

**ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Thursday, June 30, 2011  
1:14 p.m.

**Location**

**Pima Community College - District Office  
4905 East Broadway Boulevard  
Building C, Room #105  
Tucson, Arizona 85709**

**Attending**

Colleen C. Mathis, Chair  
Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair  
Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair  
Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner  
Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

Raymond F. Bladine, Executive Director  
Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director  
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CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: This meeting of the  
Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will  
now come to order.

The time is 1:14 p.m. The date is  
Thursday, June 30th, and let's all rise for the  
Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I want to remind  
the public to fill out a request to speak form if  
they are interested in speaking. I have a number of  
them already and we'll get to public comment in just  
a minute.

Let's start with roll call.

Vice Chair Mr. Freeman?

COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner McNulty?

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We have a quorum.

1           And I would like to acknowledge that we  
2 have a court reporter today, Michelle, so everyone  
3 be sure to speak one at a time.

4           And for the public, if you would please  
5 spell your name for the record, that would be very  
6 helpful for the court reporter so she gets an  
7 accurate transcription.

8           I also would like to acknowledge our  
9 counsel today, Mary O'Grady, who is here.

10           And I believe those are my announcements.  
11 So let's move to scheduled agenda item II, which is  
12 call for public comment.

13           And I'm just going to start in the order  
14 these are sitting here now. And please come up to  
15 the microphone, as I mentioned, and state your name  
16 and spell it, if you could.

17           I would like to also request that the  
18 public limit comments, if they could, to three  
19 minutes each so we can get through the meeting as  
20 efficiently as possible.

21           First person is Representative Daniel  
22 Peterson (sic). He's the State Rep for LD29,  
23 Tucson. He's representing himself. The subject is  
24 competitive district.

25           DANIEL PATTERSON: Thank you members of the

1 Commission. I'm Representative Daniel Patterson  
2 from here in Tucson, and I was planning on just  
3 showing up here to listen.

4 I first want to thank the commissioners  
5 for doing an important job for the State of Arizona,  
6 and I wanted to also thank on behalf of myself and  
7 the constituents here in Tucson, thank you for  
8 coming to Tucson and listening to what people have  
9 to say in Southern Arizona.

10 I think that we are all interested in  
11 competitive districts, making sure that everyone's  
12 vote counts and really focuses on making sure our  
13 district reflects what's going in our state.

14 And so I appreciate that you're doing the  
15 job and mostly just want to say welcome to Tucson  
16 and good luck with the process and hopefully create  
17 competitive fair districts across the state.

18 Thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

21 Our next speaker is Kenneth Moyes,  
22 representing Citizens for Commonsense Redistricting.  
23 The subject is Commission Missions and Arizona  
24 Constitution.

25 MR. MOYES: Can you hear me?

1           Good morning.   Kenneth Moyes, M-o-y-e-s.  
2           Members of the Arizona Independent  
3 Redistricting Commission, on June 24th you heard  
4 compelling reasons why Strategic Telemetry was a  
5 highly partisan company with stated objectives to  
6 observe progressivism.   They clearly do not have a  
7 balanced objective and do not take clinical approach  
8 to their work.

9           The Arizona Independent Redistricting  
10 Commission's mission is to administer the fair and  
11 balanced redistricting of the Congressional and  
12 Legislative districts for the State of Arizona.

13           Yet on Wednesday, June 29th, the  
14 Commission voted to select Strategic Telemetry to  
15 draw Arizona's districts.   I can understand the vote  
16 of the Democrats on the Commission, but the vote of  
17 the chair, Ms. Mathis is puzzling.   She is quoted as  
18 saying she voted for this vendor because they worked  
19 the campaign of Mayor Bloomberg of New York City, an  
20 Independent.   May I remind Ms. Mathis that she was  
21 told on Friday that this vendor chose the Bloomberg  
22 campaign for the following reason, based on a quote  
23 from the president of the vendor, Mr. Strasma.

24           Bloomberg's decision to switch his party  
25 affiliation to Independent, and that was from

1 Republican, and its progressive positions on most  
2 issues was what led many Democratic consultants,  
3 including my firm, Strategic Telemetry, to support  
4 him.

5           It is Ms. Mathis' vote for a heavily and  
6 clearly partisan firm and ignoring the compelling  
7 evidence and comment that smacks of a highly  
8 partisan chair or an incapable chair. We call for  
9 Ms. Mathis to be served written notice in  
10 preparation for removal by the Governor.

11           Article 4, Part 2, Section 1, Paragraph  
12 10 of our State Constitution states: After having  
13 been served written notice and provided with an  
14 opportunity for response, a member of the  
15 Independent Redistricting Commission may be removed  
16 by the Governor with the concurrence of two-thirds  
17 of the senate, for substantial neglect of duty,  
18 gross misconduct in office, and inability to  
19 discharge the duties of the office.

20           It is clear that Ms. Mathis neglected her  
21 duty to administer the fair and balanced  
22 redistricting of the Congressional and Legislative  
23 districts for the State of Arizona. She has  
24 demonstrated an inability to discharge the duties of  
25 office, thus grounds for dismissal. We ask that

1 members of the Commission, legislators, or the  
2 Governor serve Ms. Mathis with this written notice,  
3 obtain her answer, and if found insufficient, the  
4 Governor remove her from the Commission.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7 MR. HERRERA: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is David  
9 Cashion, representing CCSR and the subject is the  
10 letter of the law. And if you could state what CCSR  
11 is.

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Before you begin, I want  
13 to make sure that the people in the audience, you  
14 know, no laughing. I appreciate that. No laughing.  
15 If you find something funny, keep it to yourself or  
16 go outside. Just respect the people that are in  
17 this room.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. CASHION: CCR (sic) is just loosely,  
20 Citizens for Commonsense of Redistricting.

21 My is Dave Cashion, C-a-s-h-i-o-n, and I  
22 just ask that you guys consider the Constitution,  
23 consider 106, and consider the voting laws -- I  
24 mean, the voting rights law.

25 If you want to look at keeping

1 communities together, that's perfectly within your  
2 bounds. But to go and look at strengthening or  
3 keeping somebody's strength, their position in their  
4 district strong, that's not what your job is.

5 To go and look at historical voting  
6 records, to decide, there's nowhere in any -- that I  
7 could find anywhere, that gives you the right to do  
8 that.

9 So I would just ask that you just stick  
10 to the letter of the law, plain and simple.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Vicki  
15 Davis, representing self and CCSR and the subject is  
16 questions on procedures.

17 MS. DAVIS: My name is Vicki Davis, D-a-v-i-s.

18 I've been trying to find the proposals of  
19 the various companies, and I can't find them. I  
20 don't know if other citizens have been able to find  
21 them so that we can know what you are considering.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

23 MS. DAVIS: Hello?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There you go.

25 MS. DAVIS: And I've been trying to find the

1 minutes. I attended the meeting yesterday, but  
2 because you were in executive session for three  
3 hours, I had to leave before I could hear the  
4 results. And so I just had to Google somewhere  
5 else. I couldn't find it on your website.

6 Again, I question why you make your  
7 meetings available to us with such short notice and  
8 that you have no meetings scheduled in the evenings  
9 so ordinary working citizens have a chance to have  
10 some input.

11 I don't understand why you had to have a  
12 three-hour executive session. You evidently are  
13 supposed to do that if you are choosing an  
14 individual, not a vendor, and in this case it was a  
15 vendor. Or if you're getting legal opinions. And  
16 if it took three hours to get a legal opinion, you  
17 have a really bad lawyer.

18 You said that -- in the report that I  
19 read on the Internet said that all companies are  
20 political. So why on earth did you choose the most  
21 political company? In this economy, why did you  
22 choose a Wisconsin/Washington, D.C., based company.

23 I know my husband had a small company, a  
24 civil engineering company, and I know that he  
25 submitted proposals, he couldn't compete with big

1 companies. And he knew and I knew and the city knew  
2 and whoever he sent proposals to knew that the most  
3 slick, fancy detailed proposal isn't necessarily  
4 always the best one.

5 I really don't trust what you have done  
6 so far because it's been so hard to find -- to know  
7 ahead of time when your meetings are and find  
8 records. I've never seen an organization that  
9 didn't have minutes approved and so forth.

10 So I just suggest that you need to have  
11 more consideration for the ordinary citizens to keep  
12 track of what you are doing.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15 The next speaker is Don Nevins. The  
16 title of his organization, Men of the Bean and the  
17 subject is mapping company independent/integrity.

18 . MR. NEVINS: Men of the Bean is a coffee  
19 group. I spoke before --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

21 MR. NEVINS: I spoke before this committee --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

23 MR. NEVINS: Is that close enough?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

25 MR. NEVINS: How about that?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Getting better.

2 MR. NEVINS: I'm still on the same topic.

3 I appreciate the ability to speak to the  
4 Commission. Independent, fair, unbiased  
5 redistricting.

6 Washington, D.C., nobody, in the district  
7 has the respect of Arizona voters. Congress is at  
8 20 percent. The administration is at 46 percent.  
9 The district mayor is in disrepute, the lobbyist and  
10 vendors are disreputed. And you pick a mapping  
11 company from D.C.?

12 This independent Commission not only has  
13 appeared to fail the voters of Arizona in  
14 maintaining a fair and balanced reputation, it has,  
15 in fact, deliberately chosen a mapping company whose  
16 CEO has a highly biased reputation. Obama's  
17 campaign, national target director.

18 In conclusion, I'm outraged. Is this  
19 treating the citizens fairly? No.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Ed  
21 Johnson representing self, and the subject is  
22 objective.

23 And, Mr. Johnson, if you wouldn't mind  
24 stating where you live or just -- so -- and  
25 actually, that's for anyone who speaks that just put

1 "self," if you would be helpful just to know in what  
2 area you reside in.

3 MR. JOHNSON: The name Edward J. Johnson.  
4 That's E-d-w-a-r-d, middle initial J, Johnson,  
5 J-o-h-n-s-o-n. I live at 5160 North Sabino  
6 Foothills Drive, which is in 85750 by Sabino Canyon  
7 and it's in the country.

8 I won't take a lot of your time because  
9 more eloquent people have already expressed pretty  
10 much my feelings, but I am just here to object to  
11 the lack of objectivity.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

14 Our next speaker is Bill Roe,  
15 representing self and competitive district.

16 And just to clarify, you don't have to  
17 give your full address or anything. I was just  
18 looking for if you live in Tucson or Oro Valley  
19 or Marana or wherever.

20 MR. ROE: I'm Bill Roe and I live in the city  
21 of Tucson. And I was one of the pool of 25  
22 applicants to be on this Commission. I was  
23 disappointed, of course, that I was not selected,  
24 but I think I recognize more than those people the  
25 amount of time, energy, and effort that each of you

1 put into this. It is an enormous commitment to the  
2 future of the state of Arizona.

3 My own interest is particularly in  
4 competitive districts, and then a little more  
5 selfishly for Pima County and Southern Arizona. My  
6 interest is to make sure the interest of this part  
7 of the state are adequately protected in the final  
8 results.

9 Thank you very much.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

11 Our next speaker is Gary Gomez,  
12 representing self and the subject is decision on  
13 mapping.

14 MR. GOMEZ: See if I can get this right the  
15 first time.

16 Gary Gomez, G-a-r-y, G-o-m-e-z. I live  
17 in Tucson, Arizona.

18 Madame Chairman, Commissioners, I am a  
19 citizen, a citizen who is now questioning the  
20 Commission's integrity and commitment to inclusion  
21 of the public in a nonpartisan process.

22 After attending the last two meetings, my  
23 feelings are that this is a predetermined process  
24 with one agenda: Remap Arizona to improve  
25 Democratic representation. Code word, competitive

1 districts. So much for transparency.

2 Meeting behind closed doors and now a  
3 mapping company that will draw districts back in  
4 D.C. and New York and return them to the state.  
5 Will David Axlerod be invited to approve the maps?  
6 Well, how would we know? The maps are going to be  
7 drawn out of state.

8 What really saddens me is that in this  
9 economy you are sending our money out of state. We  
10 had two companies that were Arizona firms. So we  
11 get less input, less transparency, out-of-state  
12 mapping, mapping by a company that doesn't  
13 understand the differences, nuances in our  
14 population.

15 But that apparently isn't important.  
16 This Commission has its own agenda, an agenda that  
17 disregards its own RFP, its own mandate and any  
18 resemblance to being nonpartisan.

19 The winners will clearly be the Obama  
20 2012 campaign with NDC, two clients of this mapping  
21 company, Arizona Democrats, and, of course, the  
22 attorneys.

23 Let the lawsuits begin. You better get  
24 back to the Legislature and ask for more money. You  
25 have guaranteed more lawsuits than less. Lawsuits

1 may begin before you even start drawing maps.

2           Oh, that may be incorrect, just like this  
3 decision. Maybe the maps are already drawn. There  
4 are a number of them floating around from Democratic  
5 groups. I've seen some maps out there. It will be  
6 interesting to see if the final mapping, the final  
7 analysis these maps will be the ones that are  
8 accepted with mere cosmetic changes.

9           The losers are clearly the citizens of  
10 Arizona, Arizona economics by sending our money out  
11 of state, and confidence in the nonpartisan process.

12           I started attending these meetings with  
13 no agenda, not looking for a win for the R's  
14 or the -- who are the majority in Arizona just  
15 looking for the mandate to be fulfilled, an  
16 independent nonpartisan commission. Silly me,  
17 partisan politics is alive and well.

18           This brings to mind the quote made by the  
19 commander of the successful Japanese fleet after --  
20 or attack on Pearl Harbor. "I'm afraid all we have  
21 done is awakened a sleeping giant."

22           Thank you.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Gini  
24 Crawford. Title is campaign manager for People of  
25 Arizona and the subject is mapping company.

1 MS. CRAWFORD: Gini Crawford, G-i-n-i,  
2 Crawford, C-r-a-w-f-o-r-d, and I live in Marana.

3 And I want to say right now, forgive me.  
4 I'm not going to use niceties because I am so upset  
5 over this situation.

6 I have heard the board is stacked against  
7 Republicans three to two in the voting and all of  
8 this, but I have thought I'm going to give them a  
9 break. You know, things can be passed around,  
10 rumors and stuff, but the end product has not been  
11 done. So I thought I'm going to give you all a  
12 break.

13 And then I heard today that you picked a  
14 mapping company that is a campaign company. And I  
15 understand campaign companies. I have one. I am a  
16 political campaign manager, and I own a political  
17 campaign company. And this is what this company is.  
18 It's not a mapping company, it's a political  
19 campaign consulting company. And if that isn't bad  
20 enough, it's a Democratic campaign consulting  
21 company. And as people will say, Obama is one of  
22 their clients.

23 You know, all of you knew this because I  
24 went to their website and this company doesn't hide  
25 anything. I mean, it's very transparent. So I

1 really give that to this company.

2 But on their front page, they tell you it  
3 is a campaign company and they explain how they can  
4 help your campaign do things better.

5 I have their front page right here.  
6 Anyone can clearly see it's a campaign -- political  
7 campaign company.

8 And then you go on in this website and  
9 they are clear, they are transparent. They tell you  
10 that their clients are progressive Democrats, as I  
11 just said, Obama being one of them.

12 The whole -- like I said, all of you knew  
13 this.

14 You know, I thought this Commission was  
15 supposed to be nonpartisan. Dammit you can't get  
16 anymore partisan than this, and I hope you got that.  
17 I am so mad over this. And you're probably  
18 thinking, oh, well she's Ruth McClung's campaign  
19 manager and these Republicans and if they would have  
20 picked a campaign company that was Republican, she  
21 wouldn't be standing here, she wouldn't be whining.

22 But that is wrong because I am American.  
23 And if we don't do these districts unbiased, if we  
24 don't draw these districts all over America,  
25 unbiased, and -- then we have lost this country as

1 we know it and this country won't be representing  
2 the people. It will be representing a small  
3 interest.

4 There are many mapping companies out  
5 there -- I am sorry, I am so upset -- that you could  
6 have picked that are nonpolitical. Why didn't you?

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Lynn  
8 Wildblood and she's representing Wildridge HOA and  
9 the subject is mapping selection.

10 Sorry Mr. Wildblood.

11 MR. WILDBLOOD: My name is Wildblood,  
12 W-i-l-d-b-l-o-o-d.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

14 MR. WILDBLOOD: My name is Lynn, L-y-n-n.

15 Colleen, I have your comments that you  
16 had posted and I have a few comments about it and it  
17 has to do with something that you already have been  
18 hearing about.

19 You made a few comments about I  
20 understand there are partisan feelings and passions,  
21 which obviously there are. But when you talk about  
22 firms, you had made mention of the fact that it sure  
23 would have been good if there were possibly two  
24 firms.

25 Well, I'm going to suggest to you what's

1 wrong with having two firms that would work  
2 together? It's a good possibility.

3 That's about all because you've already  
4 heard a lot of the comments by other people in  
5 regards to this decision, so thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Wildblood.

7 Next speaker is Keith Rollinson  
8 representing self and the subject is choice of  
9 redistricting company.

10 MR. ROLLINSON: My name is Keith Rollinson,  
11 R-o-l-l-i-s-o-n. I live in Tucson.

12 I was going to get up and ask you guys  
13 basically a direct question to you, the chair,  
14 basically the same question everybody has been  
15 asking.

16 What motivated you guys to choose these  
17 people? Because it's just obvious, obvious what  
18 they are doing. But there's no sense in asking that  
19 question because it's pretty obvious to me why you  
20 did it.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Rick  
22 Meyer, representing private citizen and the subject  
23 is fair elections.

24 MR. MEYER: Hello. My name is Rick Meyer,  
25 M-e-y-e-r. I live in Tucson, been a long-time

1 Tucson resident, but more importantly, I'm an  
2 American.

3 I've been following this issue on-line  
4 for a little while. I've usually kept my opinion to  
5 myself for the most part, but I feel it's important  
6 to have you hear my opinion on this.

7 Choosing a vendor that has so many  
8 obvious Democratic ties tends to give an appearance  
9 of bias and impropriety almost.

10 This is such an important issue with such  
11 long-term -- long-lasting results that it seems like  
12 a company that would be a little more nonpartisan  
13 would have been chosen. And it concerns me in that  
14 respect and it concerns me that the decisions made  
15 are going to be lasting until the next census. So  
16 I'm just a little disappointed and I wanted to voice  
17 my opinion.

18 Thanks.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
22 Christine Bauserman, title representing Tanque Verde  
23 Valley, CCSR and the subject is LD30; is that right?

24 MS. BAUSERMAN: Yes.

25 It's Christine with a C-h, and B, as in

1 boy, a-u-s-e-r-m-a-n. I live in LD30.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And can you state what  
3 CCSR is?

4 MS. BAUSERMAN: That Commonsense  
5 Redistricting.

6 I live in LD30 in the far Northeast  
7 Valley, and I want to talk about communities of  
8 interest and where I would like LD30 lines to be.

9 LD30 has to lose a small amount of votes,  
10 and you can do that easily by moving Houghton  
11 Road -- the line out to Houghton Road between  
12 Speedway and 22nd Street.

13 You can lose the southwest area to LD25  
14 and give everything west of Sabino Canyon LD26,  
15 which actually they have more in common with that  
16 community.

17 What makes us a community in Tanque  
18 Verde? One is natural boundaries. We are like a  
19 rural suburban area out there. Most of our homes  
20 are one acre to three acres.

21 We are connected by Houghton Road, Old  
22 Spanish Trail, and recently Mary Ann Cleveland and  
23 then we all know all of the little back roads to get  
24 to each other because there's a lot of dirt roads  
25 out there.

1           We do have the windy roads and narrow  
2 roads and our kids ride many bikes and bicycles and  
3 we raise animals out there. I sit at my house and  
4 horses ride by within these areas.

5           We enjoy boy scouts, girl scouts. I  
6 moved out there to be near my charter school. We do  
7 these activities with people in these same areas.

8           We're in 4-H with people from Sierra  
9 Vista, Vail, Rita Ranch and Sahuarita. We don't see  
10 from people from FFA from Sahuaro High School or any  
11 of the other high schools. Our -- like I said, our  
12 kids raise these animals on our land out there.

13           We hike around there. We have that in  
14 common. I go out my door and I hike in Molina  
15 Basin. I go to the end of Portal, Speedway, Old  
16 Spanish Trail, we hike that mountain -- that part of  
17 the mountain. We don't come into the Foothills  
18 area.

19           We know each other. We see each other on  
20 hiking trails. We know you live somewhere in the  
21 neighborhood. Then we see each other later in the  
22 grocery store. We exercise at the same club and  
23 it's actually become a topic amongst us, like we'll  
24 see each other, it will be where do I know you or  
25 what do I know you from when. We start trying to

1 limit it. And we're, like, okay, you live in Tanque  
2 Verde. That's all you need to say.

3 So I would like to make an additional  
4 comment is that Steve Muratore with the Egalitarian  
5 seems to get information before it's published on  
6 your website. Like Monday night he said that you  
7 were going to be moving the meeting to Phoenix on  
8 Wednesday, and I don't know what his connection is.  
9 He is a blogger, but he does seem to get some  
10 information that he puts out there before you guys  
11 can even put it out there for the public. So it  
12 makes it appear that he has an inside connection.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker is Beverly Lockwood  
16 representing LD30, the subject is Tanque Verde  
17 Valley.

18 MS. LOCKWOOD: Yes. It's Beverly Lockwood,  
19 l-y, L-o-c-k-w-o-o-d.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

21 MS. LOCKWOOD: L-o-c-k-w-o-o-d. I live in the  
22 Tanque Verde Valley area. I could mimic everything  
23 Christine Bauserman just said, so you can put that  
24 on the record.

25 What I was thinking sitting here

1 listening was if you all haven't already let the  
2 contract to hire this company, would you take our  
3 comments into consideration and go back to your  
4 drawing board and try to get somebody that better  
5 represents us in Arizona? We have plenty of  
6 representation for the company that you've hired.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Lynne  
9 St. Angelo representing self and the subject is  
10 choice.

11 MS. ST. ANGELO: I am Lynne St. Angelo. It is  
12 spelled L-y-n-n-e, S-t period, A-n-g-e-l-o.

13 And I have been not wanting to do this,  
14 someone pointed out to me a long time ago, but now I  
15 feel that I am -- based on what happened yesterday,  
16 I have been compelled to now bring the Declaration  
17 of Independence into what is happening on the  
18 Commission.

19 When our founding fathers penned the  
20 Declaration of Independence, there were 27 things  
21 that they had as objections to what King George had  
22 done. These were things they considered so  
23 egregious to them that they were actually willing to  
24 lay down their lives and their fortunes to withdraw  
25 from Great Britan.

1           And what they said is, "The present King  
2 of Great Britan is a history of repeated injuries  
3 and usurpations, all having in direct object the  
4 establishment of an absolute tyranny over these  
5 states. To prove this, let these facts be submitted  
6 to a candid world." One of these facts is this: He  
7 has called together Legislative bodies at places  
8 unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the  
9 depository of their public records for the sole  
10 purpose of critiquing them into compliance with his  
11 measures.

12           Now, you have changed your venue. You  
13 have changed last minute. You have been down to the  
14 very minute of being the 48 hours that you are  
15 required by law to give to change from one city to  
16 the next, to have people go all over.

17           And up to now I've been saying, well, you  
18 know things come up, but I know, in fact, that you  
19 knew a week ahead of the Oro Valley meeting and you  
20 didn't let the public know about it until 48 hours  
21 before.

22           Your charge to the Oro Valley town  
23 council was that your mission is to administer fair  
24 and balanced redistricting of Congressional and  
25 Legislative districts of the state of Arizona.

1 That's your own stated mission.

2           And in your RFP in hiring this  
3 contracting company that you hired to draw all of  
4 the maps in Arizona, you said, "I'll clearly state  
5 the promise of public input that the contractors  
6 shall be complying -- they are responsible for  
7 complying and soliciting public input as well as  
8 providing the public with information as directed by  
9 the AIRC, including such items as draft maps and  
10 other relevant information."

11           That same thing is true of the  
12 Commission. You are required by law to listen to  
13 us, the public. You have been hearing from us, the  
14 public week after week. Even yesterday I was  
15 streaming your meeting, there were more people  
16 telling you about Strategic Telemetry and how this  
17 of all of the companies was -- had the greatest  
18 conflict of interest and should be ousted.

19           If it was a legal situation and this was  
20 a lawyer or a judge sitting on the stand, he would  
21 have to recuse himself. That's how they are. Yet  
22 that is who you choose.

23           This is blatant. What has been done is a  
24 blatant disregard of what was said. And I want to  
25 know why? What faith can we possibly have that you

1 will be fair and balanced? You aren't being now.  
2 You haven't listened to us, not one bit. It hasn't  
3 been one person. There have been many people  
4 representing many groups.

5 So slanted have your votes been against  
6 Republicans that there is no question what the goal  
7 of this Commission is. But what can we expect when  
8 the Independent is not really an Independent. She's  
9 married to an activist Democrat who is treasurer for  
10 Nancy Young-Wright's campaign.

11 You're not listening to the public now.  
12 How can you possibly think that we believe that you  
13 will listen to us in drawing maps. Fair, balanced  
14 maps. How can we possibly believe you?

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
16 Raquel Cook, representing self and the subject is  
17 fairness.

18 MS. COOK: My name is Raquel Cook.  
19 R-a-q-u-e-l, C-o-o-k.

20 I have lived in Oro Valley and I would  
21 just like to say in interest of time, I am strongly  
22 in favor of everything that Lynne St. Angelo and  
23 others have just stated. So I will not go into it  
24 in detail, other than on the record, I am  
25 100 percent behind everyone who has complained about

1 your selection of the mapping company and they  
2 question how truly independent this Commission is.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5 Our next speaker is Frank Olivieri,  
6 representing Pima County Tea Party Patriots. The  
7 subject is mapping transparency.

8 MR. OLIVIERI: Frank Olivieri,  
9 O-l-i-v-i-e-r-i. I live in Pima County.

10 And I guess I'm going to say what others  
11 have said. I had a history teacher way back when  
12 and he told me when you go in and discuss politics,  
13 back in high school many years ago, said make sure  
14 you put it on the public record, so I'm going to say  
15 it again.

16 Shame on the three of you that voted for  
17 Strategic Telemetry. Your decision clearly shows  
18 that there is nothing independent about this  
19 decision, it is purely based on political ideology.  
20 The record of prior AIRC open meetings will show the  
21 public's concerns of Strategic Telemetry fell on  
22 deaf ears.

23 Strategic Telemetry is a company that's  
24 primary function is political and not mapping. Let  
25 me read from their website.

1           Quote, Strategic Telemetry is dedicated  
2 to providing individual-level microtargeting, data  
3 analysis, strategic consulting and other services to  
4 help enable campaigns to successfully reach their  
5 target audiences and have their messages heard.

6           In today's evolving landscape where each  
7 vote is more important than ever, making sure that  
8 your campaign is running as efficiently and  
9 effectively as possible is critical to your success.

10           Whether your campaign's needs are big or  
11 small, contact us today to learn how we can provide  
12 a custom solution for your outreach and management  
13 needs.

14           Then they go on to state, "In addition to  
15 microtargeting, Strategic Telemetry offers many  
16 other valuable services to progressive campaigns and  
17 organizations, including campaign, maps -- campaign  
18 plans, mapping, redistricting, and so forth.

19           It is an independent position. Is this  
20 an independent position? I don't think so. Arizona  
21 Central reported this morning on Chairwoman Mathis'  
22 response as follows.

23           Commissioner Chairwoman Colleen Mathis,  
24 an Independent, said none of the applicant firms  
25 were free from partisan connections because that's

1 political -- typical for work in the political and  
2 elections arenas. While Strasma has done most of  
3 his homework for Democrats, he has proven expert --  
4 expertise, and commissioners will strive to tap the  
5 expertise but not defer to it," she said. "This is  
6 not a shy group" -- thank you for that -- "with  
7 highly skilled consultants and transparent  
8 processes, any dissatisfaction can at least be  
9 minimized.

10 Now, here is Ken Strasma in his own words  
11 in February 2010.

12 Again, Bloomberg's decision to switch  
13 party affiliation to Independent and his progressive  
14 positions on most issues was what led to Democratic  
15 consultants, including my firm, Strategic Telemetry,  
16 to support him, unquote.

17 Chairwoman Mathis, what part of blatant  
18 partisan politics don't you understand? He states  
19 his political bias towards the progressive  
20 Democratic agenda.

21 It has been documented to this Commission  
22 before that Ken Strasma, president of Strategic  
23 Telemetry, was the national target director for  
24 Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

25 Timeout. How much more politically

1 motivated information do you need? He is the  
2 president of his company. He is the major influence  
3 in a strategic direction his employees will take in  
4 this assigned task.

5 Finally Chairwoman Mathis, it should be  
6 noted once again of your affiliation with your  
7 husband's campaign, treasurer for Democratic House  
8 Representative 2010 campaign of Nancy Young-Wright.

9 The public has spoken and you have  
10 refused to listen. Are you really Independent? Of  
11 the four mapping finalists, there was at least one  
12 that had no prior bias and is not -- that is an  
13 Arizona company with a Democrat and a Republican  
14 owner. TerraSystems Southwest, a Tucson-based  
15 company, represents Arizona and not the interests of  
16 Washington, and the money stays in Arizona.

17 I'm ashamed.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
19 Peter -- and forgive me if I'm mispronouncing this,  
20 Bengtson and you'll have to tell us who you're  
21 representing. The subject is competitive districts.

22 MR. BENGTSON: Thank you. Can you hear me?

23 My name is Peter Bengtson. It's  
24 B-e-n-g-t-s-o-n. I live up in the Catalina  
25 Foothills. I'm representing myself.

1 I'm here to speak on competitive  
2 districts. I believe that's important. The  
3 districts we have should be competitive. I also  
4 would like to say this is the first time I've been  
5 to one of these meetings.

6 And I'm a member of the public and I  
7 think you guys are doing all right. Just keep up  
8 what you are doing.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Next speaker is Carolyn  
11 Cox and the title is president of the Tucson  
12 Conservative Forum and the subject is fairness.

13 MS. COX: Yes, my name is Carolyn Cox. It's  
14 C-a-r-o-l-y-n, C-o-x.

15 I declare that the Redistricting  
16 Commission was improperly chosen because Ms. Mathis  
17 should not have been considered as a valid  
18 Independent since her husband was the treasurer of  
19 Nancy Young-Wright, who is a Democrat, campaign in  
20 the 2010 election. You are not Independent.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Don  
22 Wooley, retired engineer and the subject is mapping.

23 MR. WOOLEY: Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
24 Don Wooley, W-o-o-l-e-y, from Sahuarita, Arizona.

25 I have two inputs for the Commission

1 today. First, I want to introduce a map that I have  
2 produced using some different software. I've drawn  
3 the mapping Congressional districts for the state  
4 with the supporting data and all validated with  
5 Proposition 106 criteria. So I wasn't quite sure  
6 how to submit this to the Commissioners. I did fax  
7 it to you yesterday. Don't know if you got it or  
8 not. But I have a copy of that presentation  
9 available if you want to see it today.

10           Secondly, of course, the big topic this  
11 morning is the consultant that you chose.

12 Obviously, everybody is using their baseball bat.

13           This morning, the big news, the  
14 Commission selected Strategic Telemetry as their  
15 mapping consultant. A Washington, D.C., based firm  
16 like Ken Strasma with progressive ties to several  
17 actions around the country, including the current  
18 effort to recall state senators, even the governor  
19 of the state of Wisconsin.

20           This is a company while redistricting  
21 committee (inaudible) 16 services provided, most of  
22 which are political in nature.

23           From our winning campaigns on  
24 microtargeting, which is one of Ken Strasma's  
25 specializations, Ken Strasma is president of

1 Strategic Telemetry, an organization specializing in  
2 microtargeting and other strategic consulting  
3 services for progressive campaigns and  
4 organizations. I think that's pretty clear where he  
5 stands.

6 In my opinion, Ken Strasma's company  
7 would have been the fourth bad choice of the four  
8 based only on the facts on record -- on the public  
9 record for each company and not on any fancy words  
10 and promises in their presentations.

11 I think the audience is tired of fancy  
12 words and fancy presentations. I myself am not  
13 convinced, and many others are not convinced, unlike  
14 Chairwoman Mathis and the two Democrats, that Ken  
15 Strasma and his firm contributed unbiased input to  
16 this Commission. I do not believe him for a minute.  
17 If you do, then I have some ocean-front property in  
18 Arizona to sell.

19 Hopefully the Commission will make the  
20 decision as to mapping. And I submit that  
21 transparency is paramount with regards to this  
22 consulting firm's inputs to you.

23 Thanks for your time. I hope you'll look  
24 at my map.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I should have

1 acknowledged, Mr. Bladine is our executive director.  
2 Please submit any information or documentation to  
3 him.

4 Our next speaker is Ed Slentz,  
5 representing self and the subject is choice of  
6 Strategic Telemetry.

7 MR. SLENTZ: My name is Ed Slentz, last name  
8 is S, as in Sam, l-e-n-t-z, and I live in Oro  
9 Valley.

10 I have a question and then some comments.  
11 Question is, is the cost benefit analysis available  
12 for the public to review on the choice of Strategic  
13 Telemetry?

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I would ask our legal  
15 counsel about that question.

16 MS. O'GRADY: Let me turn on my little thing.

17 Right now, since we are in this sort of  
18 open public comment phase, the Commission is not  
19 permitted to do anything. They can respond to  
20 criticism, refer things to --

21 MR. SLENTZ: So it's not available for the  
22 public to see the cost benefit until after it's  
23 done?

24 And another question is was the contract  
25 let yesterday?

1 MS. O'GRADY: I'm sorry?

2 MR. SLENTZ: Was the contract let yesterday?

3 MS. O'GRADY: At this point, this is just your  
4 time to make comments and then if you have  
5 additional questions, you go follow up with that  
6 after. But this is just your time to make comments.

7 MR. SLENTZ: I am very, very upset that this  
8 panel would consider that no one in the state of  
9 Arizona is capable of redistricting. That you would  
10 have to go out of state to Washington to get people  
11 in here to do that job.

12 Recognizing the type of company that  
13 Strategic Telemetry is, how in the world can you  
14 consider them?

15 The reason why I would like to see the  
16 cost benefit analysis and how you came to that  
17 conclusion, because I'm not sure there's something  
18 funny that's not going on here. A company outside  
19 of the state, not in the state, winning an award,  
20 there usually has to be some very, very significant  
21 reasons why that company is selected.

22 My next comment would be if you have let  
23 the contract -- I wrote contracts for a major  
24 aerospace company for 30 years and administered  
25 those contracts. You can issue a stop-work notice

1 immediately, you can issue a cessation of work  
2 notice.

3 I would urge you to do that, to  
4 reconsider public input. It is very apparent to me,  
5 and I thought you were required to listen and  
6 consider public input. You have done none of that.  
7 And if you need help writing a cessation of work or  
8 a stop-work notice, let me know. I'll be happy to  
9 do that for you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Mona  
11 Moehring. Again, I apologize if I'm mispronouncing.  
12 You can let us know. From PC227, representing Chula  
13 Vista Villas HOA. The subject is independent, fair  
14 commission.

15 MS. MOEHRING: Mona, M, as in mother, o-n-a,  
16 Moehring, M, as in mother, o-e-h-r-i-n-g.

17 We're here today because of Proposition  
18 106. And it starts off by saying the purpose of  
19 this Commission is to prevent gerrymandering. It  
20 goes on in this law to say that every member of this  
21 Commission, that it is to be fair, balanced, honest,  
22 and independent.

23 The law goes on to list the word  
24 "independent" 28 times. I can't even begin to tell  
25 you how many times impartial comes into it, and yet

1 you have sat there in these meetings and previous  
2 meetings taking no regard to the input of the  
3 people.

4 I just say this: I think it's time that  
5 you admit you made a mistake with the map person and  
6 just go back to the drawing board. We would respect  
7 you if you admit your mistake.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Shirl  
9 Lamonna, representing Overlook Group. Subject is  
10 mapping.

11 MS. LAMONNA: Thank you for the opportunity to  
12 speak before the Commission again and also to  
13 provide the correct spelling of our names as it will  
14 enable our resident blogger to more efficiently  
15 research what social networks we all belong to.

16 Much as we were concerned with your  
17 attorney selection, the Overlook Group was appalled  
18 to learn of yesterday's decision to hire Strategic  
19 Telemetry as its mapping consultant. Clearly there  
20 were other options that would not lead the public to  
21 conclude that the Commission has a political bias.  
22 But you chose to ignore our concerns.

23 Yesterday's Rasmussen poll for the week  
24 ending June 26th, indicates that 68 percent of  
25 Americans believe that our country is heading in the

1 wrong direction. Citizens are especially concerned  
2 with the economy, unemployment, the new healthcare  
3 law, and our need to develop domestic gas and oil  
4 resources.

5 The most recent Zogby poll from April  
6 indicates that only 38 percent of those polled think  
7 the president deserves to be reelected.

8 And according to June opinion polls,  
9 voter approval of Congress' performance continues to  
10 fall.

11 The Gallup poll indicates that only  
12 17 percent of Americans approve of the job that  
13 Congress is doing while Rasmussen reports that  
14 number to be only 8 percent. In that same Rasmussen  
15 poll, the view that Congressmen are corrupt has  
16 remained in the 36 to 45 percent range since January  
17 of 2010.

18 Moving to the Arizona state level, in  
19 January of this year, the Arizona Republic broke  
20 down the percentage of Arizona registered voters as  
21 31.6 percent Democrat, 35.5 Republican, and  
22 31.66 percent other. As an Independent, Chairwoman  
23 Mathis seeks to represent that Independent group.  
24 But how is that accomplished by voting for a mapping  
25 consultant with strong ties to the Democrat party?

1           Perhaps voters are changing party  
2 affiliations to Independent because of their  
3 dissatisfaction with the current administration and  
4 Congress.

5           So why select a consultant with an agenda  
6 that will likely support the Democratic party in  
7 terms of realignment.

8           We would be remiss if we didn't express  
9 our concerns with the partisan direction this  
10 Redistricting Commission has taken. We certainly  
11 hope that Strategic Telemetry's use of social media  
12 to involve the public in the mapping process results  
13 in the Commission finally listening to some public  
14 concerns.

15           Thank you.

16           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Dee  
17 Pfeiffer, representing Vail residents, subject is  
18 mapping.

19           MS. PFEIFFER: Good afternoon. It's D-e-e and  
20 then P-f-e-i-f-f-e-r.

21           And this is my first time to ever speak,  
22 so I would like to change who I am representing to  
23 self. But I am from Vail and I don't think many  
24 have come up from Vail to these meetings.

25           This is my first meeting, not because

1 most of them have been held in Phoenix, but rather  
2 because of the last-minute changes. So I would hope  
3 in the future -- I know you're probably easier than  
4 I am, but being able to schedule yourself further  
5 out than 48 hours, I would hope would be something  
6 that you would at least try to do in the future so  
7 that I and many others that I know will have time to  
8 schedule it.

9           Let's see. To the most casual observer,  
10 the Strategic Telemetry Company is extremely  
11 partisan and results cannot be considered fair by  
12 any standard.

13           I won't repeat what they have on their  
14 Facebook account -- Facebook account because it's  
15 been said here many, many times. And I would just  
16 send out a big ditto to Ms. Crawford's point and  
17 also to Lynne St. Angelo's points. I absolutely  
18 agree with them.

19           I want to express my skepticism about the  
20 true independent status of this commission, due to  
21 research that I've done and I've heard other people  
22 have done in regards to Chairman Mathis.

23           Since you as a committee have not  
24 listened to the Arizonans so far at these meetings  
25 about the fairness of this committee, the members,

1 the selection of the attorneys, and now the mapping  
2 company, I just don't see how the outcome can be  
3 fair by any stretch of anyone's imagination.

4 I just hope that you will listen to us  
5 and if you can't remedy any of the decisions that  
6 have been made so far, that you would do that.

7 We are looking for a fair Commission,  
8 fair mapping going into the next election.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
11 Payton Davies, representing Sun City Vistoso.  
12 Subject is firm chosen to draw lines.

13 MS. DAVIES: Hi. My name is Payton Davies.  
14 That's P-a-y-t-o-n, D-a-v-i-e-s, and I live in Oro  
15 Valley.

16 And I hadn't planned to speak, but I  
17 think I'm one of the people that have been awakened.  
18 I don't consider myself a giant, but with all of the  
19 people with like minds, we are getting away.

20 And when I first heard -- but I also -- I  
21 keep up with things. I think I would be much more  
22 involved if I weren't up to here with things at  
23 home, my personal life, but this was enough to get  
24 me down here today.

25 And when I first heard about the

1 composition of the committee, I thought to myself  
2 that it was just hysteria from some people's, you  
3 know, e-mails, that it was a little bit over the  
4 top. But the more I looked into it and the more I  
5 heard, I don't believe it's an independent  
6 commission. I don't believe that the chairman is  
7 truly an Independent. I can't say that. I don't  
8 know what's in your heart, but your decisions show  
9 otherwise.

10 Now, as far as the mapping company,  
11 everything has been said. The thing that outrages  
12 me the most is the fact that it's not an Arizona  
13 company. This state could use the business. We  
14 need to keep the money here. We don't need to do  
15 what Raul Grijalva did last year and call a boycott  
16 on Arizona and send our business to Washington D.C.  
17 We need to keep the money in Arizona.

18 And I know -- excuse me -- and I know  
19 that people revisit decisions all the time and I  
20 don't think any of this has been written in stone  
21 yet, and I would like to ask, respectfully, that you  
22 revisit the decision of the company that you picked  
23 to do the mapping for redistricting.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Alen

1 Bissett -- I'm sorry, Alex Bissett. He's a  
2 professional engineer, title -- sorry, representing  
3 Sun City Vistoso, subject is mapping company  
4 selection.

5 MR. BISSETT: That's close enough.

6 A-l-e-x, Bissett, B-i-s-s-e-t-t, Oro  
7 Valley, Arizona.

8 I'll be very brief because all of the  
9 stuff I wrote down has been said before. But there  
10 were a couple of things that jolted me in the last  
11 24 hours. One was a phone call I got last night  
12 telling me about the decision of this Commission.

13 What came to mind was this is the worst  
14 decision I have heard in years, since O.J. Simpson  
15 was acquitted.

16 Now, I have a very simple question to ask  
17 the Chairperson -- Chairman Mathis. I hope you will  
18 answer it. This requires a yes or no.

19 When you examined the qualifications of  
20 the five companies considered, did you really  
21 believe that Strategic Telemetry was unbiased? A  
22 yes or no.

23 MS. O'GRADY: And again, this is the time for  
24 public comment and so the Commissioners' role at  
25 this point is limited to listening.

1 MR. BISSETT: We'll conclude -- I hope you  
2 will ask yourself that question.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

4 Our next speaker is James Cook,  
5 representing self. Subject fairness in  
6 redistricting.

7 MR. COOK: James Cook, James, C-o-o-k, Oro  
8 Valley.

9 I'm another one of those that have come  
10 out of the woodwork. I have never spoken at one of  
11 these political meetings before. I always believed  
12 that people on these commissions would do the right  
13 thing. It's obvious to me they are not.

14 And I would like to cite that the lady  
15 who spoke about the polls and how many -- how the  
16 polls are shifting to Independents. My feeling is  
17 there's a lot of Democrats that are absolutely upset  
18 with this just as well. I mean, honest Democrats as  
19 well. I think you're an embarrassment to them as  
20 well.

21 So I understand by what 99 percent of the  
22 people have spoken here today and I will say no  
23 more.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Mohur

1 Sidhwa, representing self and the subject is  
2 redistricting in favor of competitiveness.

3 MS. SIDHWA: Yes. The name is Mohur Sidhwa.  
4 M-o-h-u-r, S-i-d-h-w-a.

5 When you look at most state maps, you get  
6 a feeling that a fifth grade class using no more  
7 than a ruler would probably have come up with more  
8 and balanced districts, if you look pretty much  
9 anywhere in the U.S.

10 I want to talk about competitive  
11 districts and redistricting as well as communities  
12 of interest.

13 It is true that a reservation like the  
14 Pascua Yaqui should not be divided, but every time  
15 the community of interest dominates and  
16 consideration, we wind up with highly improbable  
17 looking contiguous areas. We also wind up with  
18 protection for people who have lost the energy but  
19 improved the contacts while elected to office.

20 A lack of functionality in government,  
21 including Arizona, tells me that competitiveness of  
22 districts is most important criteria. We need to be  
23 able to debate back and forth. But if the election  
24 results are foregone conclusions, it leads to water  
25 apathy and it hurts the very concept of Democracy if

1 there isn't enough competitiveness, and that is,  
2 after all, what this nation was built on, was  
3 Democracy and competitiveness.

4 By the time this whole horse-and-pony  
5 show is over and done with, yes, you will be  
6 vilified, probably from all sides of the aisle.

7 Keep focusing on your job without  
8 allowing yourselves to be bullied, no matter how  
9 many people are turfed in here. Do what you think  
10 is right, and that is basically all you can do  
11 because it's a very difficult job.

12 And I thank you all for doing it, but do  
13 keep competitiveness in mind because that is the  
14 essence of Democracy, not caging.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Onita  
17 Davis, representing Tucson SmartGirl Politics and  
18 the subject is RFP selection.

19 MS. DAVIS: Good morning, once again.

20 From the beginning, the RFP process  
21 appears to be stacked against an unbiased and  
22 nonpartisan decision. The voting record of our  
23 Independent Commissioner has consistently been along  
24 party lines and has compromised the integrity of the  
25 independence in the AIRC.

1           Despite the concerns expressed to the  
2 Commission by the citizens of this committee --  
3 community, the voices of the people have once again  
4 been silenced by partisan politics.

5           And I appreciate what the lady just said  
6 in her point of view. And I'm not asking for  
7 consideration as either a Democratic or a  
8 Republican, because I'm an Independent, and I  
9 thought that this is what the Commission was  
10 supposed to be, independent, nonpartisan.

11           The most politically biased company of  
12 the four considered has been selected. Strategic  
13 Telemetry has publicly stated a position that is  
14 contrary to the Arizona laws and the AIRC criteria  
15 governing the redistricting process.

16           Yes, you know, communities of like  
17 interest is one of the criteria. Yes,  
18 competitiveness is one of the criteria. There are  
19 five important items to be considered in  
20 redistricting. Only two are really being talked  
21 about today.

22           If you did not listen to our concerns  
23 during the selection process, how can we trust you  
24 to listen to us during the mapping process? It is  
25 obvious that we cannot.

1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Bill  
2 Yarnell, representing himself and the subject is  
3 competitive districts.

4           MR. YARNELL: Hi. Bill, B-i-l-l, last name  
5 Yarnell, Y-a-r-n-e-l-l. I live in Vail. And I  
6 would like to talk today about competitive  
7 districts.

8           I came to the previous Commission a  
9 decade ago to talk to them about competitive  
10 districts and they used commonalities of interest  
11 and minority representation and some other excuses  
12 for not coming up with competitive districts.

13           Of the 30 state districts in the  
14 Legislature, three of them were competitive.

15           Now, politicians are most responsive if  
16 they are in a competitive district. If they are in  
17 a district where they are going to get reelected  
18 every time whether they do anything or not, they are  
19 not going to listen to their constituents. So  
20 competitive districts end up having the best  
21 politicians, the best elected officials.

22           So please don't use any excuses like the  
23 last Commission did, and make sure all of the  
24 districts are competitive, or as many as possible  
25 because that's for a healthy Democracy, a healthy

1 Arizona.

2           Whatever company ends up doing the  
3 mapping, don't use that as an excuse. Don't say,  
4 oh, well, the mapping company wanted it here or  
5 there. It's your decision. The five of you make  
6 the final decisions. Please make sure Arizona has  
7 competitive districts.

8           Thank you.

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10           Our next speaker is James Kelley,  
11 Chairman LD29, Pima GOP, and subject is mapping  
12 vendor.

13           MR. KELLEY: Thank you very much for letting  
14 me address you again.

15           James Kelley, K-e-l-l-e-y.

16           I'm not going to pretend to belong to a  
17 nonpartisan group. I am a partisan individual. I  
18 am chairman of LD29 for the GOP, but I also live in  
19 Rancho Valencia. My community has absolutely  
20 nothing in common with most of 29, in terms of how  
21 it's presently set up.

22           We have a very downtown center  
23 leadership. We have one member of our delegation  
24 that doesn't even live in the district and yet he's  
25 calling it a competitive district and he runs

1 unopposed, so go figure.

2 Strategic Telemetry was a bad decision.  
3 I do hope that you will revisit it. It is a very,  
4 very bad decision. There are two Arizona vendors  
5 that could do the job just as well.

6 It is not my job to be nonpartisan and  
7 independent, it is your job to be nonpartisan and  
8 independent. There's been way too much -- just  
9 arizonareddistricting.com supported by eight  
10 different organizations that are heavily on -- and,  
11 again, whose mission is the election of progressive  
12 Democrats. And yet you touted them and said how  
13 much we should all go to arizonareddistricting.com  
14 and use their mapping process, that only about half  
15 of the people could get into it.

16 Not once has anybody said, oh, you know,  
17 go support Tea Party Patriots or go support Citizens  
18 for Sensible Redistricting. So obviously, there's a  
19 bias in there, and that bias needs to stop. It  
20 needs to stop entirely. You need to just stop  
21 listening to them, you need to throw them out of  
22 your Commission and move on with what the people are  
23 looking for.

24 If you want competitive districts -- you  
25 will look at an example of a very noncompetitive

1 district, just look at 29. You know, there's no way  
2 that that is a competitive district in any way,  
3 shape, or form.

4 It is my sincere desire Mr. Executive  
5 Director, that my borders change for LD29. I need  
6 to pick up voters. 28, 30, and 27 need to lose  
7 voters. It's just that simple. I want my borders  
8 moved.

9 I want Campbell to be my western border,  
10 Houghton to be my eastern border, Broadway to be my  
11 Northern border and Pima Mine Road to be my southern  
12 border. That's the way -- we have much more in  
13 common with each other and we have homeowners and  
14 homeowners association. We don't have a highly  
15 transient population like we do west of Campbell.

16 So east of Campbell, west of Houghton,  
17 south of Broadway, north of Pima Mine Road. That's  
18 what I want. And any company that will give me  
19 that, great.

20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Steve  
22 Dotson. You can correct me if I'm mispronouncing  
23 that. Representing himself and the subject is  
24 mapping.

25 MR. DOTSON: Sorry for my poor handwriting.

1           It's Stephen Dotson, S-t-e-p-h-e-n,  
2 D-o-t-s-o-n.

3           I want to talk to you about mapping. The  
4 consideration of companies not from Arizona but from  
5 Washington, D.C., only sends money and jobs to  
6 national political interests and disregards the  
7 local communities that they affect. Do not let our  
8 tax dollars be spent to take jobs away from  
9 Arizonans.

10           Dissolving communities of like interest  
11 to change the balance of power in the State  
12 Legislature is both unethical, it is biased, and it  
13 is irresponsible.

14           This panel must listen to the  
15 constituency, and I use that word -- that term  
16 because you are appointed here to represent all  
17 Arizonans, not just Democrats.

18           A failure to do this will completely  
19 unveil a bias on this panel and result in more of  
20 our precious Arizona tax dollars and time spent on  
21 litigation.

22           Thank you.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Geri  
24 Ottoboni, representing NETOT, subject is mapping.  
25 And if you could, again, remind us what NETOT stands

1 for.

2 MS. OTTOBONI: Madame Chairwoman and  
3 Commissioners, it's Network of Tucson.

4 My name is Geri Ottoboni, that's  
5 O-t-t-o-b-o-n-i. It means "I am good" in Italian.

6 After I spoke at your meeting in Phoenix  
7 yesterday, I get the impression that you are not  
8 interested in citizen input, as your website and you  
9 all have stated.

10 You have chosen a company from  
11 Washington, D.C., not Arizona. I'm shocked.  
12 Arizona needs money, Arizona needs jobs, an Arizona  
13 company knows more about Arizona.

14 You have chosen an obviously Democratic  
15 company, one whose president, Ron Strasma, was the  
16 national director of Obama's 2008 national  
17 targeting. Excuse me, how nonpartisan is that, the  
18 most Democrat companies of all of the companies  
19 interviewed. Why take financial advantage out of  
20 Arizona and give it to Washington, D.C.? This  
21 smacks of bias.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
24 Shirley Cooney, representing self and the subject is  
25 fairness in redistricting.

1 MS. COONEY: I'm Shirley Cooney. That's  
2 S-h-i-r-l-e-y, C-o-o-n-e-y, and I'm from Pima  
3 County.

4 And I just wish to say as I'm holding  
5 here a paper from the Proposition 106, which has  
6 given all of you a very serious charge, and this is  
7 what the voters voted for when this came up in that  
8 election.

9 And it relates to the ending of the  
10 practice of gerrymandering and improving voter and  
11 candidate participation in elections by creating an  
12 independent commission of balanced appointments to  
13 oversee the mapping of fair and competitive  
14 Congressional and Legislative districts.

15 And I must say I was quite appalled when  
16 I heard yesterday that there has been a mapping  
17 company chosen that was so highly partisan as the  
18 one which we are facing now. And if the voters who  
19 voted for this initiative, when they find out who  
20 this mapping company is, I think there are going to  
21 be repercussions.

22 We as voters of Arizona should expect --  
23 we should demand that we have fair and balanced  
24 districting so we can have fair elections.

25 May the best candidate win but only if we

1 have fair districting.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
4 Donald Spann, representing Jennifer Rawson, and the  
5 subject is redistricting.

6 MR. SPANN: I am Don Spann, FPA again, and  
7 this is a letter from Jennifer Rawson, R-a-w-s-o-n.  
8 Jennifer is a city -- candidate for city council.

9 Thank you.

10 My name is Jennifer Rawson. I am the new  
11 residents greeter in the Harrison Hills Homeowners  
12 Association. We are on the northeast side of  
13 Tucson.

14 We have an area of interest with the  
15 total east side of Tucson from Barrett Canyon to  
16 Rita Ranch. We are presently in one Congressional  
17 district. It would be unfair and unfortunate if  
18 this Commission would lump us in with the south side  
19 of Tucson.

20 We live close to open land and have great  
21 views of the mountains. Our social and political  
22 structure is mirrored with the district that runs  
23 north to south as opposed east to west.

24 I know you will do what is beneficial to  
25 your party. When you make that choice, you reduce

1 the representation that is available to the people.

2 Each election should be an honest contest  
3 of ideas. Power should be in the hands of the  
4 people.

5 I respectfully request that you do not  
6 gerrymander for the benefit of a party, but honestly  
7 redistrict for fair representation of all the  
8 citizens.

9 Jennifer would say thank you; I say thank  
10 you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is Jack Heald. Again,  
13 you can correct me. He's representing LD26, GOP.

14 MR. HEALD: That's close enough, Madame  
15 Chairman. As long as you call me for dinner.

16 It's H-e-a-l-d, Jack.

17 In regard to the independence of the  
18 Commission, I have a question -- two questions for  
19 you, is why was Chris Gleason not considered  
20 eligible to serve? Was it because he was a  
21 Christian?

22 The second question is considering  
23 Representative Grijalva and President Obama's calls  
24 for an Arizona boycott, why would this company come,  
25 and better, why would we send money out of state?

1           As a Mexican lady on the TV ad said to  
2 Raul, "Shame on you."

3           Thank you.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
5 Merritt McGlothlin, representing Sun City Vistoso  
6 and the subject is redistricting.

7           MR. MCGLOTHLIN: That is Merritt,  
8 M-e-r-r-i-t-t, M-c-g-l-o-t-h-l-i-n.

9           I'm not going to be redundant and it  
10 would an understatement to say that redistricting is  
11 not a hot topic or a hot-button item. But judging  
12 from the comments that I have heard here today, our  
13 little experiment here in Arizona as being, I think,  
14 one of two states in the country to allow  
15 redistricting to be done by an independent, I put in  
16 quotations "independent panel," is a tough process.

17           I don't know, because I don't know any of  
18 you. I can't look into your hearts and know why you  
19 took on this job and I don't know if any of you have  
20 ulterior motives or not, but I can say this: That  
21 it is a tough process and it should be an open  
22 process.

23           And I hope that you have sat here and  
24 listened to this crowd and do not casually and  
25 arrogantly dismiss this group as a bunch of

1 disgruntled Republicans. They are Americans, they  
2 are Arizonans, and all they want is a proper  
3 independent redistricting of the state and  
4 Congressional districts without bias and it  
5 certainly should be done, I would think by  
6 Arizonans.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Joe  
9 Boogaart, representing self and the subject is  
10 choice of firms, committee makeup.

11 MR. BOOGAART: Hi. I'm Joe Boogaart. That's  
12 B, double o, g, double a, r-t, and I'm a resident of  
13 Marana.

14 And I haven't participated. I haven't  
15 come to any of the others. But somebody notified me  
16 today, you might be interested if you came down  
17 here.

18 All I can say is "Wow." I haven't -- I  
19 live -- I went to the University of Arizona. I  
20 moved away. I went to Florida for about 28 years.  
21 My wife said, "I'm going back to Arizona. You  
22 coming?" So here I am.

23 But in Florida, we had something called  
24 the sunshine law and there were no closed meetings.  
25 And I think that's what we're failing to have here,

1 is there's a lot of closed-door meetings on this.  
2 And I think if it was more open, that more correct  
3 solutions would be made and a lot more knowledge  
4 would be had by the public and maybe eliminate a lot  
5 of the antagonism that we have here.

6 But I've been listening to the people  
7 here, and I was going to reiterate what they all  
8 said but they said it pretty darned good. I can --  
9 and it appears to me that there's a majority of  
10 people here who have great concerns about this. And  
11 I think it's your responsibility as the Commission  
12 to listen to it.

13 That's all I have.

14 Thank you for your time.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16 Our next speaker is Linda White,  
17 representing precinct 326 and the subject is mapping  
18 company designee.

19 MS. WHITE: That's L-i-n-d-a, W-h-i-t-e.

20 I just want to add my voice to the  
21 majority of people here who are very outraged at the  
22 selection of the mapping company.

23 At the Oro Valley meeting, the chairwoman  
24 recognized my question from the audience when I  
25 asked how many of those mapping firms were from

1 Arizona, although after she answered and told me  
2 two, she was told the information was confidential.  
3 I was somewhat pleased that perhaps a mapping  
4 company would be from Arizona.

5           It's an outrage that the business would  
6 go outside of this state. It's an outrage, an  
7 absolute red flag that a company that is about to  
8 have a recall in the state of Wisconsin did not make  
9 you sit up and realize that perhaps this was not the  
10 company to choose.

11           So on behalf of everyone sitting here, I,  
12 too, am outraged at the selection of this company.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Chris  
14 Bubany, is representing self and the subject is  
15 mapping the districts.

16           MS. BUBANY: That's Chris, with a C-h, and  
17 last name Bubany, B-u-b-a-n-y.

18           I'm a small business owner and wanted to  
19 come to some of these redistricting meetings but I  
20 couldn't because they were held during the day, most  
21 of the time, or up in Phoenix. It's only because I  
22 am on a staycation this week that I am able to be  
23 here.

24           So my original intent was to come and  
25 talk about redistricting, keeping in mind

1 communities of interest.

2 I live in the Tanque Verde Valley. I do  
3 a lot of my business, I go to church, all kinds of  
4 things in that valley.

5 And so I was going to implore this  
6 committee to keep that in mind, communities of  
7 interest, not competitive districts. Because  
8 communities of interest need to be represented by  
9 the people they elect who are going to respond to  
10 those interests.

11 The other -- but then when I found out  
12 that this out-of-town company had been chosen for  
13 the mapping, I thought what good will it do me to  
14 come and make a case for redistricting with  
15 communities of interest. And not only was it an  
16 out-of-town company chosen, it was one that is  
17 highly favorable to the Obama administration.

18 Arizona is primarily -- is a majority  
19 Republican, next we're Independent, third we're  
20 Democrat.

21 Now, is this another fundamental  
22 transformation of America? We're going to have a  
23 company not even of Arizonans to redistrict our  
24 state for us? I think that's not right.

25 And it is a company that expressly says

1 that they are progressive Democrats. Now, we know  
2 progressive is a nice word for socialist and we also  
3 know that the Democratic party is being highjacked  
4 by the socialist movement, which maybe is only  
5 20 percent of the party.

6 Is this okay with the majority of  
7 Democrats that we are leaning to become a more  
8 socialist country? That is not what we are about.

9 And it's very disappointing now to see  
10 how that company who is progressive Democrats,  
11 highly favoring the Obama administration, is now  
12 going to have influence in this state. That is not  
13 right.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
15 Dianna Lebrecht, representing self and the subject  
16 is redistricting mapping.

17 MS. LEBRECHT: My name is Dianna Lebrecht,  
18 D-i-a-n-n-a, last name L-e-b-r-e-c-h-t.

19 I'm a native of Tucson. My parents moved  
20 here in '45. They loved this town and I love this  
21 town. I love this whole Valley. And I love our  
22 state. I wish to remain here.

23 I sell real estate, and I have since  
24 1971. But I can tell you that I am getting more and  
25 more comments that we don't want to stay in Arizona.

1 We sure don't want to stay in Tucson or Pima County.  
2 It's getting corrupt. Nobody is listening to the  
3 people.

4 Now, you know what, I've been looking in  
5 your eyes since I've been here and I know you have  
6 good hearts. I know each and every one of you have  
7 a good heart and I know that you can listen to your  
8 highest sense of what's right to do.

9 We always have to listen to the people  
10 because that is what brought us to America. We  
11 listened to the people. We didn't want a select few  
12 in England to tell us what was best for us and  
13 regulate and dictate to us so that a few would  
14 govern the rest.

15 Now, you guys are good people. Listen to  
16 what's being said. You can change your minds. It's  
17 okay. You don't have to laugh at the man that said  
18 he would be happy to write that resignation letter.  
19 It's okay. It needs to be done. You guys made a  
20 mistake. You're good people. And I'm trusting in  
21 your highest sense of what's right.

22 "Lebrecht" means live right. Come on,  
23 let's do it.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
25 Barney Brenner, and you'll have to tell us who you

1 are representing. The subject is clear conflict of  
2 interest.

3 MR. BRENNER: I am Barney Brenner,  
4 B-r-e-n-n-e-r, and I'm just representing myself.

5 I didn't come here planning to speak but  
6 there have been so many astonishing revelations here  
7 today that I just want to comment despite the fact  
8 that you think although Arizona is or has been  
9 significantly Republican in recent years, Pima  
10 County and Southern Arizona and Tucson is largely  
11 Democrat majority. And you would think that the  
12 actions of this board, which seems to be highly  
13 partisan and biased, would be championed by people  
14 in this community. But yet here you have a room  
15 full of people who showed up in this -- in what's  
16 somewhat partisan community here, yet they want to  
17 see fairness. They don't want to see bias. They  
18 don't want to see a conflict of interest, which was  
19 the subject line that I put down.

20 Now, I could be wrong, but Madame  
21 Chairman, but if you're married to a man who is the  
22 treasurer on a campaign for a Democrat that came  
23 in -- that got the third largest amount of votes for  
24 two seats under the existing district lines, you  
25 would think that that would represent a clear

1 conflict of interest in being on a committee that  
2 wants to redraw those lines.

3 Now, I do want to ask one thing that's  
4 been kind of tiptoed around but it's a one-word  
5 answer and I haven't gotten a clear answer, on the  
6 contract that was given to this so-called mapping  
7 firm, has that been signed? Is it a done deal?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Doesn't make a  
9 difference.

10 MS. O'GRADY: Again, this is the time for  
11 comments. This is their time to listen.

12 MR. BRENNER: Okay. Can't answer.

13 Let me just say if it has, there's  
14 usually clauses in these contracts that manage to  
15 cover a company's expenses up to a particular point,  
16 if they've done any work.

17 If they haven't done any work, sometimes  
18 there's still clauses in there that they get paid.  
19 Just so you don't use it as an excuse that we don't  
20 want to cost the taxpayers money. I'm sure you  
21 could get lots and lots of private citizens who  
22 would love to offset the cost so we can have an  
23 unbiased firm doing this process.

24 And so I mostly wanted to talk to say  
25 that -- I wanted to get the word "conflict of

1 interest" on the record clearly, because it does  
2 seem to me that that's the case and the fact that if  
3 someone lost under the existing lines and the  
4 chairman's husband worked for that person, seems  
5 clear to me the right thing to do when you have a  
6 conflict of interest, I hear there's a process for  
7 removing members of the Commission.

8 I hope that's not necessary. Seems to me  
9 whenever you have a conflict of interest, the right  
10 thing to do is to step down and say I can't be  
11 impartial.

12 So one way or another, I hope that's  
13 done, and I hope we can get an unbiased committee  
14 here and an unbiased result.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Brenner, can you  
17 state where you live, what county or city?

18 MR. BRENNER: I'm in the county, just outside  
19 of city limits.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Of Tucson?

21 MR. BRENNER: Of Tucson, yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23 MR. BRENNER: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Next speaker is Curtis  
25 Dutiel, representing self and the subject is mapping

1 company.

2 MR. DUTIEL: My name is Curtis Dutiel,  
3 C-u-r-t-i-s, D-u-t-i-e-l. I'm a resident of Tucson.  
4 I'm a second generation native of Tucson, third  
5 generation, Arizonan, if that really matters. With  
6 some people it seems to.

7 I'm here to speak about the selection of  
8 a mapping company.

9 It seems a lot of people are upset that  
10 this particular company has ties or has done work  
11 for other companies. Maps -- the maps that are  
12 drawn are -- that are going to be created, it  
13 doesn't matter who creates them, the Commission has  
14 the final say, and I think that seems to be lost.

15 Another thing that seems to be lost is  
16 that while this company is from Washington, D.C.,  
17 the other company that got votes was from  
18 California.

19 So it seems to me that at some point in  
20 time, the companies that were in the running for  
21 this that were from Arizona were dropped by the  
22 wayside for one reason or another.

23 This Commission was created to be  
24 Independent. The process was clear, drawn out. Had  
25 to go through one revisit and I think we need to let

1 the Commission kind of do their work, and I'm hoping  
2 the Commissioners will realize that though you have  
3 people up here that are yelling and screaming, don't  
4 just listen to people because they are the most that  
5 can make a meeting in the middle of the day when  
6 many people are working. That they look at what  
7 they have done and they've made a choice. Let's  
8 move on.

9           Keep revisiting these issues is going to  
10 draw this process out longer and actually could  
11 result in the Feds actually having more of a say in  
12 this. Let's let the Commission of people from  
13 Arizona do their job.

14           Thank you.

15           MR. HERRERA: Thank you.

16           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is David  
17 Higuera, representing self and the choice is  
18 out-of-state firm is the subject.

19           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair, can I  
20 remind the audience not to -- you know, when the  
21 people are making comments, whether you agree with  
22 them or not, you know, don't speak under your breath  
23 loudly. Let people voice their opinions. So I  
24 would appreciate your respect of every person  
25 speaking, whether you agree with them or not.

1 MR. HIGUERA: David Higuera, H-i-g-u-e-r-a.

2 Somebody just mentioned it, but one of  
3 the other firms -- a couple of the other firms I  
4 think that you guys were looking at were also out of  
5 state.

6 I think it's really interesting, the firm  
7 that was chosen ten years ago was the same  
8 California firm that was in the running this time.  
9 They were chosen by the 2000 -- or they made the  
10 maps in 2000.

11 I doubt that a lot of people in this room  
12 would be as up in arms if that same California firm  
13 had just been chosen yesterday.

14 So I think this whole argument about it's  
15 an out-of-state firm, the economy and market spent  
16 our money in Arizona is just a total red herring.

17 On the other hand, I do think there's  
18 something important to consider now that you have  
19 got your firm.

20 Last time around, ten years ago, that  
21 redistricting commission took the competitiveness  
22 criteria and they put it way at the bottom. They  
23 thought they had to answer all of the other ones  
24 first and then they could get some competitive in  
25 there, they would try.

1           We developed, I think, 4 or 5 truly  
2 competitive districts in Arizona out of 30. We  
3 ended up with about 16 or 17 quote, unquote, safe  
4 Republican districts and 6 or 7 or 8, quote,  
5 unquote, safe Democratic districts.

6           A situation like that just means you're  
7 always going to have one party of power. And I'm an  
8 American. I believe that two parties in power is  
9 the way our system is meant to be.

10           And so I hope at the end of the day,  
11 regardless of all the rhetoric here, that you guys  
12 just focus on the most competitive maps at the  
13 Congressional level and Legislative level that you  
14 can possibly come up with. Because ultimately those  
15 candidates have to run for the middle run, for the  
16 moderate votes, that's when we end up with a better  
17 government. And I think we can all agree that the  
18 government we've seen here in Arizona in the last  
19 few years has been lacking.

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Maria  
21 Apodaca, representing self and the subject is  
22 choice.

23           MS. APODACA: Good afternoon. I wasn't  
24 planning on speaking. I just felt really compelled  
25 in my heart to get up here.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: State your name.

2 MS. APODACA: Oh, Maria, M-a-r-i-a, Apodaca,  
3 A-p-o-d-a-c-a.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm sorry, if you could  
5 just state where you live, county or city.

6 MS. APODACA: Tucson.

7 And just because some people have said,  
8 my family has been here for years, even when this  
9 was still Mexico. So I have deep roots in this  
10 area. I don't know if that really matters.

11 But what I wanted to say was this is  
12 America and we are a republic. You are to represent  
13 the people and the people's voice and hear what the  
14 people have said.

15 And what I find disheartening is when  
16 people go and take time, because we're all busy  
17 people. I work. I have children. One of my  
18 children is disabled. It's hard for me to get out  
19 and do things like this in the middle of the day --  
20 well, at any time really. But when I do -- and then  
21 I just feel like it's a real big slap in the face  
22 when things go the other way because the peoples'  
23 position has not been taken to heart. And I really  
24 -- I really want -- I really am asking, I want to  
25 put my faith back into the system, because right now

1 it's not there. I feel like I've been -- my voice  
2 has not been represented in what I have to say.

3 Now, I understand there was Proposition  
4 106. If you look at the details that are on there,  
5 what you're to do, the criteria -- I think that's  
6 what you should follow, that should be your  
7 guidelines.

8 I don't know if you take an oath for this  
9 position. I don't know, but -- you do? You do all  
10 take an oath for this position?

11 I ask you please to honor the oath you  
12 take. This has been one of my pet peeves for the  
13 longest time is, you know, Congress and everybody  
14 takes an oath to defend the Constitution but yet  
15 we've gotten so far away from it, and it really is a  
16 pet peeve of mine.

17 If you're going to be in a position, any  
18 position, whether it's federal, state, or local  
19 level, honor the oath you take. Okay? Honor it.

20 Go back and look at Proposition 106 and  
21 read what's there.

22 Now, for this law firm company -- not the  
23 law firm, but the mapping company that you got, from  
24 what I'm hearing I just found out yesterday myself,  
25 it's a progressive Democrat mapping company. I

1 don't know how you can get fair redistricting from  
2 that.

3           So again, help me put me faith back into  
4 the system.

5           Thank you.

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7           MR. HERRERA: Thank you.

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
9 Brandon Patrick, representing self. Subject is  
10 redistricting in general.

11           MR. PATRICK: Good afternoon. It's Brandon,  
12 P-a-t-r-i-c-k, is the spelling of the last name.  
13 I'm a Tucson resident.

14           Thank you.

15           I am here for two things. First off, to  
16 thank you the Commission for the work that they do.  
17 I know it is a thankless job, can be a thankless job  
18 and there are people that appreciate the work that  
19 you guys are doing.

20           The other thing that I wanted to say is  
21 that to me, this issue boils down to the intelligent  
22 expenditure of taxpayer money.

23           As I understand it, we had two people in  
24 the running -- or two firms, Arizona firms in the  
25 running for this contract. One them was ruled out

1 of hand by Republicans, it was accused of being a  
2 Democrat firm; and the other firm that I believe the  
3 Republicans were in favor of had absolutely no  
4 experience whatsoever with redistricting. So those  
5 two were ruled out leaving us with the California  
6 firm and the one that ended up being chosen.

7 As has already been said, the California  
8 firm did their work last time and didn't do it  
9 extraordinarily well with concern to making --  
10 creating competitive districts.

11 So as a taxpayer, my concern, honestly,  
12 and as a voter, is that we have districts that are  
13 competitive and a contract -- or a contractor that's  
14 able to fulfill the requirements of the contract.  
15 That requires experience.

16 I think what the Commission has done,  
17 although no solution is absolutely perfect, I think  
18 that the Commission has chosen the contractor with  
19 the most experience and which is most able to  
20 complete this contract successfully. And I think  
21 that they are on the right track with that decision  
22 and I think we should press forward with it.

23 Thank you very much.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1           Our next speaker is Cruz Moran. Again,  
2 you can correct me. The subject is review and  
3 you'll have to tell us who you're representing.

4           MR. MORAN: Hello. How is it going?

5           My name is Cruz Moran. I'm a civilian,  
6 is as anybody in this room.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can you state where you  
8 reside?

9           MR. MORAN: What's that?

10          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can you say where you  
11 reside, either town --

12          MR. MORAN: East side.

13          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Tucson?

14          MR. MORAN: Yeah.

15                 So I don't know who has the authority  
16 or -- you know, to make decisions in this course of  
17 time, but, you know, most importantly what citizens  
18 want to know more about is -- you know, check your  
19 history. You know, how -- you know, written  
20 elevations and innovations accumulated over time.

21                 Do some research. I'm not going to tell  
22 you guys what to do or how to do it. You know, just  
23 brief input on what you guys are doing and paying  
24 attention on how well you do it. Communicate within  
25 each other, because most people -- you know, get

1 tired and, you know, they really don't want to speak  
2 how they feel, you know, like Obama.

3 This guy, he's trying to get -- he's  
4 shaking everybody's hand, you know, he's trying to  
5 meet everybody and trying to get to know -- get a  
6 feel for who they are really.

7 As your citizens here in Arizona, you  
8 know, they all -- they all feel the same way and the  
9 concerns --

10 You know, progress is not going to happen  
11 overnight. We all know that. It takes time, you  
12 know, bringing in education.

13 I was here -- I watch the news  
14 constantly. Things like fires burning out there,  
15 wasting millions of dollars trying to cool these  
16 fires out. I mean, pick up some dirt, throw some  
17 dirt on it. Stop wasting so much of your resources.

18 You know, another way that we could  
19 impact and subside the global warming and all of  
20 these conditions that are occurring in environmental  
21 patterns as well is that to create more jobs and  
22 stabilize more jobs, we would have to -- I would  
23 like to see if there would be -- like back in the  
24 day they created or accumulated a bunch of people to  
25 work out and plant trees somewhere, you know,

1 wherever they may be, but they grew fonder, they  
2 grew as a society, they united more.

3           These people, you know, reconstructed  
4 national forest, Sahuaro National Forest, Grand  
5 Canyon, they designed the whole thing.

6           I mean, I'm not pointing out and saying  
7 specific things here, but this is just a matter of  
8 who you are and where you are at and what you're  
9 doing with -- with your productivity.

10           You know, race doesn't really matter for  
11 me. I'm Hispanic, but I've been involved -- I've  
12 traveled from the West Coast to the East Coast.  
13 There's probably like four states that I haven't  
14 been to, and Arizona is probably the only state that  
15 involves a lot of adverse cities within border  
16 lines.

17           Other states are isolated. They are  
18 conservative to some degree. They deal with their  
19 own statutal (sic) concerns, you know, whether the  
20 community gets involved or doesn't get involved.

21           You know, I'm saying -- I'm expanding --  
22 I'm trying to expand your guys' horizons to  
23 communicate with other individuals instead of just,  
24 you know, narrowing it down.

25           You know, most people are concerned about

1 their health, health issues, how healthcare is --  
2 how healthcare -- costs -- a visit -- a visit to --  
3 a visit to the ER is probably, you know, thousands  
4 of dollars, you know, just to go to a visit.

5 I mean, there's a lot of things that play  
6 -- that play a part.

7 I'm from a young generation. I'm 23  
8 years old. I can sit here and talk about -- and  
9 give you guys information that's valid because, you  
10 know, it's true, it's happening, it's recurring.  
11 It's progressive, it's going forward, not backwards.

12 You know, most individuals are -- could  
13 be Republican or Democratic. You know, right now,  
14 there are a lot of Democratic campaigns out there.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Moran, I apologize,  
16 but we asked all of the public to limit their  
17 comments to three minutes. We've gone over that.  
18 If you could wrap up, that would be great.

19 MR. MORAN: That's it.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

21 MR. MORAN: You guys know what you guys are  
22 doing.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three minutes.

24 MR. MORAN: You know, just figure it out.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1           Our next speaker Lee Cornelison. I'm  
2 sorry. Cornelison. I'm really bad. Representing  
3 self and the subject is representing Democracy.

4           MR. CORNELISON: My name is Lee Cornelison,  
5 C-o-r-n-e-l-i-s-o-n. I live in Green Valley.

6           And I'll tell you, about a year ago my  
7 wife and I retired and decided to come home to  
8 Arizona. One of the reasons we wanted to come home  
9 to Arizona -- one of the many reasons was we felt  
10 like this state had a good government,  
11 constitutional Democracy, that protected and  
12 defended representative Democracy.

13           This Commission has responsibility to  
14 protect that thing called representative Democracy.  
15 And I spent 30 years in an Army uniform defending  
16 and protecting. That's a huge responsibility.

17           And as a veteran, I charge each one of  
18 you to be unbiased, to forget your political  
19 alignments before you came here. You need to  
20 protect the very principles that this country  
21 survives on and thrives on.

22           As I said, I've only been here a year,  
23 but what I'm reading in the papers makes me question  
24 how unbiased this Commission is. The selection of  
25 the mapping firm. I have to ask the question, that

1 is so biased and so far over to the left, I have to  
2 ask, did you do that as a red herring? Because you  
3 knew there would be a public outcry. Was that  
4 simply an act to try to have the opportunity to  
5 select the firm you really wanted? You know, I  
6 can't believe five intelligent people could make  
7 that decision.

8 And finally, I'll end with this:

9 Ms. Mathis, if you're an Independent, I'm a French  
10 fry.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Frank  
12 Rice, representing self and the subject is mapping  
13 the districts.

14 MR. RICE: Hi everybody. My name is Frank  
15 Rice, R-i-c-e. I'm a Tucson resident. I've lived  
16 here since 1986. I'm from Atlanta. I'll try to be  
17 coherent.

18 I am heartsick, and I would like to point  
19 out to the Commission that that's what you're  
20 hearing. You're hearing from people that are  
21 heartsick because we know -- I'm 65 years old. We  
22 know that without the strong fundamental principles  
23 of our founding documents, that we're never going to  
24 survive the progressive element in this country.

25 And the war, the political war between

1 the progressives and the conservatives in this  
2 country has been going on for a hundred years. I'm  
3 not sure if you all know that.

4 Now, listen, just as an aside, I spent  
5 ten of those sixty-five years living in and around  
6 Washington, D.C. And I can guarantee you, there is  
7 no more corrupt city in this nation than Washington,  
8 D.C. If you have lived there, then you know that to  
9 be true. But I think I probably spent more time  
10 there than you have.

11 If you go -- you know, there's nothing  
12 wrong with evolution, progress, that kind of thing,  
13 but without a firm founding and a basic principle, a  
14 basic virtue, a basic honesty, and a basic liberty,  
15 you have nothing but corruption, which is why we're  
16 all heartsick about this, because we know we got an  
17 uphill battle.

18 What you are about to do is give the  
19 advantage to the people we consider to be political  
20 enemies. That is progressive socialist agenda, as  
21 my political enemy, because that party ignores my  
22 liberty, my right to be an individual that's free to  
23 pursue my own God-given abilities and talent and to  
24 travel from one state to another, which Canadians  
25 could not do until 1987. I'm not sure if you knew

1 that.

2           If you look at this founding document of  
3 ours, the preamble, it says "We the people." What  
4 that actually means is that the people of the United  
5 States are self-governing and you have been chosen  
6 as a representative of the people of the State of  
7 Arizona. And our input is to be represented by you,  
8 not given away to a company that lives in the most  
9 corrupt city in the nation.

10           That's -- I just need to let you know.  
11 If you do not listen to the people, then our ability  
12 to self-govern has been cut off at the knees.  
13 That's why everybody in this room is heartsick, with  
14 the exception of a couple of people.

15           And I would just like for you to consider  
16 that without -- without that ability to self-govern  
17 and the freedom that has given us all over these  
18 last 200-and-some years, you would not even be  
19 sitting here in this position of responsibility.  
20 It's not a position of authority, it's a position of  
21 responsibility to us, we the people.

22           And thank you for letting me speak.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24           Our next speaker is Shelby Hawkins,  
25 representing self and the subject is mapping.

1 MS. HAWKINS: Hi, my name is Shelby Hawkins.  
2 I've lived in this community since August 1st, 1978.  
3 I came to Tucson because my husband's parents were  
4 here and started a business. I'm a small business  
5 owner. I'm in my 31st year.

6 As raising family by myself, because I  
7 was divorced early on, I really didn't have a lot of  
8 time to get into politics. Raising three little  
9 babies by myself was kind of tough.

10 But as I was -- as the business was  
11 growing, I kept hearing this one name, and the name  
12 was Grijalva. And again, I didn't pay attention to  
13 any political activities, but -- because I was just  
14 too busy building my business.

15 I can tell you in the last ten years here  
16 in Tucson and Southern Arizona, it has gotten harder  
17 and harder and harder to run a business. It has  
18 gotten beyond competitive. It's gotten  
19 progressively worse.

20 And the one man that called for a boycott  
21 in our state is a progressive Democrat.

22 Now, I hear a lot of people talking to  
23 you folks and I hear them saying please listen to me  
24 and please understand where we are coming from.

25 For me, I hear -- for me, I see that you

1 are hearing but you're not listening. And as far as  
2 I'm concerned, I really don't have a whole lot faith  
3 in what you are going to do.

4 So just keep that in mind for businesses,  
5 because you're driving more and more out of the  
6 state.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Randy  
9 Graf, representing self and the subject is mapping  
10 and Prop 106.

11 MR. GRAF: Madame Chairman, Commission, thank  
12 you for being here today.

13 My name is Randy Graf. I live in Green  
14 Valley, which is in the county.

15 Ten years ago I had the privilege of  
16 serving in the Legislature when the first  
17 redistricting commission was put together and did  
18 their business.

19 Proposition 106, when it was passed,  
20 basically what I told that Commission then was it  
21 gave them basically virtually an impossible task.  
22 You're being asked to create districts that are  
23 competitive, that represent communities of interest,  
24 that are contiguous, there's about a half a dozen  
25 different criteria.

1           You may be able to get a district that is  
2 competitive, you be me able to get a district that  
3 is contiguous, you may be able to get a district  
4 that -- out of 30, you may get one district that  
5 will combine three or four of the criteria that  
6 you're supposed to try to meet.

7           So you've been given an impossible task.  
8 I think the last commission did the best they could  
9 under the circumstances. Brand-new, they had to  
10 come up with 30 new districts and 8 Congressional  
11 districts.

12           But I'm challenging right now the  
13 schedule and the pace that you're on. Are you  
14 planning on tweaking the current districts or are  
15 you going to start from scratch and create 30  
16 Legislative districts and 9 new Congressional  
17 districts?

18           You've got elected officials that want to  
19 know whether or not they are going to be in the  
20 district they ran in last time or something that is  
21 closely representative or are they starting over.  
22 You got voters that want to know. You got possible  
23 candidates that need to know.

24           At this point in time, I'm concerned  
25 about the schedule, your pace, and when these

1 districts are going to be put out to the public.

2 But with the selection and what I have  
3 heard here today -- and I went to the meeting you  
4 had in Oro Valley a couple -- a few weeks ago and  
5 with the selection of this particular firm and the  
6 outrage that has been presented here by the public  
7 today, I've got some concerns that, A, the  
8 proposition, the way it was passed, was flawed, that  
9 it is impossible to implement and that maybe just  
10 maybe it's time for Prop 106 to be repealed.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 This is my last request-to-speak form.  
14 If anyone else would like to address us, feel free  
15 to fill one out and give that to our Executive  
16 Director, Ray Bladine.

17 Our next speaker is Matt Kopec, and he's  
18 representing self and the subject is mapping and  
19 fairness.

20 MR. KOPEC: Thank you.

21 My name is Matt Kopec, K-o-p-e-c. I live  
22 in Tucson, Arizona.

23 I just want to be -- I am a voter and a  
24 taxpayer.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you.

1 MR. KOPEC: I'm sorry.

2 I am a voter and a taxpayer, and I  
3 believe that the choice of going with the firm that  
4 has the experience and expertise was the right  
5 decision. I know that was a sentiment shared by all  
6 commission members. All commission members felt  
7 that it was best to go out of state for a firm to do  
8 that.

9 But then the other point I wanted to make  
10 is I believe it's paramount that the Commission  
11 prioritize competitiveness. I believe that people  
12 have the right to change government if they don't  
13 like the direction it's going, and I believe the  
14 last commission didn't give us that opportunity.

15 So these are some tough decisions. I  
16 believe you are on the right track.

17 Thank you for the opportunity.

18 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there another one?

20 RAY BLADINE: One more. We ran out of forms.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We ran out of forms.

22 Our next speaker is Barry Kirschner, and  
23 the subject is competitiveness. He's representing  
24 self.

25 And if you wouldn't mind spelling your

1 name for us.

2 MR. KIRSCHNER: I live in Tucson. Barry  
3 B-a-r-r-y, Kirschner, K-i-r-s-c-h-n-e-r.

4 Two states with which I am most familiar  
5 regarding political functions are Arizona and  
6 California. Most states are in the throes of  
7 deadlock where the sides don't talk to each other.  
8 There's virtually no change in both Congressional  
9 districts and Legislative districts in the state of  
10 California, and the state level is virtually the  
11 same in Arizona.

12 We have a system where partisans are  
13 elected in a primary and those who vote in the  
14 primary tend to be the most extreme. And what's  
15 happening in states not only California and Arizona,  
16 is that quality of government and how it performs  
17 with the people deteriorate.

18 There are many criteria that you are  
19 supposed to be looking at. The competitiveness is  
20 that central criteria, in my opinion, on what might  
21 make the government function in an improved manner  
22 in the future.

23 The second thing I mentioned on the form,  
24 it wasn't really a form it was just a blank piece of  
25 paper I filled out. It's quite possible that the

1 chairwoman couldn't read my writing. That would put  
2 you in a large group of people who have tried.

3           The charge that you have is to do the  
4 best that you have -- the best that you can. And  
5 the way that reasonable responsible people do the  
6 best that they can is not by functioning in an  
7 evidence-free zone, not by cutting off people or  
8 data, but by analyzing data, looking particularly  
9 for the logic in the data and acting in accordance  
10 with the mission and the logic that you find.

11           When you go ahead and you weigh several  
12 different competing entities, the investment of time  
13 that you put in that is far greater than the  
14 investment of time that someone may read in the  
15 e-mail which calls for action and making a complaint  
16 about it.

17           The nature of your work is complex.  
18 Former Representative Graph is absolutely right in  
19 saying that your mission is very difficult and it  
20 will be impossible to satisfy everybody.

21           But as far as our collective goal is an  
22 improvement of government and better government  
23 relying on the evidence and the logic to help you  
24 perform your charge and to create the most  
25 competitive districts possible, I believe will

1 improve our situation.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

4 No more request to speak forms?

5 Okay. And Mary, is it okay if I can  
6 address just some of the criticisms since that's one  
7 of the things --

8 MS. O'GRADY: Yes. As indicated on the  
9 agenda, we can't -- the Commission can't discuss the  
10 issues that were raised or take action, but at the  
11 close of the public comment, you can do what's  
12 indicated on the agenda, and one of which is respond  
13 to criticisms. You can also refer matters to staff,  
14 schedule them for some further consideration at a  
15 later date.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thanks, Mary.

17 First of all, I really appreciate  
18 everyone coming out and taking time out of their day  
19 to come and address us and give us your feedback.

20 I know that the decision yesterday was  
21 not a popular one, by the majority of the comments  
22 here and that many of you don't agree with my  
23 decision on that.

24 And I can only tell you I would ask you  
25 please to read my statement from yesterday which was

1 posted on our website which details my rationale,  
2 however flawed that may be, for choosing that firm.  
3 And I would really ask you to just have an open mind  
4 as you read it and you can see my rationale and what  
5 was behind that decision.

6           There were so many comments, and I'm just  
7 trying to think of which ones to address. I did  
8 appreciate that the location of the firm was  
9 outside, and I wanted to let everyone -- outside of  
10 the state. And I wanted to let everyone know how we  
11 did this process.

12           We followed State Procurement procedure  
13 and created a request for proposal that was  
14 extremely detailed. All of the commissioners had a  
15 say in drafting that. And that's -- you can view  
16 that on the Internet, actually at procurement, maybe  
17 even we can put that on our website, Ray.

18           There are numerous criteria, and it was  
19 quite a job to ask of any firm, frankly. Most of  
20 these firms put together teams. They put together  
21 subcontractors and they acted as the primes and then  
22 had a numerous group of people around them to  
23 respond, because it was such a huge request to ask  
24 of any one firm.

25           Seven firms responded to that question

1 for proposal. We had no idea who would be  
2 responding. State Procurement contacts us one day,  
3 once the bid closed and said these are the seven  
4 firms that responded.

5 We all looked at those firms very  
6 carefully and evaluated them on specific criteria  
7 that was outlined in the very beginning. Their  
8 methodology, their capacity. Two were price and  
9 conformance. And price and conformance actually  
10 were not judged by the Commissioners. We didn't get  
11 to look at those. That's what State Procurement  
12 dealt with.

13 So we were really just looking at could  
14 they fulfill what we had done - we had written in  
15 our scope of work, that they actually accomplished  
16 the mission.

17 Of those seven, we felt there were four  
18 that could and we wanted to talk to them further.  
19 So we had an interview, which was in public session  
20 which you can view on-line. If you look at our  
21 website and download the June 24th meeting, you can  
22 see it all for yourselves and watch the questions we  
23 asked and how the firms responded.

24 What you haven't seen yet is the actual  
25 -- the written responses that they submitted to

1 State Procurement. And that's something that I'm  
2 hoping that Mary and Ray can help us coordinate to  
3 get so that it's easily accessible and everyone can  
4 see those.

5 Up until yesterday, those were considered  
6 confidential documents. So nobody could see them  
7 except us and that's why also we were always having  
8 executive sessions, because it was a requirement of  
9 State Procurement that we not divulge the contents  
10 of those responses.

11 So -- and I mentioned this yesterday, for  
12 anybody who might have been at our meeting, I know  
13 it's very frustrating for the public. This is  
14 supposed to be as transparent of a process as  
15 possible. You should have access to everything we  
16 are seeing, and all of the commissioners feel that  
17 way.

18 Sometimes -- you know, we decided to  
19 follow that process for State Procurement and follow  
20 the rules. So we did have to go into executive  
21 session on those, whenever we discussed those  
22 documents.

23 Those now -- now that we have made a  
24 selection, those are all available for all of you to  
25 read, and I would ask that you look at those because

1 I think it's important in terms of just  
2 understanding how we came to the decision that we  
3 came to.

4 Let's see what else.

5 I would like to also say that all five of  
6 us, each and every one of us, represents 6.4 million  
7 Arizonans. Even though two were appointed by  
8 Democratic leadership and two were appointed by  
9 Republican leadership, we all represent everyone and  
10 there is no partisanship that is to be had on the  
11 Commission. The goal of all of this is to be an  
12 independent redistricting commission. That is what  
13 Prop 106 called for.

14 We understand that role and we are -- we  
15 also all took an oath. That is something that came  
16 up. And, yes, we did take an oath and we all take  
17 it extremely seriously.

18 I think it's also important to note that  
19 this firm, whatever firm we had selected, they act  
20 at our direction, period. They are not to define  
21 communities of interest, they don't define  
22 competitiveness, they don't even define compactness.

23 If you listened to the interviews,  
24 Mr. Stertz had asked a question of all of them about  
25 a specific test that can be used to measure

1 compactness, because that's one of the six criteria  
2 that we have to abide by under the Arizona  
3 Constitution.

4           They -- these firms -- they are technical  
5 consultants. That is their role in this. We direct  
6 them. We get public input from all of you -- and we  
7 haven't even started yet that mapping process.

8 You've heard some of the people come and talk about  
9 specific boundaries, and that's great. That's -- we  
10 need to hear from everybody who has an opinion on  
11 that matter.

12           But these firms, they do not act on their  
13 own volition, ever. They don't do public policy.  
14 They strictly are there to draw lines, and we are to  
15 tell them how to draw those lines.

16           So it's really up to these five  
17 Commissioners how those lines get drawn and how we  
18 decide is based on your input. And all I can tell  
19 you and assure you is we are all listening very  
20 carefully at what everyone has to say.

21           There has been a great deal of talk today  
22 about partisanship of the firms. There is no  
23 question all four of them, of the four we  
24 interviewed, had partisan ties. And it's kind of in  
25 the nature of this business that they would because

1 the people who hire them are typically political  
2 candidates.

3           So all of the firms we -- that was part  
4 of our criteria in our RFP, to provide all  
5 information on political contributions, on their  
6 client list, and their affiliations, if there was  
7 anything they thought would impair their decision to  
8 be objective and fair in their work.

9           And you'll see this in the request for  
10 proposal. It's all outlined in numerous questions.  
11 And all the firms were to respond to that, and they  
12 all did. They were very forthcoming in their  
13 responses. And of those four, there were three that  
14 had Democratic leanings and one that had Republican  
15 leanings.

16           And as I said in my statement yesterday,  
17 I would have preferred to have two Republican  
18 leaning firms and two Democratic leaning firms for  
19 balance so that we could have made a decision based  
20 on those four. That wasn't the hand we were dealt.

21           So we looked at those four and compared  
22 their responses and what they said in their  
23 interviews to what we had requested, and that is how  
24 we made the decision that we made.

25           Two of the firms had direct prior

1 in-state Arizona involvement and one firm did not  
2 have any and then one firm didn't have the  
3 redistricting experience that we needed to move  
4 forward. They had redistricting experience in one  
5 county but no state-level redistricting experience.

6 So by process of elimination, the two  
7 in-state -- the two firms that had in-state prior  
8 Arizona involvement had a lot of baggage, frankly.  
9 One firm had done it previously, and there are  
10 people on one side that view what they did last time  
11 as not good and there's the other side that says  
12 what they did do was good. And there are very  
13 passionate expressions on both sides regarding that  
14 work.

15 I would like to say that that previous  
16 commission, the first commission, my hat is off to  
17 them. They did the best they could with the  
18 information they had.

19 They didn't have a Supreme Court decision  
20 that had decided how to deal with those six  
21 competitive -- or six criteria that the Arizona  
22 Constitution has outlined.

23 Someone had a mentioned earlier that it  
24 is a very difficult process, and it is. They  
25 performed their task very admirably. They did the

1 best they could with the information they had and  
2 made the best decision they could and that's all we  
3 can ask of anyone.

4 Mary, I'm curious, can the other  
5 commissioners at all address the criticism or is it  
6 only the chair?

7 MS. O'GRADY: Other commissioners can as well.  
8 What the law says is, "At the conclusion of an open  
9 call to the public, individual members of the public  
10 body may respond to criticisms made by who those to  
11 direct the public body," and then some other things  
12 they can do as well. But it's individual members.  
13 But there's no discussion among the members. Just  
14 make your individual comments.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I ask that because  
16 I would ask my fellow commissioners to also speak.  
17 And I'm sorry for taking this much time, but I just  
18 think it's really important, given the amount of  
19 comments we heard here today and to show that we are  
20 all listening and to see what others have to say.

21 So I would ask the other commissioners if  
22 they have anything, I would be -- I would welcome  
23 their thoughts.

24 MS. McNULTY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

25 Is this working?

1 I would only add that for me, the skill  
2 that this company brings to bear that really stood  
3 out for me is the expertise they have in documenting  
4 every single change that's made to a map and  
5 evaluating all of the public input that we receive,  
6 helping us to integrate that into the maps,  
7 deciding, for example, whether the public input is  
8 directed toward a particular district. They can  
9 tell us whether a particular change that has been  
10 proposed in a map, how that affects that criteria in  
11 our Constitution that we have to comply with.

12 If we move a line based on another  
13 comment, they will be able to tell us how it either  
14 improves a set of criteria or makes a situation  
15 worse.

16 And they have some very sophisticated  
17 abilities to document all of the changes that are  
18 made so that the public and the Department of  
19 Justice, when we have to go to them, can -- there  
20 will be a complete record.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Ms. McNulty.

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, I want to  
25 talk first about passion.

1           It was very clear to me that the people  
2 that came to this meeting today, I want to thank  
3 each and every one of you for bringing your  
4 heartfelt passion to this room. You've got a  
5 passion for your beliefs, you've got a passion for  
6 your community, you've got a passion for your city,  
7 and you've got a passion for this state.

8           I believe more -- and above that, you've  
9 got a passion for the truth.

10           And so as we -- what I want to clear up  
11 is a couple of things regarding passion.

12           When anyone does whatever job that they  
13 do, it's the goal of someone's life -- there is an  
14 old adage that "If you're doing a job that you love,  
15 you never have to work a day in your life." That's  
16 because you have passion for that job.

17           The company that we hired has passion.  
18 And you can see by their own resume -- the  
19 passion -- what they have a passion for. They have  
20 a passion for hard Democrat partisan processes.  
21 They have a passion for causes that are  
22 hard-partisan line.

23           Not -- there wasn't -- you couldn't go  
24 through their script and find there was any level of  
25 balance at all. They have a passion for it.

1           So when someone has a passion that is  
2 that dynamic, it is clear to me that whatever their  
3 words are, whatever their rhetoric says is going to  
4 be clear to me that their passion is going to carry  
5 through. And whatever we are charged with in our  
6 independence about doing the best we can, we are  
7 still going to be reviewing documents based on our  
8 suggestions and their return of information to us.

9           We will do the best we can with the hand  
10 that we have now been dealt. We've been dealt a  
11 hand from a group -- with a company that is  
12 extremely passionate about a specific cause.

13           I also want to share something that this  
14 -- the choice that was made yesterday was not a  
15 choice that was made by two of the Republicans here.  
16 The two Republicans voted no against this firm. We  
17 voted no and we had great criteria why we voted no.  
18 And I'm not going to hash over those reasons because  
19 it's irrelevant at this time.

20           But I will tell you that the choice that  
21 we made for this firm has -- in their own  
22 submission, has a price that is going to be the most  
23 expensive of all of the firms that were submitted.

24           They have a schedule that is going to  
25 last the longest. Their delivered product is the

1 latest in delivery. They are -- and that concerns  
2 me because it puts and onus on us as commissioners  
3 to now respond back. It was brought forth by  
4 several members of the community that we are under  
5 now an unrealistic time frame.

6 And I also want to correct the record  
7 that we as an entire Commission did not defer our  
8 decision-making to this State Procurement Office.

9 At one of our very first meetings I put  
10 it on the record that I wanted to have our meetings  
11 done in public; that we have by virtue of  
12 Proposition 106, we have constitutional authority to  
13 hire any firm that we want and we can create our own  
14 decision-making process.

15 It was by the majority of this Commission  
16 that decided that it was to the best interest to  
17 utilize the State Procurement Office to assist us in  
18 that process.

19 The process happened -- what happened was  
20 that we actually got a little bit hijacked by this  
21 process. Again I go back to at the very beginning,  
22 I suggested at a very early-on meeting that if we  
23 follow the process outlaid by the Arizona Department  
24 of Administration and the State Procurement Office,  
25 that at best, the best-case scenario is that we

1 would not have a mapping consultant on board until  
2 mid-June. I was wrong. We will not have mapping  
3 consultant on board until after the 4th of July.

4           The question came up whether or not --  
5 whether or not the contracts have been let or not.  
6 The decision that was made in public session  
7 yesterday was that -- by the majority, on a  
8 three-to-two split vote that the authority was given  
9 to the Executive Director, Ray Bladine, to enter  
10 contract negotiations with Strategic Telemetry.  
11 That was the motion that was made in public session  
12 yesterday.

13           So I want to go back to the idea of  
14 passion.

15           As we continue through this process, I  
16 implore you to continue to bring your passion to  
17 these meetings. It is imperative that we hear from  
18 you, your neighbors, everyone that you are involved  
19 with, about what this -- what -- the passion that  
20 you have.

21           There was a young man that came forward  
22 and said that we are on the right track. We are on  
23 a track. We are on a track that we've been dealt  
24 right now and we will do the best that we can as a  
25 commission of five to work for the State of Arizona.

1           I can tell you that in the two primary  
2 selections of our -- first of our legal counsel,  
3 there was a precedent that was set in the previous  
4 commission where the two Democrats selected their  
5 counsel and the chair acquiesced and voted with the  
6 two Democrats. And the Republicans voted for their  
7 two counsel and the chair acquiesced and voted for  
8 their counsel.

9           The choice for the legal counsel at this  
10 time, as you're probably aware, was not followed in  
11 that same way.

12           So my concern going forward is that we --  
13 one, we have a mapping consultant that has been --  
14 that has been given -- the Executive Director has  
15 been given the authority to enter into negotiations  
16 on. My concern is whether or not we are utilizing  
17 the taxpayers' money in its highest and best use.

18           My concern is whether or not we even have  
19 a chance of meeting a schedule based on the  
20 deliverables that they have included in their own  
21 proposal.

22           Madame Chair, thank you for indulging me,  
23 and thank you everybody here for participating in  
24 this process.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other comments from --

1 Vice Chair?

2 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Madame Chairman?

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman?

4 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: I would enforce  
5 Commissioner Stertz's statements. I stated the  
6 concerns that I had yesterday before the vote, and I  
7 don't want to belabor them.

8 There was a discussion before the vote  
9 yesterday and it was pointed out that all of the  
10 commissioners made their decisions based upon their  
11 best independent judgment, based upon the record  
12 that was before us, and I believe that. I don't  
13 question the motives of anyone on the Commission.

14 The record that was put before was pretty  
15 specific. There were proposals submitted by the  
16 four vendors and there was a presentation by the  
17 four vendors and there was responses by the vendors  
18 with questions put to them by the commissioners.

19 One of my prime concerns was the  
20 perception, public perception of potential bias.  
21 That's a big issue for me. We're constitutionally  
22 required to carry out duties in a way that will  
23 build public process in the result. And for me,  
24 based on the record that was before me, that is why  
25 I could not -- one of the reasons why I could not

1 support Strategic Telemetry as the mapping  
2 consultant. Based on the record that was before me,  
3 I thought there was another firm that, yes, they are  
4 based in California, they do have some personnel  
5 here in Arizona, they are familiar with Arizona,  
6 they did the mapping here before. They did mapping  
7 in various localities.

8 But I thought based upon the resume, the  
9 other work they had performed in various other  
10 jurisdictions across the countries there was  
11 evidence there -- and other evidence as well, such  
12 as the principal having been called upon as  
13 authority to speak before national conferences and  
14 state legislatures in a bipartisan session about  
15 redistricting issues, not in a partisan setting at  
16 that conference.

17 I thought there was some evidence that --  
18 where -- there was an accusation made of some  
19 partisan leading. That's a record that will give  
20 some assurance there.

21 As a matter of fact, my initial reaction  
22 during the initial evaluation of that firm was that  
23 the team that they had assembled, and it was a  
24 pretty all-star team, actually leaned to the  
25 Democrat side. And, in fact, during the public

1 interview, that was one of the first questions put  
2 to Mr. Johnson. He's the principal of National  
3 Demographics Corporation, who was not selected.

4 Basically, the only thing we saw was each  
5 one of these vendors was to question of potential  
6 political bias. He said that he was ready to answer  
7 the question of Democrat -- possible Democrat bias.

8 But I thought other factors in the record  
9 before me affiliated against the conclusion that NDC  
10 would be perceived as biased either way. I can't  
11 say that for Strategic Telemetry, which is one of  
12 the reasons why I did not vote for them.

13 But yesterday there was a three/two vote  
14 and Mr. Bladine was given authorization to enter  
15 into a contract with that company. I do not know  
16 the status of those negotiations, but I assume they  
17 will happen fairly quickly. And I want to move  
18 forward with this. I want to move forward with the  
19 chair and the other members of this Commission and  
20 work with Strategic Telemetry, a mapping consultant,  
21 yes, they do (inaudible). That's essentially what  
22 they were supposed to do.

23 But understand what also mapping  
24 consultant is asked to do is they are presented with  
25 a very complicated problem, a Constitution with six

1 criteria that all, in some instances, work against  
2 each other.

3           It's a complicated problem to solve. And  
4 it's important to have trust in that mapping  
5 consultant, because when we as a Commission,  
6 listening to the public and getting that public  
7 input, which is important, because -- as an aside,  
8 these maps belong to the Legislature. They don't  
9 belong to any candidate, they don't even belong to  
10 this Commission, they belong to the people. You the  
11 people should get to decide how these maps are  
12 drawn. And I think that was one of the intents  
13 behind Prop 106, is to let the people have a say in  
14 this, involve them in the process. It's a very good  
15 thing about having a Commission like this. But --  
16 and I went to the aside and I lost my train of  
17 thought.

18           I think the mapping consultant is going  
19 to be asked to make certain decisions to draw new  
20 maps to say we need to take into consideration this  
21 community of interest or we need to try to make this  
22 district more competitive. And they are going to  
23 present us with options. You can imagine the  
24 problem -- the complexity of problems. There are  
25 probably a myriad of answers and it's important to

1 be able to trust that they are giving us fair and  
2 balanced responses. They are not trying to lead us  
3 by the nose to get a result.

4 And that is a concern I have. The chair  
5 has confidence in this company, so we are going to  
6 be entering into a contract with them and I really  
7 want -- we really need to get going.

8 And I'm looking forward to working with  
9 them and I hope everyone continues to be involved in  
10 the process and I really appreciate hearing from all  
11 of you today.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 Mr. Herrera?

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you. I thank you  
15 guys also for being here. You know, the two  
16 consultants were at the end that we were  
17 considering, the final ones were, obviously, the one  
18 we chose and also NDC.

19 Now, if we truly care about public  
20 perception, NDC wouldn't have even been considered.  
21 NDC did the job last time, and the majority of the  
22 people I think that are familiar with what happened  
23 last time are pretty unhappy with what they did.

24 I mean, we had Andi Minkoff who  
25 participated in the Commission and she felt that she

1 was pretty much ignored throughout the whole process  
2 by NDC.

3 NDC's chair is a highly partisan  
4 Republican. The Rose Institute, which is affiliated  
5 with NDC, basically they are almost a one -- one  
6 institution, they just happen to have two names, the  
7 board of directors is highly Republican and highly  
8 partisan.

9 So if you truly cared about public  
10 perception, they wouldn't have been considered. So  
11 let's be honest about that.

12 And the other thing, you guys haven't  
13 read the proposal. And it's probably the sloppiest  
14 proposal I've ever read. They -- basically what  
15 they ended up doing was they got the California --  
16 because they applied for the California  
17 redistricting.

18 What they ended up doing is basically  
19 rewriting -- it's the same proposal. All they ended  
20 up doing is changing Arizona here and there,  
21 obviously, some other changes, but they forgot in  
22 certain cases to change Arizona and left California.  
23 They left California -- some information referring  
24 to the California RFP.

25 I mean, just a sloppy proposal. If it

1 was up to me, they wouldn't have been interviewed  
2 because I guarantee you, if you guys were reading  
3 the proposals the way we were doing, they shouldn't  
4 have been interviewed at all.

5           They took it for granted that they got  
6 the job two years ago. They made 2 million, by the  
7 way. Around there, roughly \$2 million when  
8 everything was said and done. Not chump change.  
9 And I think they came out -- they probably lowballed  
10 us ten years ago, but they ended up getting a huge  
11 amount of money.

12           So, I mean, let's talk about public  
13 perception, what happened ten years ago. I don't  
14 know how many of you were here ten years ago. I'm  
15 assuming that most of you were in Arizona. Were you  
16 protesting NDC? Because NDC was highly partisan.  
17 And anybody that thinks that they are not -- I don't  
18 know what they are smoking. Because if they are as  
19 partisan as RAS was, which my first choice, but I  
20 acquiesced and said, you know, what I'm going to  
21 give them -- I'm going to side with the Independent  
22 and go for Strategic Telemetry.

23           So if we are really concerned about those  
24 options, about the public perception, then we  
25 wouldn't be considering NDC as well. So let's be

1 honest and true to the people that are out here.

2 I care about this state. I'm a social,  
3 liberal, whatever you want to call me, but I  
4 guarantee you, the people out there, we don't have a  
5 lot uncommon. We probably have -- tea parties, we  
6 probably have a lot more in common than you think.

7 So let's focus on the things that we have  
8 in common as Arizonans. Let's move forward because  
9 the issue of Strategic Telemetry isn't going to go  
10 away. They will be our mapping consultants.

11 The attorney that we chose, she will be  
12 our attorney. So let's not rehash what happened in  
13 the past. Let's move forward.

14 I think all of you here are smart people.  
15 And if you want to rehash the same old things, we  
16 are not going to move forward.

17 So I do thank you for being here, but  
18 remember, we represent 6.5 million people. This is  
19 a small sliver of people that are here. So I  
20 guarantee there's people that agree with what we  
21 did. Obviously, not the majority here, but we are  
22 going to agree to disagree and move forward.

23 So I thank you for your comments. I  
24 thank you for being respectful. And this is my  
25 honest feedback and hopefully you respect that.

1 Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz?

4 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: I can't let that go.

5 MS. O'GRADY: I'm sorry, we can't discuss --

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm not discussing  
7 anything. I'm not discussing what Mr. Herrera said.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: You said you can't let it  
9 go.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I can't let this go  
11 without making this comment. I'm not making a  
12 comment on Mr. Herrera or any other person's  
13 comment. It will be solely on comments that were  
14 made in -- by reaction to members of the public.  
15 All right?

16 MS. O'GRADY: You can respond to criticism  
17 from the public.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: In response to  
19 criticism from -- or criticism to the public.

20 The concept we are coming back to  
21 regarding the word "trust." I want to focus on the  
22 word "trust" again. It was brought up several  
23 times. You don't trust what we are doing.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I do.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm asking --

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, we don't trust.

3 We'll be watching you.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And my comment to that  
5 right now is -- I'm going to go back to a very wise  
6 man once said in the middle of one of the toughest  
7 times in our generation, and that was the phrase  
8 "Trust but verify."

9 It is going to be incumbent upon all of  
10 us on this Commission and all of you in the general  
11 public to hear those records that I am saying and  
12 please help us as we move this along in this  
13 process.

14 You've just heard the comments that were  
15 made, and I'm asking all of you as you have -- you  
16 said you don't trust this process, that the comment  
17 I want to leave us with right now before we go to  
18 the next agenda item, is trust but verify.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: The time is ten minutes  
21 to 4:00, and I am so sorry, Michelle, for not being  
22 more cognizant of our time. And we'll go ahead and  
23 take at least a ten-minute break, a recess so that  
24 you can have a break. And I'm sorry that we didn't  
25 do that sooner.

1           So the time is 3:50. We'll have a short  
2 recess.

3           (A recess was taken from 3:50 p.m. to  
4 4:12 p.m.)

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We'll enter back  
6 into public session from recess.

7           The time is 4:12, and our next item on  
8 the agenda is the Executive Director's report.

9           Mr. Bladine?

10          RAY BLADINE: Chairwoman Mathis and Commission  
11 members, can you hear me all right?

12          I believe you have in your packets three  
13 separate pieces of paper that I thought would be  
14 helpful to bring you up-to-date on our resources for  
15 the rest of the year.

16          The first assembly, a single sheet -- I  
17 believe we have copies in the back -- that lists the  
18 appropriation for the current year so that you don't  
19 have that --

20          MR. HERRERA: It's not in my folder.

21          RAY BLADINE: Maybe I have an extra here.

22          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I can share.

23          RAY BLADINE: It basically shows that we have  
24 \$3 million for the 2011/12 and -- 2012 fiscal year  
25 and 500,000 for this year. That's just basic

1 information for the budget.

2           Then you have two sheets stapled together  
3 that are a budget that I threw together quickly as  
4 our first draft and primarily to be able to track  
5 our expenditures and to be able to make some  
6 changes.

7           The first sheet shows as of a few days  
8 ago how much money we've spent out of the \$500,000  
9 that was appropriated this year. And we are about  
10 at having spent a hundred thousand. That number  
11 will change when the year end actually closes, but  
12 it gives us a carryover balance of approximately  
13 \$400,000 to be added to the \$3 million next year.

14           Then the sheet behind that is a budget  
15 projection for the 2012 fiscal year, and basically  
16 the estimates I came up with were a total of  
17 \$2.5 million at this time. I'm sure one of the big  
18 numbers you all will wonder about is the consultant.  
19 And without having any idea where we might be, I did  
20 plug in the \$960,000. I frankly did that by looking  
21 at last time and then two years they spent about a  
22 million two. I figured we would probably be there,  
23 but I don't know. So that number, obviously, is a  
24 pretty wild guess. But I did plug that in at 960.

25           You will also see it ties into another

1 part of my report that under the personal  
2 services -- actually it's the 6,010s plus the ERAs.  
3 I plugged in money there to hire temporary staff to  
4 go out and do the hearings with us so that they will  
5 help us do the setups, they will help us greet at  
6 the satellite locations.

7 I think I budgeted roughly a solid eight  
8 weeks of five people at about \$22 an hour, just to  
9 get something like that, but that varied. Kind of  
10 the same way for the in-state travel. I looked at  
11 what happened last year -- or ten years ago and did  
12 my best to say, okay, what's a reasonable amount of  
13 travel.

14 My thought would be that once we get the  
15 expenditures for the end of each month, I will take  
16 and look at it, update it, and give something back  
17 to you to see on a monthly basis where are we.

18 So at this point in time, I'm projecting  
19 that the rest of this year we would spend two  
20 million five. That would leave us an unallocated  
21 balance of 900,000 at this time.

22 That may seem like a lot of money, but I  
23 got a funny feeling that as we move along, there  
24 will be other costs and probably end up at least  
25 where I would think the Commission did last year, or

1 pretty close. But right now our projections are a  
2 little less.

3 I would be happy, if there's any  
4 questions you can send me a note or give me a call  
5 and I will be glad to respond or I can do that now.

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair?

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, the issue of staff,  
9 when do you expect to have all of the staff that you  
10 need on board?

11 RAY BLADINE: I would say within the next two  
12 weeks. Two things is, one, I need to -- and on my  
13 report I will talk about -- well, I guess I can do  
14 it now because it's on my executive director report.

15 We do have a PIO position that needs to  
16 be filled. I have received some, I think, very good  
17 applications. My suggestion, with your approval --  
18 well, I guess I can't have you approve it, but my  
19 suggestion without someone objecting would be I'll  
20 take those, send them to you with a sheet and rate  
21 them one to ten, send the one to ten back to me.  
22 Then I can at least take a look at what the top ones  
23 are and send them out to you.

24 You might in a future meeting want to  
25 create a subcommittee to interview those people.

1 You may want to do it yourself. That's really up to  
2 you.

3 But I think if I get you the resumes and  
4 I give you a one-to-ten sheet, just very simply, we  
5 can get the numbers down to make it easier for you  
6 to deal with. So that's one position.

7 I probably in this next week will get a  
8 temporary Manpower or use one of the positions that  
9 we'll use for staffing in the office, the phone  
10 calls are starting to pick up. And so with that --  
11 and then there are five positions that in the last  
12 week I got authorization through the personnel DOA  
13 for five temporary positions to do the outreach work  
14 and I'll have the justifications to fill completed.  
15 So all of the paperwork for us to do that is done.  
16 And I would hope to have them towards the end of --  
17 sometime between the end of next week and the start  
18 of the following week.

19 We need to have them on board for some  
20 training before we start the public hearings. We  
21 need to coordinate the public hearings with the  
22 mapping consultant.

23 But as part of my report I would also  
24 tell you that Kristina has spent a lot of time in  
25 the last few days in particular of trying to locate

1 various facilities throughout the state that we  
2 could have hearings. And we will have -- I think we  
3 have sent you a draft schedule, but I think that at  
4 this time to really talk about it without the  
5 mapping consultant is premature.

6 I did send a copy to the mapping  
7 consultant earlier this morning. And -- so that he  
8 could take a look at what we are talking about, but  
9 as a summary. It would involve pretty much solid  
10 meetings for about three weeks statewide. And we  
11 would ask to have one Commissioner at each hearing,  
12 not the subhearings, but that's up to you. And then  
13 we will basically have staff.

14 We are going to need to find some  
15 facilities that can handle some of the Internet  
16 functions because otherwise, Buck's family won't see  
17 him for three weeks and I don't think that's going  
18 to work.

19 But that's kind of where we are headed on  
20 that part.

21 The last thing I would show you is I just  
22 gave you the expenditures of the last commission and  
23 what they ended up spending during 2001/2002, and  
24 that amount was 3.523 million. They had a 6 million  
25 appropriation, but, of course, that carried over to

1 later years and covered additional legal and mapping  
2 expenses.

3           So I guess the simple answer is I think  
4 that based upon preliminary analysis, our funding  
5 should be -- should be adequate, but we'll watch it  
6 closely as we go along.

7           Any --

8           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair?

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

10          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: You said the PIO --  
11 and providing the commissioners with the applicants.  
12 I would prefer not to be involved. My personal  
13 opinion is that's why we hired you. Doing this as  
14 respectful as I can, I don't want to be involved in  
15 the process. That's why we hired you. I don't want  
16 to do that, but that's just from me.

17          RAY BLADINE: Okay.

18          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other questions or  
19 comments for Mr. Bladine on the budget?

20                 Thank you for all of this work, by the  
21 way, for assembling it all and preparing it for us  
22 today.

23          COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

24          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25          COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I would for one would

1 like to take a look at the ten applicants. So don't  
2 discount me from that outreach.

3 Am I correct by your recommendation that  
4 items IV, V, and VI are items that will not be under  
5 discussion at this time, pending review of the  
6 schedule that you sent to the mapping consultant?

7 RAY BLADINE: I believe that -- that is my  
8 recommendation. It's up to you and the chair. But  
9 I think that it makes some sense.

10 As much as we are anxious to get you to  
11 approve a schedule, we really need to coordinate  
12 with the mapping people.

13 You have the data, so you have some idea  
14 of what we are talking about, but I don't think -- I  
15 think it would be premature to talk about.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Our next meeting is  
19 scheduled for July 7th?

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes. I don't know if we  
21 have a venue yet.

22 RAY BLADINE: We do not.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Do we know when the  
24 venue is going to be selected?

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Hopefully soon.

1           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Will it be Tucson or  
2 Phoenix?

3           RAY BLADINE: I don't know the answer to that  
4 either.

5           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And we've got a  
6 subsequent meeting scheduled for --

7           RAY BLADINE: The 8th.

8           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: The 8th, the following  
9 day. And again, we don't have a venue or a city for  
10 that as well?

11          RAY BLADINE: No, but I would make a  
12 recommendation to you that we do the two meetings at  
13 the same location, just because of the setup time  
14 and the making sure we have it set up right.

15                   It is a considerable -- it's nice to be  
16 out in the community. We will be out in the  
17 community somewhere, but it takes a lot of staffing  
18 time to set up and tear down for each meeting like  
19 this where it is not a hearing.

20          COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And then, Madame Chair,  
21 regarding number VII agenda items and future  
22 meetings, I think we are going to need a motion to  
23 move items number IV, V, and VI to the subsequent  
24 meeting.

25          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yep, I think so.

1           Are you done with your executive director  
2 report?

3           RAY BLADINE: I would just make two other  
4 comments that over the last several weeks, we have  
5 been meeting with your legal team and talking about  
6 the kinds of things we need to do to make sure we  
7 properly document public input.

8           And we have actually looked at some firms  
9 that specialize in receiving public input and  
10 categorizing it so you can go back and research it.

11           We have -- no decision is being made yet  
12 because we need to see what mappers can do. But we  
13 really want to be able to provide a good system to  
14 log and manage that. So we have done that.

15           We have also worked with the legal staff  
16 so that they are able to start taking a look at the  
17 submissions to the Department of Justice, so that  
18 they can do as much prework on that as possible.

19           So we've done a lot of little things to  
20 try to move along and be ready so that once the  
21 mapper hits the ground, we'll be ready to go.

22           With that, that's all that I have to  
23 report.

24           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, as a  
25 follow-up to that, as you're doing work with legal

1 counsel, I'm assuming that you're also trying to  
2 assemble -- and this may fall under the agenda items  
3 for future meetings, and I'm assuming that you're  
4 trying to put together all of the previous meeting  
5 minutes, transcripts? There haven't been any  
6 distributed and/or reviewed and/or approved and put  
7 into the record for the last almost month and a  
8 half.

9 RAY BLADINE: Chairman Mathis,  
10 Commission Stertz, We are way behind in that. We  
11 did add Anna Garcia to our staff last week, and that  
12 is one of the projects we are putting her on to get  
13 them categorized.

14 We do now have a system with the legal  
15 team where this month Mary's staff reviews the  
16 minutes. And I think once -- unless, again, I hear  
17 differently from you, once approved by legal, we'll  
18 go ahead and post them on our website.

19 And we are having both transcripts and  
20 minutes taken. We are not paying extra to have the  
21 minutes done early because we do have the video of  
22 it. But yes, I am very embarrassed that I am that  
23 far behind on the minutes.

24 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Madame Chair?

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

1           COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Just a clarification on  
2 the minutes.

3           Everything goes in as draft minutes.  
4 Once legal has approved them, ultimately the  
5 Commission needs to approve them?

6           RAY BLADINE: Correct. We haven't posted them  
7 as draft yet, but I think that's what we need to do.

8           Pardon me. Thank you for correcting it.  
9 We would propose them as a draft after legal review  
10 and then it would be your need to approve them. But  
11 we need to get the draft minutes on the agenda and  
12 then get them on to you for approval, would be  
13 our --

14           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

15           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other comments or  
16 questions for Mr. Bladine on the executive director  
17 report or information he provided?

18           Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Bladine.

19           And thank you, Kristina, for all of your  
20 work, too, on the public hearing schedule. We will  
21 get to that at some point.

22           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, I'm going  
23 to make a -- I'm going to go ahead and move that we  
24 move items number IV, V, and VI to a subsequent  
25 meeting agenda to be determined in an effort to

1 allow any of the members of the public that may be  
2 waiting here to see the mapping consultant, as this  
3 is an agenda that there is going to be a  
4 presentation by the mapping consultant, that they  
5 will not be here to make. So let the members of the  
6 public know that.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. The time has  
8 gotten late today, and we have decided that it would  
9 be best to postpone IV, V, VI on the agenda. So  
10 that will be at our next meeting, which right now is  
11 scheduled for July 7th. Again, the venue to be  
12 determined and time to be determined, but we'll get  
13 that information out as early as we can.

14 RAY BLADINE: And, Madame Chair, we have been  
15 trying to -- if we know a meeting is coming up, even  
16 though we don't know the location, at least put  
17 something on our website to give some idea of when  
18 it might be. But we certainly will move as quickly  
19 as we can to get the official notice up so that  
20 people have as much notice as possible.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. That's great.

22 So I need a motion, I think, to table  
23 those items, if everyone agrees.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second the motion. It  
25 was made already.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, you made it.

2 Second.

3 Any discussion?

4 All in favor?

5 ("Aye.")

6 Any opposed?

7 (No oral response.)

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We will table  
9 those items until next time.

10 And our next meeting, we just talked  
11 about.

12 Any agenda items that anyone wanted to  
13 raise that should appear on the next agenda?

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: IV, V, VI.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, besides IV, V, and  
16 VI?

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I would say it's  
20 important for us to get everyone up to speed. So  
21 whatever staff needs to do and legal needs to do to  
22 get gas to get that under control. We are about to  
23 go into -- into hyperspeed in regards to public  
24 meetings. And if we can't keep up with our own  
25 meetings -- we need to instill a level of confidence

1 to the public that we are going to be able to be  
2 delivering information and review back to the  
3 general public about what we're -- what's happening  
4 in the rest of the state.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Good thought.

6 Any other agenda items?

7 RAY BLADINE: Madame Chairwoman, I think we  
8 did also discuss on the 7th or 8th about having our  
9 legal team give us a briefing on those laws that  
10 pertain to redistricting so that you have that fresh  
11 in your mind.

12 Is that correct, Mary?

13 MS. O'GRADY: Yes, Madame Chair,  
14 Commissioners. We'll be ready whenever the  
15 Commission wants to put that on their agenda. And  
16 we might coordinate on some issues with the mapping  
17 consultant, I think.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I think it would be good  
22 to revisit the open meeting law discussion. We had  
23 one briefly with Jim Bartlet at the beginning of our  
24 session but it would be good, now that our team has  
25 been assembled, we've got new legal counsel, that we

1 have another briefing in public of what the open  
2 meeting law, how it states, how it's organized, and  
3 what the processes are.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, good idea.

5 And, yeah, especially now that we have a  
6 full team in place, that would be very helpful, I  
7 think for everyone.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just for clarification,  
9 who would be doing this discussion?

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, in terms of open  
11 meeting law, I think it would be legal counsel.  
12 Mary would you or Joe or both be doing that?

13 MS. O'GRADY: Yeah, Joe and I can work  
14 together to do whatever the Commission wants. I  
15 guess we need just a sense for how much time you  
16 would want to spend on it since this is the second  
17 time you have dealt with it.

18 And I did think -- also we planned on  
19 briefing the mapping consultant, so right -- so they  
20 are up to speed on the legal requirements right from  
21 the beginning, both in terms of open meeting and  
22 public records laws.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

24 Any other agenda items?

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair?

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just to clarify, I think  
3 it would make more sense if we have an open meeting  
4 law, go over the whole process, that the mapping  
5 consultant be included. Just do that one time.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Agreed.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, that was  
8 my intent.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Perfect.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other agenda items?

11 Okay.

12 Hearing none --

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, I'm sorry,  
14 I do have one more, and this is a question for  
15 timing.

16 What is the anticipated date of the draft  
17 contract with the mapping consultant? Are we going  
18 to be ready for a decision or Commission review?

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think that's for --

20 RAY BLADINE: The best I can tell you at this  
21 time, we intend the -- legal counsel and myself  
22 intend to meet on the phone with the consulting  
23 firm. We have talked to them. I would like to tell  
24 you that we are going to get it done on Friday, but  
25 I do want to, as you've instructed, to negotiate the

1 fees. So it will certainly be early next week, if  
2 not this Friday. I think it's going to be very  
3 difficult to get it done Friday.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: This Friday, you mean  
5 tomorrow?

6 RAY BLADINE: That's correct. I mean, we  
7 actually started on it this morning about 5 o'clock  
8 to make the initial contact with them and talk with  
9 them about the fact that you had authorized me to  
10 enter into a contract and negotiate the rate. And  
11 then yesterday we had a discussion with legal  
12 counsel about getting a draft contract.

13 I don't think we will get it together  
14 tomorrow, but it will be early next week. My  
15 anticipation with legal approval will be we'll go  
16 ahead and get the contract as quickly as we can but  
17 allow for expenditures they may extend prior to the  
18 contract to come out here and do what would need to  
19 be done, because I don't want to delay that, but I  
20 also want to make sure that I properly have an  
21 opportunity to see what we can do to better refine  
22 the costs.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So what I'm hearing is

1 that prior to the July 7th meeting, a draft  
2 agreement, as you just described, would be  
3 distributed to the commissioners?

4 RAY BLADINE: I would -- that would be my  
5 plan.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

7 RAY BLADINE: Mary might --

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mary.

9 MS. O'GRADY: I guess just for clarification,  
10 is it the Commission's understanding and intention  
11 that it would come back for Commission approval  
12 again or that the agreement can be executed?

13 My understanding was that the Executive  
14 Director had the authority to negotiate and work  
15 with legal to get the agreement finalized and  
16 approved without further Commission action, although  
17 we are certainly to keep the Commission informed.

18 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Madame Chair?

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

20 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: My recollection of  
21 yesterday was Mr. Bladine was authorized to enter  
22 into the contract but perhaps an agenda item, future  
23 agenda item, that we make sort of a contract review  
24 an agenda item. Perhaps there might be a  
25 modification in addition that the Commission might

1 want to consider. Because we are -- basically the  
2 authority has been given yesterday, but I also want  
3 to see the final product. And perhaps it's  
4 irrelevant, but I'm at least -- I would like to have  
5 the opportunity to review it and perhaps comment on  
6 it.

7 Does that make sense?

8 MS. O'GRADY: So -- yes, I'll just -- I guess  
9 the Executive Director has the authority to execute  
10 the agreement, but you just want to make sure you're  
11 aware of what the final product is, right?

12 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Right.

13 MS. O'GRADY: So we may execute before the  
14 next --

15 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Well, I think that's  
16 what the vote gave him the authority.

17 MS. O'GRADY: That's my understanding.

18 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: That's my recollection  
19 of it. So I guess I would like an agenda item  
20 whereby if that's -- you know, if it's an  
21 appropriate agenda to ask for modification to  
22 propose, that we be given that -- I don't know when  
23 that might be, but at least it gives me an  
24 opportunity to look at the contract with that sort  
25 of thing in mind.

1 MS. O'GRADY: Okay. And maybe we can follow  
2 up to make sure -- because typically, we wouldn't  
3 have modifications that quickly after execution, is  
4 my concern, in terms of an agenda action item. But  
5 we can work with the Commission in terms of making  
6 sure that the commissioners are informed and that if  
7 it needs to be an agenda item before the Commission  
8 -- next time, we can do it.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is it possible to  
10 circulate the draft contract? Would that work in  
11 terms of letting the commissioners review it or is  
12 that not --

13 RAY BLADINE: Madame Chair?

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Bladine.

15 RAY BLADINE: We have some work to do to  
16 figure out legally what we need to do because we are  
17 under delegated authority with SPO, even though we  
18 also have our Constitutional right. So I'm trying  
19 to, one, quickly learn again how we should do this  
20 to be consistent with SPO and with the legal  
21 counsel.

22 So I'm not sure that it would be  
23 appropriate for us to circulate it, but it would  
24 certainly be something that we could bring to you in  
25 probably executive section. But we just need to

1 think it out.

2           As I'm sitting here, I think it's going  
3 to be difficult to get all of the i's dotted and t's  
4 crossed by the 7th.

5           I really -- you know, I really need to  
6 know how we're going to do this. We are in  
7 completely uncharted territory of having started  
8 the process being delegated by SPO and having  
9 Constitutional authority. And the attorneys are  
10 going to have to help us sort through how to do that  
11 so we can --

12           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madame Chair, we can't  
13 hear Mr. Bladine and the commissioners. And I'm  
14 getting text messages from people on the Internet  
15 that they can't hear either.

16           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

17           RAY BLADINE: Thank you.

18           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Mr. Bladine, Counsel, I  
19 think our vote is that Mr. Bladine have the  
20 authority. He was directed to enter into  
21 negotiation with the consultant and contract with  
22 the consultant.

23           I would suggest that we add as an agenda  
24 item for the next time an update on that status.  
25 And if at that point we think any further agenda

1 items are appropriate, that we add them. I don't  
2 think we have an agenda item right now to discuss  
3 the details of that particular endeavor.

4 So I would suggest that we put it on the  
5 agenda the status of Mr. Bladine's progress.

6 MS. O'GRADY: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: You mentioned the  
10 complexities of the SPO delegation to the  
11 Commission.

12 Could you describe the complexities?

13 MS. McNULTY: Madame Chair, I don't think  
14 that's an agenda item today. I don't think that's  
15 on our agenda.

16 MS. O'GRADY: That's not. That's a good  
17 point. He can give a summary of current events, and  
18 I guess the current event is he is working with the  
19 mapping consultant to follow up on the Commission's  
20 direction from yesterday.

21 RAY BLADINE: And I guess I can give you an  
22 update that having talked with the consultant, I  
23 have also reviewed what was done last time. I  
24 pulled out the contract. And even though SPO didn't  
25 negotiate last time, they did issue the contract and

1 I want to make sure if I sign the contract under  
2 that delegation, I am doing it properly. And right  
3 now I don't know what that means.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mary.

5 MS. O'GRADY: Madame Chair, so we'll continue  
6 working with Mr. Bladine to get that --

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Nail it down.

8 MS. O'GRADY: Move it forward. And if there's  
9 an agenda item next week, update the Commission on  
10 the status and keep you informed on the drafts so  
11 that if there's -- so that we satisfy the  
12 Commission's needs for information on this issue.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sounds great.

14 MS. O'GRADY: I had one other agenda point, if  
15 I may.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure, Mary.

17 MS. O'GRADY: On Roman Numeral V that you are  
18 carrying over, which is the presentation from the  
19 mapping consultant, it might help to -- if there are  
20 specific issues they want to cover in the mapping  
21 consultant's presentation to identify that the  
22 commissioners want to hear to identify those. So  
23 that can be specified in the agenda.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair?

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

1           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think it would make  
2 sense if the mapping consultant goes from step  
3 one -- there will be people in the audience that  
4 probably may not understand the things. Maybe even  
5 myself. I think it makes sense to give -- just lay  
6 the groundwork, the whole process. Give everybody a  
7 good understanding, a good foundation of how the  
8 process -- what we get and then progress.

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, that's a good idea.  
10 A step-by-step outline of the entire process.

11          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Sure.

12          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Anything else that  
13 the Commissioners want to say about what should be  
14 specified under the mapping consultant presentation?

15                   Anything specific?

16          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair?

17          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

18          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: The issue of public  
19 comment, I would like for the mapping consultant to  
20 focus on that and to reassure, but let the public  
21 know that their public comments are being  
22 recorded -- their comments and also their maps, just  
23 the whole process of how that happens.

24          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

25                   Any other comments from other

1 commissioners?

2           Okay. Hearing none, that concludes  
3 agenda item VII, which takes us to agenda item VIII,  
4 which is adjournment.

5           And the time is now 4:40 p.m., and I  
6 declare this meeting adjourned.

7           (The deposition concluded at 4:40 p.m.)

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