspective and we had people comment on that specifically that Brighton and Ann Arbor have a lot of connections between them. We have also heard people take the alternate view but like I said every other map we have not put them together and I thought it would be good on this map to try. And then again it

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we just put it back in 50? That should solve that error.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can just put that into 23.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Deviation now is below 5%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we scroll out so everybody can see what I did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What we looking at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The Ann Arbor so people can see around Ann Arbor. A little further west there you go. I just broke up Ann Arbor a little differently broke it in four and then tried to bring in that east Asian I'm sorry east Ann Arbor Asian community. Went up into Brighton. And I mean, any comments, thoughts, questions? I'm sure they will be and Brighton will be. Can we run the partisan fairness and see if it makes a difference? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Check the Asian American demographic population in 23.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I did not Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We had comments this morning saying they did not want Ann Arbor split especially four ways. They didn't want it split. I don't know how they were going to keep them on but someone made a comment that they did not want Ann Arbor split.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This plan has the lopsided Madam Chair the lopsided margin is 5.3% in favor of republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The mean median is 2.7% in favor of republicans. The efficiency gap is 4.3 percent in favor of republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Seats to votes ratio is .5% and the democrats have the seats 57-53.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so by comparison the base plan, the lopsided margins is 5.7, we have 5.3 here. The mean median is 2.9 on the base plan we have 2.7 here. The efficiency gap is 5.4 on the base and this is 4.3 here. And then the seats vote is, was 56-51 with a negative 1.4 positive 1.4 lean. This one is 57 over 53 with a negative half percent over positive half percentage favoring republicans. It improved all the metrics which is what I thought it would do Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Lopsided of the mean median again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh bless you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margin 5.3% in favor of republicans. Mean median difference MMD, is 2.7% favoring republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Since I do it all the time and the numbers are decent, I believe this map be moved forward to the 45 day public comment period.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go ahead Commissioner Lett call the question. Commissioner Witjes called the question I thought it was Commissioner Lett. All in favor of advancing this map to the 45 day public comment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Roll call.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is there more discussion or debate on the motion.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Are we running the numbers Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel is telling us that is not appropriate at this point.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: To clarify the motion can be withdrawn or amended but what I'm saying as it stands now you have a motion to forward this map to the table so if the Commission would like to do something different, a motion to amend to get more numbers could be made. The motion could be withdrawn. The motion could be modified. There is a variety of options before the Commission at this point. I was merely pointing out that you do have a pending motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you General Counsel.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I have a question.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: General Counsel wouldn't it be part of discussion if members wanted to compare the numbers prior to the vote?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Lett the Commissioner could certainly continue that conversation if it chose. But the discussion and debate is on the base the actual motion is whether to move the map forward or not. So again talking about the fairness numbers and that might be seen as an extension of the actual motion. But the motion is to adopt not to examine further.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I understand that but I think the discussion from the Commissioners is to take a look at those before the vote. So are you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Does anyone object to that? If no one objections I say run the numbers the data is good, right, okay so this is the 2020 election.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2020 election between president Biden and former president Trump. So the lopsided margin is 5% favoring republican. The mean median difference is 2.4% favoring republican. And the efficiency gap is 5.2% favoring republican. And the proportionality bias is 2.3% favoring republicans with the republicans having 56 and the democrat having 54 seats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we look at 2016? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Wasn't there a 28? 2016 is Clinton and former president so lopsided margins in 2016 Presidential election.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 5.6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 5.6 favoring republicans mean median difference 3.7 favoring republicans. Efficiency gap is 9.2%. Favoring republicans. Proportionality

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bias was 8.1% favoring republicans with republicans winning having 64 seats and the democrats 46 seats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay and then can we run the 2018 Whitmer Schuette election? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margin 6.4% favor of republicans. The mean median difference is 1.8% favoring republicans. The efficiency gap was .5% favoring republicans. The seats to votes favored the democrats by proportionality bias 5.5% in favor of democrats. Number of seats favor democrats 66-44.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For comparison purposes can we bring up was it Pine three that we advanced? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pine five.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay Pine five. I don't think we ran all this analysis on Pine five before we adopted it. We only did the composite so we have more data so can we just is this the composite for Pine five that you have? That would be the only one we had on it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe it is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Composite for Pine five is efficiency gap of 5.3. And let's look at the mean median.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lopsided margin.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I misspoke.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will run it again and have it sitting in front of you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are running this again for Magnolia.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1.1.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Magnolia 1.1 is above Pine V5 they have the same lopsided margin of 5.3%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Same mean median difference of 2.7%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The efficiency gap is the same for both at 4.3%. And they have the same proportionality bias of .5% favoring the democrats favoring the republicans with the democrats having 57-53 seats for republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we need to see more or they are identical. Any other discussion or debate? Let's go ahead and vote again Mr. Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sorry guys, lot to say today evidently. Getting some laughs, huh? So I just I don't know what the rush is, right. This map whatever we are going to call it it's just a slight improvement over the previous one. So why have both? Right. And my only fear is we are going to keep improving it which we should do try to

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keep improving it if we can but we will have a whole bunch of maps what are everyone's thoughts? Are we going to retract Magnolia one and only have this one? Are we going to have both of them? You know in my eyes it's the same map just slightly improved. The data shows it is very slightly improved. It's about .1 to .3 on the...every measure respective of the election years they are in. For example let's just take 2020 Presidential election 5.1 to 5.0. We take the that is for lopsided margins and for efficiency gap wait I'm sorry it goes 5.3 to 5.2 so again that is a .01 change so it's pretty much the same. All of the seats to votes ratios for each election were also the same. So again I just don't know how many maps we want to have. It's just a slight improvement over the previous configuration.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton and I can address it. Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I think this was done for partisan fairness reasons. It does make a very slight change but it does not make a slight change to some of these areas. It's some significant change to a few areas so I don't see the harm in putting it out there and getting public comment on both ways.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not looking at it from a data perspective. I'm looking at it from a community of interest perspective. Ann Arbor now is split three ways. And you really feel that they are going to accept that very well? In Brighton? You may, I don't.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Working there you know spending a lot of time there, yeah, I don't think so.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I think Dustin had some concern over Brighton being changed as well. So I'm kind of looking at it from that perspective. And like Anthony indicated you know the numbers are basically the same as one of the other maps. So I think that's what we have to take into account when we vote. That as well as the numbers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what I would say on that is Pine version five which is the first map we approved does have the same metrics. However, Pine version five does not include the changes to Detroit. So this map includes the changes to Detroit and then alters the Ann Arbor area to achieve the same numbers we originally had with Pine version five. So I think this is an improvement because we are keeping those Detroit changes that the people in Detroit spoke so eloquently about wanting. And also maintaining the partisan fairness balance we had with the Pine version five. So I think this is improvement and it is different and I think it's worthy of submitting to the public for their consideration because I think people wanted changes this Detroit but I think people also want partisan fairness. We've heard about both. So this is giving them both. All right let's vote do you want to do a roll call?