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Location

**Fiesta Resort - Galleria Ballroom
2100 South Priest Drive
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Attending

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

Ray Bladine, Executive Director
Kristina Gomez, Assistant Executive Director
Buck Forst, Information Technology Specialist

Kristen Windtberg, Legal Counsel
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Whereupon, the public session commences.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good afternoon.

This meeting of the Arizona Independent
Redistricting Commission will now come to order.

Today is Saturday, September 3rd. The time is
1:36 p.m.

And if you will all rise, we'll start with the
pledge of allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great. We'll begin with the
call to order.

Vice Chair Freeman.

VICE-CHAIR 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.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We have a quorum.

2 Other folks around the room today are our legal
3 counsel today, Kristen Windtberg and Joe Kanefield.

4 We also have a mapping consultant, Willie Desmond.

5 We have a court reporter today, Marty Herder. So
6 when public comment comes around, be sure to remember to
7 spell your name so that we get an accurate spelling in the
8 transcript.

9 We have Stu Robinson, our public information
10 officer.

11 Buck Forst is our chief technology officer.

12 Our executive director, Ray Bladine, is in the
13 room, in the house. And so is our deputy executive
14 director, Kristina Gomez.

15 I think that's all we have today from staff.

16 And thanks to all the members of the public who
17 came out today on a Labor Day weekend to talk to us or
18 follow us.

19 Our next item on the agenda is map presentations,
20 public proposals.

21 So I don't have any request to speak -- anyone who
22 has actual maps to present to us today.

23 Was there anyone that we just haven't heard from
24 yet?

25 (No oral response.)

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. This will be a
2 recurring agenda item for the Commission, so from now on out
3 there will be an opportunity for the public to tell us about
4 any maps they would like to present.

5 The next item on the agenda is number three,
6 review, discussion and direction of mapping consultant
7 regarding ideas for possible adjustments to the
8 congressional grid map based on constitutional criteria.

9 And I believe Mr. Desmond did his homework last
10 night, and we received in front of us this morning some
11 what-if scenarios that we had given him direction on
12 yesterday.

13 So we'll start with those.

14 And let Mr. Desmond take over.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Can you hear me? Buck, can I get
16 batteries?

17 Thank you.

18 All right. So I think if it's okay with everyone
19 we can start with the what-if scenario that is whole
20 counties version two.

21 There's four new maps, two versions of this map
22 and then two new versions of the river district.

23 Just one second.

24 All right. Okay. So for this version of the
25 whole counties map, it was adjusted just to take into

1 account Native American areas.

2 I believe that in the process of not splitting any
3 reservation lands we did have to split some more of the
4 counties.

5 Bear with me for one second. Sorry.

6 I don't have -- I know we had to split Mohave
7 County.

8 Mohave County.

9 We had to split Pinal County twice.

10 And we also had to split Graham County in order to
11 not split Native American lands.

12 Other than that, the map remained roughly the
13 same. Most of the changes came in Maricopa. Since in this
14 district places where counties need to pick up or lose
15 population, a lot of that happens in Maricopa, in order --
16 because it's one of the counties that needs to be split just
17 by necessity.

18 So, for instance, when District 5 took into
19 account all of Coconino County in order to not split the
20 Navajo and Hopi reservation, and then also went into Mohave
21 a little bit, that added about 150,000 people to that
22 district.

23 Additionally, when we went a little bit further
24 into Greenlee and Graham -- not into Greenlee, just into
25 Graham, that also added a little bit more population.

1 As a result, down in Maricopa County we had to
2 kind of reallocate some to District 4 and to District 3, I
3 believe.

4 Is there some specific areas that you guys would
5 like to see, or is there anything, anything you want me to
6 look at?

7 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

9 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Mr. Desmond, could you go in
10 on the proposed District 4, just take a look at where -- I
11 guess I would like to see the census places and see how far
12 it intrudes into Maricopa County.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

14 So it's part of Sun City, Peoria, Morristown,
15 Buckeye, and it looks like a little bit of Goodyear also at
16 the bottom.

17 I can go farther west, if you like, where we can
18 see which ones of those municipalities that it split or
19 takes part of.

20 I did pay attention when I had to make changes to
21 try to keep whole areas this time. Due to time constraints
22 and stuff, I wasn't necessarily -- I didn't worry about it
23 too much. I didn't fuss over it. Just to try to get a lot
24 more done for today, so. . .

25 Would you like me to zoom in anywhere to look at

1 it a little more closely, or does that pretty much answer
2 your question?

3 Sorry.

4 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: That answers that question.
5 Let me look at it a little more.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. No problem.

7 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: At this one, you did not
8 attempt to take into account -- create the voting rights
9 district.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: No, that would be version three,
11 which I can just go ahead and load up right away.

12 Why don't I just load that one up.

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Sure.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

15 So there is another version following this one,
16 version three, which takes into account the voting rights
17 districts that were submitted by the Hispanic Coalition for
18 Good Government.

19 So we accepted their changes.

20 We accepted their changes wholly, and then just
21 adjusted our maps to reflect that.

22 This isn't the -- excuse me for one second,
23 there's something here.

24 I'm sorry. For one second I'm going to have to
25 reload it up. It's screwed up.

1 Excuse me, I apologize.

2 That's one nice thing about the system we're using
3 and how we've been going about this is each change is
4 logged, so I do have the ability to go back to any one of
5 the versions that I was making.

6 These are all the changes that I made when
7 adjusting it to meet the. . .

8 I'm sorry, some issue, technical difficulty.

9 Excuse me.

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: If you don't mind me asking
11 you a question while you do that, are these going to be
12 posted versions on our website?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, I believe they'll be posted
14 very shortly.

15 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And could I get these from
16 you before we leave today?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, absolutely.

18 And I think Buck just nodded. They should be up
19 within the next 15, 20 minutes, I think, or an hour or so.

20 BUCK FORST: Yeah.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: So they'll all be posted.

22 I'm sorry. If you guys would all bear with me
23 just a little while. I really apologize. I would like to
24 get this spread out.

25 I'm going to try to load it one more time.

1 This will take a minute unfortunately.

2 I swear it worked an hour ago.

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, would you like
4 to conduct any other business while Mr. Desmond is doing
5 this?

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, I was just looking at
7 the agenda to see what we might cover.

8 We have the future meetings and future agenda
9 items, the executive director's report.

10 Anything on future agenda items that anybody has
11 thought of since yesterday that we want to add?

12 (No oral response.)

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: There's one item I wanted to
14 add that actually has been discussed by our Commission a
15 bunch over -- since the beginning frankly, and that's this
16 issue of transparency.

17 So I thought maybe we could have a discussion
18 about that at our next meeting. Because it's been raised
19 again recently, and I thought that might be a good one to
20 cover.

21 So maybe if Mr. Bladine is around, he can put that
22 on our next item -- next meeting. Which is Thursday?

23 RAY BLADINE: Yes. And we'll need to post
24 Tuesday.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Yeah. We'll get the

1 agenda posted by Tuesday, so if we could add that.

2 RAY BLADINE: Discussion of transparency.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Uh-hmm.

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, can you go into
5 a little more detail? I want to make sure I understand what
6 you're talking about. I think I do. I just want to make
7 sure.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure. There's just been --
9 from the very beginning there's been discussion of, you
10 know, whether commissioners themselves should log, for
11 instance, all contacts that they have with the outside to
12 indicate who's contacting them and who they're talking to.
13 And it's been raised in public comment numerous times at our
14 meetings. And recently was in the Arizona Capital Times
15 editorial on that. And I just think it's worth talking
16 about.

17 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

18 I would agree.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Again, I apologize.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's okay.

21 Any other agenda items anyone has for a meeting on
22 Thursday?

23 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, this issue of
24 transparency would also apply to the staff and our
25 attorneys.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Are you asking would it apply
2 to them?

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: No, I'm saying it should
4 apply to them as well, that conversation.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We'll discuss that at
6 our next meeting.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: While this is going, does anyone
8 have any other what-if maps that they would like me to work
9 on before the next meeting?

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioners, do you have
11 any guidance for Mr. Desmond?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: As far as any questions that I
13 can answer about these maps before you can actually see
14 them.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair, on the issue
16 of that transparency discussion, I would, I would -- I think
17 as a prelude to that, it would be helpful to have our
18 attorneys give us a summary of what the rules are that apply
19 to the legislature, both in terms of their obligations and
20 the lobbying rules, so that we understand what the framework
21 is for the legislature.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

23 I see Mr. Kanefield noting that. Thank you.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: I believe we were successful.

25 So, I don't know how much you want me to go into

1 what I think went wrong, but I think it was just --

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's okay.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: -- merging the plans. I did
4 remove the two -- the extra part was left over.

5 I think it was looking for those, and it was
6 tripping itself up.

7 We started from the completed plans blocked and
8 closed.

9 I think we're good to go now.

10 So, I zoom back out. Yes, this is the District 3,
11 and then District 7 were taken exclusively from or directly
12 from Hispanic Coalition for Good Government proposed
13 districts for this map.

14 As a result, there were some areas that were no
15 longer allocated to any district and some parts of districts
16 that were like little islands floating, so that all had to
17 be kind of re-worked out.

18 Again, I attempted to keep whole municipalities
19 and census places together. However, due to time
20 constraints, I didn't have success over that.

21 As you -- if you want to look at the data table,
22 you can see there is two majority-minority districts now.
23 District 7 is 60.22 percent. District 3 is 53.38.

24 And, again, that's because those are the districts
25 that the Hispanic Coalition submitted.

1 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: But this map did not attempt
2 to accommodate Indian reservations.

3 Are you able to show us where --

4 WILLIE DESMOND: It did. It did. Because I did
5 use the earlier version that did accommodate reservation
6 lands and also because the Hispanic Coalition did not split
7 any. There are no splits in reservation lands, to the best
8 of my knowledge.

9 And I can turn that layer on.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, while you're
13 turning layers on, are you able to turn on the -- just
14 population density layers?

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. Just population density of
16 everybody or voting age population --

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Looking more specifically
18 for, for example, in the District 5, where the population
19 density pockets are, for example.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

21 Sorry. One second.

22 Oh, shoot.

23 I'm so sorry.

24 That's just the ceiling.

25 So this is population per square mile.

1 So the lightest shade is under 500 people per
2 square mile. Slightly darker shade is 500 to 1,000.

3 Let me know, I can narrow this down a little bit.
4 I was just kind of guessing there. So I apologize if it's a
5 little hard to see.

6 I can tweak it if you think it would be useful.

7 So you wanted to look into District 5. Any
8 particular areas of District 5?

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I chose District 5 as an
12 example of a large land mass that has broken up large chunks
13 of population in two different areas. And I wanted to
14 determine the -- if we look at the general population of the
15 tribal lands and where the population of the tribal lands
16 are all inclusive in the northern tribal lands as they would
17 compare against, be offset of the urban population, but
18 where the concentration of population would be.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: There is a concentration of
20 population down in Maricopa County.

21 Then Flagstaff also.

22 And I am not finding any of those. . .

23 So, I mean, the population is -- the only place
24 there is any real density in the district is in Maricopa
25 County.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So, Madam Chair, if, Willie,
2 if you could tell me if that -- of those, of those areas
3 right there in Maricopa County, how many folks are in that
4 small piece of real estate, of the 710,000 in District 5.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: I think the best way to do that
6 would be to look at what it would, what it would -- how it
7 would affect if we put them in a new district.

8 So I'm going to say I'll take them from District 5
9 and put them in a new district.

10 So, that represents 242,000 people, the area that
11 I just shaded.

12 So I guess roughly one third of the district.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And would you now extract
14 out to see the entire district?

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

17 My question is this is going to lead on to is that
18 as we are looking at representation, representatives and
19 congressmen, that you have a third, a third of the
20 population is concentrated in that small area of that large
21 district. If we are looking to make accommodation of all
22 the tribal lands and the 165,000 tribal members, the level
23 of representation that they may or may not receive from a
24 representative, that was a consideration in the last
25 analysis of trying not to make a large combination of all

1 tribal lands into one specific district.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And just to answer, to
3 expand on that, I guess, there's about 100,000
4 Native Americans, voting age population, in the other part
5 of the district.

6 And that's not necessarily compared to that
7 section, because that section is all population. So if you
8 look at District 5, there's 531,000 voters. So, it's about
9 a, a little less than a fifth of the district as it's
10 currently constituted is Native American.

11 Are there other -- and -- well, I was just going
12 to say I think in some respects this map might emphasize
13 that issue, just because so many of the districts did have
14 to reach into Maricopa in order to keep whole counties.

15 So it might be particularly worse in this
16 particular what-if scenario.

17 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

19 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, just to recap on this
20 thought experiment, we took our grid map, and then the next
21 version was to create a map that tried to maximize respect
22 for county boundaries, that is to say split as few counties
23 as possible recognizing that where the population
24 concentrations are in Maricopa and Pima County are
25 inevitably going to lead to a split.

1 Then the next version, version two, was to, to
2 redraft it so that tribal areas are kept whole.

3 And then version three was then to also overlay
4 the -- one of the Minority Coalition maps to create the
5 minority-majority districts.

6 Really with no other consideration.

7 And there's probably more than one way to do this,
8 recognizing that as well.

9 So, now I thank you for pairing those, and I'd
10 just like to study them further before we tinker more with
11 them.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Absolutely.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I do think this is
16 interesting and revealing and helpful.

17 I do, I see county boundaries as we've gone
18 through this process.

19 One is that I think we've got a lot of comment
20 from folks who live on county lines. And it's clear that
21 people who tend to live on the boundaries of counties have
22 relationships with adjacent counties.

23 It's also true, I think, that these county
24 boundaries were drawn, what, 200 years ago, 115 years ago,
25 in the 19th century, 18th century, kind of arbitrarily. And

1 so while I think it's a really useful exercise in some
2 cases, it makes sense I think in other cases there are other
3 factors that probably weigh more heavily, at least in my
4 thought, as to useful to look at.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other comments, questions?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Can I just mention real quick?

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: The maps are up on the website,
9 on the maps page. Anybody watching on the live stream that
10 would like to download this information is on the data
11 tables on the website.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thanks.

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

15 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I just wanted to add that I
16 agree with everything Commissioner McNulty said, with the
17 possible exception of how the county lines were drawn. I
18 know initially in the state had, I forget, probably
19 four counties. I'm probably wrong on that. But --

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Fair enough.

21 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: -- there's been a few splits,
22 and I am sure the people when they drew the lines and split
23 the counties, there were some reasons they had to split
24 them.

25 So I don't know if they're completely arbitrary.

1 And since then, you know, the counties have organized their
2 governments around those lines.

3 So I think that's why I wanted -- it's one of the
4 constitutional criteria.

5 And this is, like Commissioner McNulty said, a
6 thought experiment.

7 So, and I do agree there are people probably who
8 live near county lines who may have a stronger relationship
9 with an adjoining county.

10 And that's, I think, the next iteration down the
11 road for all these thought experiments will get into those
12 kind of details.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: And I should mention also, this
14 third version did also split Yuma County obviously. And
15 Pinal County gets even more sliced up here.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Willie, as a continuing
19 place in the exercise, the criteria that we are, we are --
20 the full review criteria includes geography. As
21 Commissioners McNulty and Freeman just said, inclusive of
22 that is municipalities, of course, and counties.

23 But geographical features in Maptitude, is there a
24 definition of geographical features that you are using?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: No, not that I've been using.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Geography can be land mass,
2 land -- vast land tracts, or it could be mountain ranges, or
3 it could be rivers, of which many of those were part of the
4 designation of county lines. Some were divisions purely to
5 divide equally of equal mass.

6 So is there any, is there any layering that
7 includes that as part of Maptitude?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: It's something that we can look
9 at more.

10 I wouldn't say that census geography tends to be
11 drawn to reflect natural features.

12 So it will run along mountain ranges. It does run
13 along rivers and stuff. So at the block level, and then at
14 the block group level, even at the tract level, it tends to
15 follow those types of natural features that you just
16 mentioned.

17 It's not something I have been emphasizing at this
18 point.

19 And I'm not even totally sure what -- how good the
20 coverage is, so I would have -- I would want to look into
21 that a little bit more offline before I give you a solid
22 answer as to whether that's preloaded in Maptitude.

23 I do think a lot of that information is available
24 and is something that we could add in to these maps.

25 And we can take other shapefiles, and geographic

1 information is one of the most extensively available types
2 of shapefile, and we could add those in as kind of a
3 guideline going forward.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I found that from a -- I
5 found as a practical sense that your overlay onto Google
6 maps becomes very prevalent, because you can see rivers,
7 maps, and concentrations of homes, and where the mountains
8 are, but it makes it less practical in Maptitude.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, we could -- I can load
10 Google maps underneath this and look at it in Maptitude. It
11 just dramatically slows everything down. Every time the map
12 has to reload completely, so I've avoided doing that.
13 Mainly just because of the time factor.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Is there data, in regards to
15 our traffic corridors and traffic patterns, is there data
16 that is available that can be also loaded into Maptitude?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, there's streets, and it's
18 extensively already loaded.

19 As far as traffic patterns, I don't know.

20 There's, there's nothing that can be loaded in
21 Maptitude. That's not a census type of field. So that
22 would have to come from a third party.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That throws into the
24 communities of interest and the connectivity between
25 communities. If you've got highways that are connecting or

1 roadway that are connecting, again, alluding back to where
2 the original lines were drawn. There were dust trails, at
3 that time. And now we're talking about an interstate grid
4 system, and a little bit different traffic patterns that
5 really does designate where people are coming and going.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: And, you know, from the public
7 hearings, there was a lot of talk about the I-17 corridor
8 and those types of things.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

10 Is that data that -- I guess the question is to
11 all the commissioners, is that data, because it is not data
12 that is generally census driven, is that data that we would
13 want to collect for use of our determining process, one of
14 those data points that I was speaking of yesterday?

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other commissioners, do you
16 have thoughts on Mr. Stertz's question?

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: My thought is that we're
18 going to know that. As we go through these communities and
19 areas, those are things that I think we'll be aware of and
20 be able to direct.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I guess my question,
22 Madam Chair, Commissioner McNulty, is that how do you become
23 aware unless we collect the data?

24 There's real empirical data that's collected on
25 every municipality and every street of traffic patterns. It

1 would be, I think, incumbent upon us to know where that
2 would be rather than knowing what the empirical data would
3 be as a design criteria rather than just an opinion of the
4 criteria.

5 I don't think that's what you're referring
6 to but --

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I was referring to, I
8 think, the public, the public input. The knowledge that
9 we're developing of the communities is what would drive it,
10 as distinct from empirical data on the map.

11 The map is going to show us a lot of roads. And
12 they may or may not be important for community purposes, and
13 I think the communities will tell us that -- happily be
14 telling us that.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, if I hear you
16 correct, as we drill this down, as we would be able to
17 collect data that might be empirical based on particular
18 opinions or testimony that we would be given, saying we
19 believe that this is a data corridor that needs to be
20 respected and contained together in a particular legislative
21 district or for a community of interest, that we'd actually
22 collect that -- instead of collecting the entire state,
23 collect it on a need-to basis.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That would be my thought
25 about the way to consider it, you know, as people, for

1 example, with Flagstaff, I think people -- there's been
2 input about the I-40 corridor, which would be just an
3 example that comes to mind.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Uh-hmm.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other -- anyone else have
6 thoughts and ideas on that? Opinions?

7 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Do we want to look at some
8 more what-ifs?

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sorry?

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Do we want to look at some
11 more what-if scenarios?

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure.

13 So version two and version three we've done.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Yep.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Those are available on the
17 website.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: And I should say most of
20 version two's changes are taken into account, for version
21 three also.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So the other is the
23 river district, versions three and four.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

25 I hope this one opens up just fine.

1 It should.

2 I'm going to have to do that same process.

3 I really apologize. I don't know what's going on.

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Does Mr. Bladine have an
7 executive director's report?

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes. That's what I was
9 thinking.

10 So we'll jump to agenda item six, executive
11 director's report.

12 RAY BLADINE: I really don't have much to report
13 from yesterday, but my plan is to take the agenda dates and
14 meeting times that you all gave me yesterday, type them up,
15 and e-mail them to you so you'll have them before the end of
16 the day.

17 And then we will -- I'll start working also on the
18 agenda for Thursday, since we'll have to get that posted
19 Tuesday morning.

20 I think that's -- we talked yesterday about the
21 data we had inputted and the maps.

22 And I don't believe that I have anything else to
23 report.

24 Sorry I can't make it longer.

25 I can dance maybe.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Well, I can help you make it
3 longer.

4 RAY BLADINE: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Actually there's two
6 questions I've got for you.

7 The first is looking back at meeting minutes,
8 our -- the last -- at the last meeting, we approved two
9 weeks in the month of April.

10 Obviously they were taken completely out of
11 sequence and they were -- because they were obviously an
12 oversight that they weren't picked up before.

13 Where are we in regards to our meeting minutes and
14 then being approved -- reviewed and approved and posted?

15 RAY BLADINE: With those two, all of the meeting
16 minutes will be -- will have been approved that, that we
17 have.

18 I think we still need to go back and correct the
19 ones from the time before where there were, there were typos
20 that the Commission asked to be changed before they're
21 reposted.

22 But that, to my knowledge, covers all of the
23 minutes up to date.

24 Since -- and as I recall, we decided that since we
25 have the transcripts and the posting, that we would do kind

1 of a summary of action items and post that. And we will
2 start doing that probably next week.

3 I think we have quite a few in that we haven't got
4 posted yet.

5 But all of the meeting video is on, I think except
6 maybe the last meeting. And we are also pretty caught up on
7 transcripts.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

9 Then also on your executive director's report is
10 regarding overview of recent public input.

11 As far as, as far as Catalyst is concerned,
12 Catalyst is now up and operating?

13 RAY BLADINE: I don't believe it's up and
14 operating yet, but I think it will be, like, early next
15 week.

16 Kristina probably knows that better than I do.

17 Here she comes.

18 I know that we have -- I think we have all of the
19 data inputted that we need. I'm not sure whether it's
20 actually up and searchable yet.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And maybe for the sake of --
22 for any public that may or may not be watching, or will in
23 the future, maybe you can describe what Catalyst is and what
24 its purpose is.

25 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Catalyst is actually up and

1 running. Staff has been using it to log all of the public
2 input that, that we've received so far.

3 We are working on that right now.

4 And also Catalyst is a system that we'll also be
5 using to enter in all of our transcripts as well.

6 And we will also be entering all of the news media
7 articles, which I am working on right now.

8 So this is a searchable base that's used for
9 staff, for the commissioners, and for legal counsel.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Very good.

11 KRISTINA GOMEZ: And I believe, I believe
12 Mr. Drechsler did send out an e-mail yesterday afternoon to
13 all of the Commissioners with a user guide document, and
14 also with the password and with your user name so you can
15 log in and start searching documents.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Terrific.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

19 Other, other questions for Mr. Bladine?

20 RAY BLADINE: Hurry up, Willie. We need you on,
21 because Kristina is showing me up.

22 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Bladine, Madam Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

24 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: For the second round of
25 hearings, are you planning on hiring any more staff?

1 RAY BLADINE: I think we'll have one more person
2 we'll add.

3 And I believe we are looking at September 12th to
4 add one more person with the outreach staff for that second
5 round.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other questions?

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Bladine, what is the,
11 what is the schedule for the start date of the second round
12 of hearings, and what is, what is the term -- how many
13 cities will we be going out to and has anything changed
14 since the last tentative schedule was presented?

15 RAY BLADINE: I'll let Kristina help me with this
16 also.

17 But I think that we're still looking to start on
18 the 26th, 27th of September.

19 And I'll let her go with the numbers, because I
20 know she knows them.

21 KRISTINA GOMEZ: I believe we have a total of
22 23 public hearings.

23 We have added one at the request of the
24 Navajo Nation. We did add at the Kayenta location, so that
25 would make 24.

1 We are thinking of having simultaneous meetings.
2 So, with your permission, we are hoping to have
3 two meetings on the same night.

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: When you say simultaneous,
7 are they going to be going on at the same time?

8 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Yes.

9 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: So that means we'll be
10 renting equipment or. . .

11 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Um, that's another issue.

12 We're also thinking of looking into working with a
13 streaming firm to go ahead and to negotiate a few meetings
14 with them, just to get us through the few weeks of public
15 hearings.

16 But also during the first round of public
17 hearings, there were a few cities who actually allowed us to
18 use their streaming system or their video equipment.

19 So that kind of put -- that took pressure off of
20 Buck having to go to every single meeting.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there a way they could be
22 consecutive, or are these just too geographically disparate
23 that we can't?

24 KRISTINA GOMEZ: I have to look into that.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm just curious what the

1 situation was.

2 KRISTINA GOMEZ: We're actually going to start
3 working on that on Monday.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Tuesday.

5 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Tuesday.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

8 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I think that's a good idea,
9 you know, if we were having 24 visits, I think we need to
10 double up as many as we can in order for us to be able to
11 accommodate that schedule and still have enough time to take
12 public input into account before we come up with another
13 draft map.

14 RAY BLADINE: Commissioner Herrera, Chairman,
15 we -- Kristina and I have had the discussions, we're talking
16 about how might we do that.

17 We have some ways to go in terms of figuring it
18 out.

19 As she mentioned, one might be if the city can do
20 the streaming and maybe we can do another city with our
21 equipment.

22 Perhaps we can hire another firm to fill in.

23 So we're looking at alternatives to try to do that
24 so that we can get as much input in in as reasonable a
25 period of time as we can.

1 But we'll come back to you with more details once
2 we get that -- we get it worked out.

3 I would comment, I think I did last time, we had
4 had discussions with Flagstaff, and they would prefer to be
5 on a weekend versus the first. On the other hand, we had
6 some discussions with the Navajo Nation, and they would be
7 happy to be first and at the start of a week.

8 So we're trying to figure out how to work that in,
9 so that we can start on the 26th, 27th, and still meet
10 Flagstaff's request.

11 And then, of course, we all need to figure out how
12 your schedules are going to go.

13 So as soon as we can get some tentative dates
14 together next week, we'll start shooting them out to all of
15 you, and then we'll also come back to ask for specific
16 approvals the way we're going to proceed.

17 And I am sure as last time we'll have some cities
18 that will drop out and others come in, but we'll try to be
19 true to the areas that you wanted to go. And we'll keep you
20 informed on that as we proceed.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. Bladine, have you
22 talked to ASU about using their community college system?

23 RAY BLADINE: I have not yet.

24 It has been on my list and is on my list now for
25 Tuesday. But I will -- they do want -- they appear as if

1 they may have something in SkySong, is the last information
2 I had. It can broadcast out to other areas. I'm not sure
3 whether it's back and forth or out, but we will -- we are
4 going to follow up on that.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other comments for
6 Mr. Bladine or Ms. Gomez?

7 (No oral response.)

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thanks very much.

9 RAY BLADINE: Thanks very much.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And how are we doing on the
11 mapping?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: I think we're all set.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: So for this version of the map,
15 we're asked to remove as much of Maricopa County from the
16 river district as possible, move that into, like, rural
17 Pinal County, I guess.

18 We're not able to move all of Maricopa County
19 really because you need to go through it to get to Pinal
20 County.

21 But that was my intent there.

22 First of all, I will look at Maricopa County.

23 It is kind of a -- well, it's a very ugly district
24 in order to do this.

25 I turn on -- you can see some -- so District 8 is

1 one of the northern districts. District 3 is not.

2 District 4, this area all over here, this is
3 what's included in the river district in Maricopa County.

4 So, if you look up, it has Maricopa, Morrystown,
5 Wickenburg, parts of Buckeye, both the north and the south,
6 Gila Bend, Theba or -- I'm not sure how to pronounce that
7 one. Sorry.

8 I apologize if I got that wrong.

9 And then I'm going to zoom out just a little bit,
10 so you can see.

11 It comes through and pick ups -- basically it
12 picks up a lot of Casa Grande, and goes south down to the
13 Pima County border, and north over here.

14 And that was just in order to pick up enough
15 population to make it, you know, reach right around the
16 710,000 that it needs to have.

17 I should also mention that because District No. 2
18 had to be altered in order to accommodate this, the Hispanic
19 population did drop a little bit.

20 It's still above 50 percent, but it went from
21 52.25 to, I think, yeah, 50.07.

22 So it's a little bit less voting age Hispanic.

23 It might help quickly if I -- it kind of circles
24 Maricopa. It does have some of the, you know, the outer
25 lying, more rural areas, but it does have.

1 And then one thing I forgot to mention yesterday
2 when we were talking about the previous change to this
3 district, is that in order to keep Coconino whole I had to
4 take some more population from Maricopa, but I did need to
5 give District No. 5 a little bit more population, so I took
6 that from Yavapai, and moved parts of Sedona, and then a
7 little bit of this area out to District 5 also.

8 So that's one place it did hurt, that I forgot to
9 mention yesterday.

10 Is there a specific thing that you would like me
11 to look at with this one?

12 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

14 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Can you put the -- or maybe
15 you do have the places layer on.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: I can zoom in a little.

17 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, maybe -- well, zoom in
18 to where two curls up around and -- right there where you
19 had the hand.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Right here?

21 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Right in there, yeah.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Is that -- would it be
23 helpful if I shaded the districts again so you can see?

24 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I -- yeah, go ahead.

25 So it looks like it's following the Gila County

1 line there. So we've got Superior, Kearny, Hayden. Or
2 Winkelman probably in there as well.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: That actually follows a
4 reservation in there, that dips down right there. And I add
5 that later on. I didn't have that set here.

6 Yeah. It's the San Carlos reservation is right
7 here.

8 Let's stop for a second.

9 You can see this is the county line.

10 So, it follows the county line here.

11 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I recommended some changes to
14 the version.

15 Is there any way -- I mean, I guess I didn't, I
16 didn't anticipate that the, that the Hispanic voting
17 population would dip down that much to me. I think it's a
18 significant amount. Can we reverse those changes?

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, yeah.

20 And then there is another version where I started
21 back with --

22 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Is that four?

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, that's four.

24 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Oh, before you do that, let's
25 look at four.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And, again, bear with me.
2 If this doesn't open, I'm not sure what is going on.

3 These were all working this morning.

4 I printed everything off this morning. So I'm not
5 sure. I apologize if this doesn't open right away.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. Desmond, you don't need
7 to apologize.

8 Technology is what it is.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Ah, success. It worked.

10 I shouldn't say that so fast.

11 Okay. In this version we took what we had, took
12 version number two, which is changed from the original river
13 district to keep Coconino whole, and not split any of the
14 Native American areas in the north, and we adjusted it based
15 off of the Hispanic Coalition for Good Governments
16 districts.

17 So, now District No. 2 follows that, that district
18 line exactly.

19 And our District No. 6 follows theirs also.

20 So very similar to the third version of the, of
21 the whole counties map.

22 Those two districts are, again, exactly the same
23 in here.

24 And surprisingly there was some, some, some real
25 shifts in District No. 3, I guess, to gain some more

1 population, as District No. 1 gets bigger using the Hispanic
2 Coalition's line, but -- and there were some shifts in
3 Maricopa. But other than that, it fit fairly well with what
4 we already had.

5 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

7 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Desmond, how far of a
8 jump -- I know that on version three that District 7 is
9 58.92 HVAP and in version number two it's 60.22. Can you
10 explain that?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, in that version, version
12 number four comes directly from the Hispanic Coalition for
13 Good Government.

14 So that's the number that they submitted for their
15 proposed district.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. Desmond, how is this
17 map different from river district version two?

18 WILLIE DESMOND: It's different in that we -- it's
19 basically two but with the Hispanic Coalition's districts.

20 Then as a result, we had to change a little bit
21 here in Maricopa.

22 Maybe it would be helpful if I added version two
23 as a layer.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Would you do that?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. I think.

1 Too many greens. I'm sorry. The color.

2 So the red line was where we had it in version
3 number two. And then the green line and the current
4 district line is the Hispanic Coalition and our current
5 iteration.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Thank you.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: So, in our old version,
8 version two, there had been some changes made to, you know,
9 include parts of Glendale up to Northern Road, but Ahwatukee
10 and Tempe into District No. 6.

11 So some of those changes matched fairly closely
12 with what the Hispanic Coalition asked for, but then there
13 is some -- you can see some diversions.

14 And I guess the other place where there is some
15 real switches was down in Pinal County, Pima also.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, could you do an
19 overlay of whole county version three on river district
20 version four?

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, I can.

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Because it appears to me
23 that districts three and seven are identical.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: That would be -- yes, because
25 those are both from the Hispanic Coalition. They are

1 identical.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: District 4 and -- is
3 identical?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Should be just District 3.
5 Let me -- whole counties version three; correct?

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That's correct.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm running out of pretty colors.
8 Okay. So now this darker purple, right here, I

9 know that's a little difficult to see, I apologize. That
10 would be -- that's whole counties, number three.

11 Why don't I make that line a little -- make that
12 dashed. See if that helps a little.

13 Okay.

14 And I'll zoom out a little bit.

15 So, whole counties, district number two tracts, I
16 guess this is District No. 3, whole counties, is
17 significantly smaller, I guess.

18 That is -- oh, it's actually not.

19 They come down, and I'm. . .

20 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It goes all the way to the
21 north border of Santa Cruz County.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm -- yes.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So in whole counties
24 versions three, you integrated the maps of -- for
25 Districts 3 and 7 from the --

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Hispanic Coalition for Good
2 Government.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you. Hispanic
4 Coalition for Good Government.

5 And you've kept -- so you've kept those two
6 intact. And you've got, if my count is right, you've got
7 nine districts -- or nine counties that are staying intact.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: I believe so, yes. Anyone that
9 gets split additionally, and, again, Mohave got split,
10 Graham got split, and San Carlos might have been split also.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And the natural splits of
12 Pinal, Maricopa, Pima.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And in this case Mohave.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

17 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

19 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Desmond, can you let me
20 know what the benchmark was for your version -- so for
21 District 7, say it went from 60.22, from what? Hispanic
22 voting age population.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: To what is it currently in that
24 district?

25 The current -- do you have that information,

1 counsel?

2 It's currently 57.45 percent, the current
3 District 4.

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Which is now in our map
5 seven.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Which is off the grid map as
7 number seven.

8 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Sure.

9 If -- I think the district, river district version
10 four is -- Commissioner McNulty, I was wondering if she
11 would be okay with that, trying to see if we can get it
12 closer to the benchmark.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: So just closer to the current
14 map, so across the Hispanic Coalition's?

15 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah. Is there any way you
16 think that the 60 -- the 60.22 is a little high?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Would you like me to go back to
18 version number two with a 58.92?

19 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Please. If
20 Commissioner McNulty would be okay with that.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: I mean, it would be version five
22 then.

23 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I want to make sure she is
24 agreeable to that.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Sure. I'd be interested in

1 looking at that.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: And then would you like me to
3 kind of -- so if we look at those two, I guess, side by
4 side.

5 So the real areas of diversions are here, here,
6 here, and then Glendale.

7 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: So I can go back to some of those
9 past changes.

10 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And the reason I bring this
11 up, I mean, if we were to -- I mean, obviously this is a
12 what-if scenario, but what I don't want to see happen is for
13 us to adopt a map which has a significant increase of the
14 HVAP population from the current benchmark and then every
15 ten years we're going to have to increase it and then it's
16 super high.

17 I think 58 is probably already at a good level,
18 and I don't want to have to increase any more if we don't
19 have to.

20 Again, I'm looking at the issue of packing and
21 trying to avoid it.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That area northeast of
23 seven, the red line that deviates over into --

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Right here?

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes. Maybe I should use

1 the pointer.

2 These areas, should that -- should we think about
3 moving those here or no?

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Well, if, if it reduces the
5 HVAP, but then we're going into an area that may not be well
6 represented by District 7, going into the Paradise Valley
7 area.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: I think what happened was -- you
9 asked me to go over to -- all the way to, I guess, the
10 Scottsdale border. So this is taking it -- this red line, I
11 believe, is going to, like, the Scottsdale border.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's what you had asked
13 for?

14 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I think, I think it is.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Use that as one of the -- the
17 kind of the easternmost border, so. . .

18 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Right.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: I believe that's what that line
20 reflects.

21 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: And I think, I think that's what
23 it is.

24 I'm sorry.

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I believe you.

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Where's the 101?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sorry, are you looking for
3 the. . .

4 Sorry, that's a little crazy.

5 Sorry again. I made it a little better. Is that
6 kind of what you're looking for?

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Pull the whole map down.
8 The other way.

9 I want to see where the 101 wraps around to the
10 north of nine, and see if we've got all of nine within the
11 101.

12 Keep going around.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: No.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It looks like it's
15 interrupted here.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, it's probably not
17 considered -- they had a lot of different classes.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I understand. So it
19 depends on how the particular road is classified.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: If you could look this week
22 at that question, this district, and exploring whether it
23 could be within this 101 rather than spilling out.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Commissioner McNulty, I'm
3 curious on your -- obviously all the questions are questions
4 for what-ifs, but I'm curious on the containment of within
5 a, within a highway system would be --

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What my thinking is?

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Why I look at that?

9 Because my, my -- I believe that this part -- this
10 is kind of an older established part of north Phoenix. And
11 last time when we looked at the map, we saw some Hispanic
12 areas in here, and I think there's some growth and in fill
13 happening in here.

14 So it's kind of a, a little bit, I think, like the
15 area where we live.

16 And so I'd like to see if this could become
17 combined into one area that combines these north Phoenix
18 neighborhoods, and what that would look like, and what the
19 HVAP would be, and what it might do in the future, and what
20 the competitiveness might be.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

22 Is that something that you want to see as a
23 separate what-if, or can that be combined with trying to
24 lower the HVAP?

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think that can be

1 combined.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't think we need
4 separate ones.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

6 Are there other areas of this you want to look at?
7 Are there other what-ifs that you guys just want to look
8 from scratch again?

9 I know we've been building a lot of current ones,
10 but feel free to start anything from scratch that you would
11 like to see.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Are we done, are we done
15 looking at this?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Totally up to you guys.

17 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I am.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

19 What I'd like to take a look at is to do a build
20 off of the three border district map.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

22 And I should -- I think the overlay right now
23 is -- I think that's the Pinal County submission from
24 yesterday's overlay.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: The question that came up in

1 our brief overview of the three border district map
2 yesterday were concerned about the current District 7 as
3 sort of amalgamated itself and crept around to pick up
4 population to meet the Voting Rights Act standard for HVAP.

5 I'd like you to, I'd like you to explore that
6 further utilizing a criteria very similar to the Hispanic
7 Coalition's map for District 7 and picking up population for
8 District 2, instead of going towards the western border of
9 Maricopa, going to the western side of Phoenix to be able to
10 pick up.

11 The one thing I liked about the three border
12 district map, based on the criteria that we've been
13 discussing, is that we had nine counties that were intact,
14 two districts were very close to the percentages of HVAP as
15 are currently, currently in place, almost identical, which
16 leads very closely to what Commissioner Herrera was alluding
17 to, and yet we had an increase into District 3 to a higher
18 percentage of Hispanic representation under that than any of
19 the other maps so far that have been presented.

20 So it was intriguing, because it met so many of
21 the criteria then that had been discussed in the what-ifs.

22 But I'd like to see if we can take the serpentine
23 design of that out.

24 I think you can. I think there's some
25 compilations that you can, by playing a little bit, coming

1 around at the west side of the state, and picking up the
2 concentration on the west side of seven and turning that
3 into, into two.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Should we try that now?

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Certainly now, or you can
6 give us a what-if scenario.

7 It's up to the chair how to decide you want to
8 approach that.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We have the time.

10 Do others want to see other what-ifs too that --
11 besides that? Anything new that Willie needs to generate
12 for our next meeting on congressional?

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

15 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I'd like to go back to the
16 map that we were looking at the river district, which is
17 version four. And we were making some changes to make a
18 version five.

19 Can you go back to that?

20 I think we're done with that what-if scenario.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: How long will it take to do
22 the river district one, just out of curiosity?

23 WILLIE DESMOND: To actually do those changes?

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Uh-hmm.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Probably get that done in an hour

1 or two.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, okay.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Or we can go through it. It
4 might not take that long.

5 It's entirely possible it would be less time than
6 that.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Do you have legislative ones
8 to present today too?

9 You don't. Okay.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: I do not.

11 Just to clarify about those, I think the next set
12 of what-ifs for those would be to take the two -- nine
13 majority-minority districts and just try to respect county
14 boundaries and town boundaries a little bit more. I'll
15 prioritize those types of things.

16 So I did not have a chance to do those last night.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm wondering if maybe we can
18 do both of those, unless Commissioners Stertz and McNulty
19 also have some additions, but maybe we can go through the
20 two that Mr. Herrera and Mr. Stertz are interested in.

21 I mean, I find it useful to just see how this is
22 proceeding.

23 But if others are not inclined, I'm happy to see
24 what you all think.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't think I will sit

1 here and watch Willie for two hours.

2 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I would not. No offense to
3 Willie.

4 But my -- the what-if scenarios that I proposed
5 some additional changes would be for homework.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Homework.

8 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, I don't want to sit
9 here and watch him move stuff.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Should we try to just make some
11 minor changes here on this three border one, and then we can
12 go back to the version four of the river district and
13 discuss the changes? Or would you like to do that, discuss
14 the changes for the river district and then do these? Or do
15 you want both to be for homework?

16 As I understand it right now, basically district
17 number seven, you know, currently is ugly.

18 So ideally what we would do is have two, instead
19 of coming up into Maricopa like in the middle of downtown
20 Phoenix, have it come up in here.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Correct.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: And see how much of the western
23 edge you can take off in order to make this district a
24 little --

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Contiguous.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: -- more contiguous.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Correct. It will be
3 contiguous and compact, and will have the natural -- when
4 you look at the highways and the traffic corridors, which,
5 again, I've already given my explanation why this was
6 intriguing, you also have this -- if you pull out, you'll
7 see that in District 2 there's sort of a tongue that's
8 licking its way to the west in District 2. That little
9 piece right there, to the west.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh, sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yeah, the west, there you
12 go.

13 If that comes off, that's going to -- you'll be
14 able to pick up population in other areas.

15 There's not enough density in there.

16 But you will be able to pick up the density in
17 more of a contiguous traffic pattern.

18 If you do an overlay of highways, I think you'll
19 see that that will, will make some sense.

20 And also the intent of seven, it will be closer to
21 the Hispanic Coalition's submittal.

22 And I am okay with doing that as a homework
23 assignment.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: This is -- it's fascinating

1 for us to look at it.

2 As long as we've got these maps as they currently
3 exist all available to us, the public has these, it's
4 fascinating to watch and tell the public right now to be
5 able to do this, but a lot of this is also like watching
6 paint dry, so --

7 WILLIE DESMOND: I completely understand.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: -- as you're going through
9 the exercise.

10 But it's also important to know as we start
11 drilling down that once we get past this place, we start
12 getting sort of these large block views, and we're capturing
13 a lot of this data.

14 I think that -- and, Madam Chair, as I was
15 alluding to before the hearing started, I think our, I think
16 our next meeting is going to be more so let's focus on
17 putting Willie in the center of the room and doing more of a
18 design work session, where we can be having him work this
19 through.

20 Because I think the next few meetings that we've
21 got are really designed for design meetings where we can be
22 making a lot of adjustments and seeing how broader we're
23 getting our heads around this how they can be actually
24 executed.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sounds good.

1 So do you have everything you need, Willie, from
2 Mr. Stertz --

3 WILLIE DESMOND: I think for those, those two
4 what-ifs, yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: I can just go ahead and say that
7 I should be able to complete those --

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: -- in not that much time.

10 We do have a pretty long gap. Not that I wouldn't
11 mind having an evening off or two, but if there's anything
12 else that you guys wanted to add to my list of things to do,
13 besides the next one.

14 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

16 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: The what-if scenario for the
17 river district three versus the four, some changes -- my
18 changes I'm a little concerned with, and is the -- when I --
19 removing the Maricopa County areas from District 5, so I'm
20 talking about district -- the version four, and go into
21 rural Pinal County instead.

22 This would allow the district with the Navajos and
23 Apache reservations to take in -- and the Gila River
24 reservation as well, so we want to keep as many of the
25 Native American reservations together.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So, can you walk me
2 through that a little bit then?

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay. So that's version
4 four; correct?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: So, so removing Maricopa
7 County areas from District 4 -- District 5.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

9 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And going to rural Pinal
10 County.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: So, right now, District 5 comes
12 down into Maricopa right here.

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Correct. So. . .

14 WILLIE DESMOND: So you'd rather see that kind of
15 shift down here?

16 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yes.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And then going to rural Pinal
19 County.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Again, this would allow the
22 Navajo and Apache reservations to take in the Gila River
23 reservation as well.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And then for District 6, I

1 had mentioned last time that I want to keep Ahwatukee and
2 the northern portion of Chandler together inside District 6.

3 I guess this would be -- if Commissioner McNulty
4 would be okay with these changes.

5 And I have a couple more.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sorry, I'm just trying --
7 your last change was?

8 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: For District 6, if you can go
9 to District 6.

10 To keep Ahwatukee in District 6.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

12 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And the northern portion of
13 Chandler together inside District 6.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

15 So I think it currently is -- Ahwatukee is -- this
16 is Ahwatukee right here.

17 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: So -- and I think Chandler is, by
19 and large, it might dip down a little bit here.

20 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: I can take a look at that.

22 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: So you want to keep all of
24 Chandler --

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: No, not all of Chandler.

1 Just the northern portion of Chandler.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: I think that change is already
3 reflected, yeah.

4 This is Chandler, and, you know, current
5 District 6 is the blue area.

6 The red is -- the red is the river district
7 version three, I believe.

8 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

9 And then we had mentioned that the, that the
10 Arcadia area being in District 6.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, could you --
13 Willie, can you hold onto that version?

14 Am I looking correct that Chandler -- can you
15 bring up the borders of the city of Chandler for me, please?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

17 It's a little -- they're a little hard to see
18 because those borders aren't clean.

19 But it looks like Chandler is this area right
20 here.

21 Again, one thing I can do to kind of show you this
22 is to use the redistricting tool, so we'll create a -- we'll
23 say we're moving into a new district, selecting at the
24 census place area.

25 I have to take a minute to think about this.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, what I'm -- the
2 question I'm asking Willie is that am I seeing this right,
3 the Chandler may be in -- have three different congressional
4 districts?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: I think it's only in two, because
6 this is the Gila River reservation.

7 So Chandler kind of goes like that.

8 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I think this is a what-if
9 scenario, so we are doing. . .

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: No, I just wanted -- I
11 wanted to, as we're looking at that, as we're trying to
12 drill down on certain of those areas --

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: But actually I'm not done.
14 Do you still have questions?

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Actually yours. So go
16 ahead.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: The -- there it is. I'm sorry.
18 That's the boundaries of Chandler.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

20 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Again, I was talking about
21 the Arcadia area being in District 6, as I mentioned before.

22 And in District 6, if we can remove portions of --

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Do you -- I'm sorry, I hate to
24 interrupt.

25 Do you have borders you'd like me to use for

1 Arcadia? Because it's not a natural area.

2 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Sure. I can give you my
3 definition of Arcadia.

4 It may not be the perfect one, but I can say
5 Arcadia, I think, starts at 56th Street and Thomas, all the
6 way down to 40th Street, so following down Thomas, and then
7 go -- on 40th Street and Thomas go north all the way to, I
8 think, Indian School.

9 Camelback. Thank you.

10 Camelback, and go -- and head east, and again take
11 up 56th Street there.

12 I think that area would be the Arcadia area.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Since we do have time till our
14 next meeting, I hope, I will try to mock that up and send it
15 to the Commission, see if you can review that, make sure
16 that's the area that you're talking about.

17 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Sure.

18 And District 6, could you remove portions of east
19 Mesa? That perhaps could be put into District 3.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And those are my changes
22 for -- again, if Ms. McNulty is okay with them, for the --

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Can I ask a question on
24 that?

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Of course you may.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm curious about is this
2 a -- is this particular map something that you and
3 Commissioner McNulty have been working on?

4 I don't understand why you keep wondering whether
5 or not it's okay with her.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Because the reason I ask is,
7 for example, I wouldn't make changes to your what-if
8 scenario, because I -- for example, let me just give you an
9 example what I'm trying to get at.

10 So I'm looking, looking at your three border
11 district. I don't really agree with it, so if I started
12 making changes to it, you probably wouldn't agree with those
13 changes. There would be a different version of it.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That would be okay.

15 I think that this is -- the idea about these
16 what-ifs are that we're trying to determine what the best
17 possible maps can be for the state of Arizona and --

18 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And I agree.

19 But I want to make sure that -- I mean, we could
20 easily create many different versions of the what-ifs, so
21 I'm trying to limit them to just these handful.

22 I guess we can create more.

23 You know, I don't need -- I would -- what I want
24 to do is respect her --

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't think you need to

1 explain.

2 I asked Mr. Herrera some questions about this
3 geography and told him I would follow his lead because he
4 knows this part of the world.

5 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Sure. And I would make sure
6 that I -- and that would be for everybody. If
7 Commissioner --

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That's all I needed to know.
9 Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: -- if Commissioner Freeman
11 made some changes, I'd -- I would want to, you know, I'd
12 want to make some changes to his version or his what-if
13 scenario, I would probably do the same thing for him.

14 I am just a polite guy.

15 I apologize that I'm a polite guy. But I think
16 that's it. I'm just being polite.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Can I just get a little
18 clarification on the parts of east Mesa you want moved into
19 District 3?

20 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Can you go into a bigger
21 version -- yeah, can you expand on that?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: I can turn that.

23 Maybe it would help, again, if I -- oh, at least
24 according to the census, this is -- the area that turned red
25 is what's considered Mesa.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So Mesa is three districts.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mesa is a big, big city.

4 So, let me -- so --

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Is that orange part Mesa
6 too?

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Right here?

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Here.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Looks like they have a
11 little annexing to do.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: A lot of these gaps are -- that
13 are unincorporated areas --

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Unincorporated county.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: I believe that is --

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Maricopa County.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: If I click right there, yeah,
18 that is an unincorporated area. That's not part of any
19 census place.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Is it populated?

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Probably.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's all right. Don't
23 take a lot of time.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Sorry. That is -- there is no
25 population in the area I just clicked on.

1 Nope.

2 Forty-seven people right there.

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Desmond.

4 So for the removing parts of east Mesa from six
5 but moving to three, can you go into the parts that are
6 already in the -- the parts that are Mesa or east Mesa that
7 are in District 6?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

9 Sorry.

10 It will find it easier.

11 All right. So, currently this area is all Mesa,
12 and in District No. 6.

13 So District No. 3 could come up and grab this.

14 Or if it's -- you mentioned just east Mesa --

15 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, portions of east Mesa,
16 probably get that area right there.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: So to just kind of extend this
18 part up; right?

19 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yes.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you. It makes it
22 easier when you show it like that.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Are those all the changes?

24 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: For now.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

1 Maybe we should take a break before we add -- see
2 if there's any more what-ifs we want Mr. Desmond to do.

3 Take a 15-minute recess.

4 It's 3:09 p.m.

5 (Brief recess taken.)

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We'll enter back into
7 public session.

8 The time is 3:25 p.m.

9 And I believe Mr. Herrera finished giving his
10 directions to our mapping consultant on the map he's
11 interested in for the changes.

12 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: That's correct.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

14 And Mr. Stertz gave his.

15 Any other what-if scenarios that other
16 commissioners would like to see on congressional?

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: If there are -- knowing that
20 we are going to be having the opportunity for Willie to be
21 back at his computer working for the next five days,
22 assuming he's taking a night off, if we have more what-if
23 scenarios, there's no reason at all in my mind why we could
24 not submit those, copy Mr. Desmond and the rest of the
25 commissioners electronically.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I agree. Mr. Bladine can
2 help facilitate that.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thanks.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That would be great.

5 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, I think to avoid
6 any open meeting violation, we probably should send them to
7 the staff.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. Mr. Bladine may need
9 to do it.

10 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I just want to make sure.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other, any other what-if
12 scenarios that Mr. Freeman or Ms. McNulty had?

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair, I don't know,
14 Mr. Herrera sounded like he had more changes to make.

15 I think we should encourage him to make them, just
16 lay them all out on the table right now.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Do you have additional
18 changes, Mr. Herrera, that you want to discuss?

19 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: No, I think I made -- I think
20 I gave them all.

21 But, again, if -- I think I agree with Mr. Stertz,
22 if something comes up tomorrow, that I should be able to
23 e-mail --

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Bladine.

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: -- Mr. Bladine with that

1 information.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah. Okay.

3 Any other what-if scenarios that anyone would like
4 to see?

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Sure, Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: On whole counties version
8 three, one of the pieces that I picked up is that -- whether
9 or not you would be able to connect in District 2, pick up
10 all of Santa Cruz County in District 2 by expanding the
11 volume of population in Yuma County into District 3.

12 I'd like you to take a look at that for me,
13 please.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sorry.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: District 2.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh, you want that to go into --

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Go ahead and pick up
18 Santa Cruz County.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And then, and then be able
21 to pick up the population that you're losing by capturing
22 all of Yuma County.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: You might have to pick up
25 La Paz as well.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I have a comment on the three
2 border district one, Mr. Stertz.

3 Is there a way to -- and I don't know if you would
4 be amenable to this idea, but just keeping Santa Cruz whole
5 in that one?

6 Because the original one that I think got
7 generated split Santa Cruz in half.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Oh, yeah, I'd love to be
9 able to keep Santa Cruz whole, but which would mean wanting
10 to either pulling that in two or one.

11 And if you pulled it into one, that would also
12 help with the, with the picking up of the pieces on the
13 edges that's off of the edge of that.

14 Again, I think we're going to -- if the goal is to
15 try to get as many -- from a legislative point of view,
16 working together with county officials, having two
17 congressmen working in a county as small as Santa Cruz is
18 might be a big benefit for Santa Cruz, but the people in
19 Santa Cruz were very hopeful when we were down in
20 Sierra Vista, they asked many times for them to be kept
21 whole and intact and actually tied in with Cochise.

22 When I was in Cochise County, in Nogales, excuse
23 me, talking with the folks wanting to be kept with Sierra
24 Vista.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So could that be part of

1 your --

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yeah. Sure.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We don't need to do a
4 separate one.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yeah, take a look at that.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Uh-hmm.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

8 Okay. Just to clarify, the three border will be
9 changed basically to make it look better up in Maricopa and
10 also to try to keep Santa Cruz whole.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: In either one or two.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. And the whole counties, we
13 will move Santa Cruz into District 2 and all of Yuma into
14 District 3.

15 And the river district version four will be
16 changed to reflect the changes for Arcadia, and some of the
17 other parts that I have, to lower the HVAP.

18 And then move the Gila reservation to District 5.

19 And also, I think there's -- it's possible I'll be
20 able to also try to do District 7, lower HVAP, and
21 District 9, within highway 101, but that may have to be a
22 separate version. I'm not sure yet.

23 I'll look at it.

24 If it makes sense to do those separately, if they
25 kind of conflict, I'll have two versions. If not, I'll try

1 to make those into one version.

2 If that's all right.

3 Are there any other -- anything that I'm missing,
4 I guess?

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

6 Any other what-ifs that we want to have him do?

7 (No oral response.)

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

9 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Desmond.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next item on the agenda
12 is number four, review, discussion and direction to mapping
13 consultant regarding ideas for possible adjustments to the
14 legislative grid map based on constitutional criteria.

15 I don't think we have anything new to look at;
16 right?

17 But I think Ms. McNulty mentioned she had some
18 comments or questions on one.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I would like to look at
20 option one that you did last time.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: This is option one. That's been
22 adjusted, again, to not split, so. . .

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's go down south.

24 Two.

25 As I was looking at this last night, we've got

1 San Xavier, which is -- see where it says -- three points,
2 that's part of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, and then this
3 little thing is the Ak-Chin reservation.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. This was the point I was
5 making after the meeting.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think they should be
7 together.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, absolutely.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And then I think we need
10 to -- I'm not sure how we do this, but once we move this
11 into here, I think we need to fix this little area of
12 population.

13 Need to clean that up.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me go -- okay.

15 I believe the way this, this does look so jagged
16 is that this is -- I was using census tract a lot of times,
17 and then trying to reach the majority-minority districts.
18 That's probably why it's kind of going like that.

19 JOSEPH KANEFIELD: Madam Chair, just for the
20 record, Commissioner McNulty, you may want to describe a
21 little bit more about what you're asking. I'm not sure it
22 will be reflected in the record based on the description.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Based on me waving the
24 pointer around.

25 Sorry.

1 Yes, I'd like to move the San Xavier area of the
2 Tohono O'Odham reservation and the Ak-Chin reservation, move
3 the boundaries so that that's included in the -- whatever
4 the -- you call that grid number that is to the east of
5 that.

6 And then I think when we do that we're going to
7 pick up some population, we're going to take some
8 population -- some of this Hispanic population here that's
9 in the south Tucson area can come down into this southern
10 district.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I'll move District 3 over
12 here, so it's with the rest of the reservation.

13 Then as a result try to, I guess, improve the
14 compactness of this area right here.

15 Is that correct?

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Then I'd like to go up
19 north to the top of the state, and do the same sort of
20 thing, pick up the Paiute tribes in District 7, this area
21 here.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So that all of these. . .

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: I can look at that.

25 Just one thing. The District 7 is already

1 exceeding the current voting age Indian population.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's okay. I'd still
3 like to look at that.

4 I don't think that can go too high.

5 That's kind of a different issue.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And then I'd like to look
8 at keeping Flagstaff together with the Winslow, Holbrook
9 area along that.

10 So maybe taking out -- so including in this
11 district up here southern Apache County but leaving some of
12 Navajo County, southern Navajo County into the Flagstaff
13 district.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Which area?

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Right here.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So we would be moving this
18 into the Flagstaff district to try to tie -- tie those
19 together, so the boundary would be more like here maybe.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So, the other thing I'd
22 like -- I couldn't tell from the map, but I'd like to -- I'd
23 like you to look and make sure that Prescott and
24 Prescott Valley are -- that Flagstaff, this Flagstaff
25 district does not include Prescott or Prescott Valley.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It kind of looked like
3 maybe it was straddling.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me see if I can.

5 So we have parts of Prescott Valley are with
6 Flagstaff.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah, it just looked like
8 they were being split. I think they should all be together
9 in this 14.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Let me just look at
11 Prescott, just for you.

12 Okay.

13 Are there other changes to this?

14 And I -- those last two changes will sync in well
15 with the next set that's also going to respect municipal
16 boundaries also, to try to keep more of those goals.

17 Are there other changes to this option one, or do
18 you want me to go to option two?

19 Would you like me to also verify that these things
20 happen in option two also? Does that make sense?

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Sure.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

23 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: When do you think the draft
24 that we previously gave you instructions upon will be ready?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: That will be the next thing I

1 work on, so hopefully early in the week, Monday, Tuesday
2 morning.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yesterday you mentioned
4 files from Arizona Minority Coalition or something.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. We only have, I believe --
6 let me check. I think we only have, like, pictures of their
7 maps.

8 I don't know that we have map files.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't know what those
10 are, but I'm curious to know if we're going to get map
11 files.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: If I remember correctly, I
13 believe they're planning on presenting next week.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Oh, okay.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Senator Miranda at the meeting on
16 Wednesday, didn't he say that the Minority Coalition was
17 going to present next week?

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I don't recall that.

19 Is that correct, Ms. Gomez?

20 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Yes, they did inform us that they
21 will be working on those maps to revise them and they would
22 like to present them sometime next week.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Great.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And those are legislative
25 maps.

1 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So we can't get map
3 files for those now.

4 KRISTINA GOMEZ: I was informed no.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. I think we would
6 need that input.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Anything else on legislative
8 that anyone would like to see?

9 (No oral response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

11 Do you have your marching orders?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. So, they'll be, I guess,
13 two more versions of each one of these maps.

14 And e-mail if there's anything you think of or are
15 curious about.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. And we'll work that
17 through Mr. Bladine.

18 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Desmond.

19 We've already covered, I think, item five unless
20 anyone has thought of any other future agenda items.

21 We laboriously went through our schedule
22 yesterday, so I think our meetings for September are
23 somewhat confirmed and set.

24 Any other future agenda items from anyone for now?

25 And this, of course, isn't the last opportunity.

1 You can e-mail Mr. Bladine with that if you think of
2 anything you want to add.

3 The executive director's report, number six, we've
4 done.

5 Number seven, report legal advice and direction to
6 counsel regarding attorney general inquiry.

7 I'm not sure that there is an update to provide
8 today. And if there is, we would do it after public
9 comment.

10 JOSEPH KANEFIELD: Madam Chair, there's no new
11 update to provide at this time.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

13 Which would take us to public comment.

14 And I have a number of request to speak forms.

15 And just to remind the public to please come up to
16 the microphone and speak directly into it and spell your
17 name when you start so that we get an accurate accounting.

18 So our first speaker is Mohur Sidhwa, representing
19 self, from Tucson.

20 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, before we begin,
21 I'd like to make sure that we're limiting the comments to
22 four minutes.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Yes, if we could limit
24 comments to four minutes, that would be great.

25 MOHUR SIDHWA: Mohur, M-O-H-U-R, Sarah with an H,

1 Sidhwa, S-I-D-H-W-A.

2 A couple of things that have been coming to mind.

3 One of them was a comment I heard yesterday. I
4 think it was from the mapping people. That data from
5 prisons is very slow in coming and there's a lot of foot
6 dragging at their end.

7 If I were a betting person, I would have -- I
8 would bet that by the time you get the data it would be too
9 late for us to consider it.

10 You are a legislative body. Therefore you have
11 the right to subpoena.

12 So why are you drawing all these beautiful maps?

13 And, yes, there may be 50 prisoners in Wilmot, if
14 that's what you found, but there are over 3,000 plus in
15 Eloy. And registered voters, there are about 1700.

16 You know, there's something skewed here. You've
17 got to take that into account.

18 Florence is in the thousands.

19 And this is something I will be hammering away on,
20 because this reaches into the very heart of our Democratic
21 system of one person, one vote.

22 So just kind of keep that in mind.

23 The other thing that concerns me is I think a
24 matter of packing. If one minority district has grown quite
25 a bit and has gone from, say, 53 percent to now 59 percent,

1 for heaven sake don't overpack it.

2 It's okay to bring it down.

3 In other words, I have -- this is my personal
4 thing. If a district -- minority district is all 53,
5 54 percent, then I will consider it kind of packing.

6 So just avoid that, if you can.

7 Because we don't want to have that scenario and
8 thereby have the loss of minority influence on the nearby
9 district.

10 And once again, since I've been following you
11 around -- and it's exhausting. You guys must be very
12 exhausted.

13 And honestly I appreciate all five of you for
14 doing what you're doing.

15 Thank you very much.

16 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

18 Our next --

19 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Herrera.

21 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: What I'd like to do is I know
22 we had entered -- we had asked our attorneys to look into
23 the issue of the prison population. At our next meeting
24 hopefully they can give us an update of what they've found
25 and how we can start addressing the prison population when

1 we go forward with what-if scenarios.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, I think that's on their
3 to-do list.

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6 Sandra Fischer from LD 21.

7 SANDRA FISCHER: Hi. My name is Sandra Fischer,
8 S-A-N-D-R-A, F-I-S-C-H-E-R.

9 I happen to be the Democratic chair of
10 District 21.

11 I am also the chair of my toy drive in
12 Marlborough Mesa.

13 I guess I was hoping to see a little bit more
14 about the legislative maps and seeing a little bit of
15 difference, so I don't know that I have a whole lot to say
16 today.

17 I think you guys really have made some great
18 comments about these maps and doing the differences. So
19 what I saw in the website before I came here was not enough
20 for me to see, but I guess you've come across some new maps,
21 and you're going to have those out. That's, I guess, more
22 what I'm looking at.

23 Because the more important thing for me is always
24 having it compact, and really -- and competitive.

25 And I think that's critical being in

1 Maricopa County, yeah, it is hard to see some of those
2 differences.

3 And to see some of Maricopa go with -- well, when
4 it comes to congressional districts, to see part of Maricopa
5 go with all these outer rural areas is a concern, because we
6 have so little in common with the rural areas. And it's
7 hard to see where they would have to meet -- where our
8 congressmen would have to meet with his district if he has
9 to go all over.

10 But then, again, watching you, it's hard to see
11 how you can't include some of Maricopa in some of that.

12 But, that would be a thing that I would be
13 concerned about when it comes to congressional districts, is
14 how far, how much -- if you can get as little of Maricopa in
15 some of that if possible.

16 And, again, I think you guys are doing a great
17 job, and I really appreciate everything that you're doing.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Jim March, representing Pima County Libertarian
21 Party.

22 JIM MARCH: Hi. I am Jim March, last name spelled
23 same as the month.

24 I really appreciate the comments that were made
25 yesterday. I apparently stepped out of the room. Directing

1 counsel to figure out what are our options regarding jails.

2 I'd like to very briefly go over what looks to me
3 like four different options.

4 Option one is to ignore it, which is what they did
5 in 2000.

6 There's two problems with that.

7 The jail population disparity has increased in the
8 last ten years. Pinal County in particular has become home
9 to several private prisons, bringing prisoners out of state,
10 so that the geographic concentration of the prisons is
11 increased in the last ten years and the severity of the
12 potential disparity has increased.

13 So I don't think that ignoring it is just a good
14 idea.

15 Plus, because it's going to have a disparate
16 impact on the First Nations, their attorneys are going to
17 have a lot to say if it doesn't get fixed.

18 Plan B is what New York came up with, which is
19 assign each prisoner a known real origin and think of them
20 as a registered voter of wherever they really come from.

21 If they're in prison in Eloy and they really came
22 from Flagstaff, then they're a Flagstaff voter.

23 If they're from Mexico City, then they're a
24 Mexican voter, so on and so on and so on.

25 The problem you run into with that plan is that it

1 means getting very detailed information out of the various
2 prisons.

3 The private ones and the federal ones in
4 particular might decide that you don't have that authority.

5 Or will it may require coordination with
6 legislature to create new legislation to come up with that
7 kind of a plan.

8 Now, New York state actually went there, and
9 they're doing that.

10 So it should be seen as an option, but it's a more
11 difficult one than other choices.

12 Next option you've got is to discount the prisons
13 completely as population for purposes of these districts.

14 There's maybe a problem with that too. And it
15 goes like this. The prisoners don't have a lot of civil
16 rights, but one of the few they do have is the First
17 Amendment right to petition for redress agreements. And
18 some of the people they have the ability to petition are
19 their congressmen and their state legislators.

20 So if you exclude them from those legislative
21 maps, maybe at least in theory it might be appraised in
22 court that you stripped them of that particular First
23 Amendment right.

24 So that could get ugly.

25 And the last option would be the so-called

1 tendrils option, or physically redistribute the prisons
2 across all the districts by doing very strange little border
3 lines that will come out of, for example, a particular
4 district the Navajo Nation's in, and one little tendril
5 might drop down somewhere into Pinal and envelope a couple
6 of prisons to relocate them up that way.

7 That type of activity would do slightly obscene
8 things to the idea of compact and contiguous, but not
9 really. And it would survive court challenge. And other
10 than looking bad, it would be completely within the scope of
11 what everybody knows you can do.

12 So personally I think that's the option you're
13 going to be left with, I think.

14 I would be really interested to hear what options
15 your attorneys come up with.

16 My guess is you're going to end up with number D.

17 Anyways, I hope you -- I hope this sheds some
18 light on your problem, and I appreciate you working on it.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Wes Harris, representing self,
21 from Phoenix.

22 WES HARRIS: Hi. Wes Harris, W-E-S, H-A-R-R-I-S.
23 I live in north central Phoenix.

24 Yesterday evening I was -- I ran out of time to
25 talk to you about all the points I wished to make, so I came

1 back today to do that.

2 Numbering CDs and LDs, unless it's by design,
3 numbering all these CDs and LDs differently than we
4 currently have causes confusion, plus it clouds the changes
5 that you are making.

6 Before you move forward, I would urge you to
7 renumber them as closely as possible to the existing
8 numbers.

9 Second, with your gerrymandering to create more
10 Latino minority districts, you've apparently forgotten about
11 the other so-called minorities, Blacks, Asians, eastern
12 Europeans, et cetera.

13 You seem by creating false minority districts,
14 you're creating voter ghettos. Which is the opposite, I
15 believe, of the intent of the Voters Act.

16 Speaking of Latinos, you always use the term
17 Hispanic to describe this group of citizens.

18 If you are truly Hispanic, you have to come from
19 the Iberian peninsula, which means you're either Spanish or
20 Portuguese.

21 Unless you come from Mexico and maintain your
22 bloodlines from the Conquistador times, you're not Hispanic.
23 So, by definition, you're not a minority.

24 But personally I abhor the fact that we call
25 Latinos or anybody else minorities. I find it distasteful.

1 And for that matter, any other group that's classified
2 therefore separate them from us, and they become separate
3 but equal, which is what in the '60s we got rid of.

4 To reiterate my concern yesterday, I abhor your
5 idea of hiring another attorney to represent this Commission
6 before ours and your attorney general.

7 I also resist the idea of hiring another left
8 leaning professor from Boston to interpret the voters'
9 rights impact of your work.

10 What have you got these three attorneys for?
11 Isn't that what they're supposed to do?

12 I suggest that if you need attorneys, that you can
13 hire them by the hour, rather than having them sitting
14 around and answering -- not being able to answer questions
15 that are asked, as they did yesterday.

16 And I would again like to revisit the university
17 problem.

18 The university, like prisons, have populations
19 that distort the area that they rest in.

20 Unlike prisoners, they can vote. And by aligning
21 them with a small area, they exercise unreasonably and on
22 the surrounding community and so perhaps should be separated
23 from that community mainly because they do not fulfill the
24 requirement of community interest, at the very least.

25 At the very most they are temporary residents in

1 nature. And the effect they have on continuous population
2 is distorted at best.

3 If you look at the city of Berkeley as an example,
4 Berkeley is a very poor city. And it's adversely affected
5 by the voters of the University of California Berkeley.

6 This is also a situation we have with the
7 University of Arizona, and ASU and Tempe and Tucson.

8 Again, I question your choices of meeting places.

9 Why are you having four of the next seven meetings
10 in Casa Grande, while only our -- one in our second largest
11 city Tucson and two in Phoenix?

12 Maricopa County makes up 68 percent of the
13 population, and yet we don't seem to be spending enough time
14 there, in my opinion.

15 Now, I do have to sit through -- I do not have to
16 sit through these meetings. They are convoluted and
17 inefficient -- except today. Today was a very good meeting.

18 The last two were terrible.

19 But I think your contractor is doing a great
20 disservice and should be terminated.

21 Sitting here meeting after meeting getting a
22 lesson on how to use a mouse is not my idea of what this is
23 all about.

24 They should have printed out maps for you and us.
25 I have no map. The only map I have is this one from the

1 Pinal County Government Alliance.

2 I'm almost done.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Go ahead.

4 WES HARRIS: So I would, I would suggest that
5 these -- this particular contractor is the yoke around your
6 neck, and I think you should terminate him and get rid of
7 them once and for all.

8 And, finally, who is this Hispanic Coalition for
9 Good Government? And where are they? And where is their
10 map?

11 I haven't seen it.

12 It appears that they're getting more attention
13 than others.

14 Is that true?

15 Have you overlaid the Pinal County map that was
16 issued -- talked about yesterday? Our maps?

17 I know you can't answer my question, but there it
18 is.

19 Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

21 Our next speaker is Chris Rossiter from Greater
22 Phoenix Tea Party.

23 CHRIS ROSSITER: Chris Rossiter, C-H-R-I-S,
24 R-O-S-S-I-T-E-R. I'm the vice-president of the Greater
25 Phoenix Tea Party.

1 And I'm not usually the one that speaks, so since
2 I'm mostly going to read something, you're probably going to
3 screw that up, so this is a letter that we submitted to the
4 governor yesterday.

5 It's in response to a -- to the letter that was
6 presented on the back table at the meeting on August 31st at
7 the redistricting meeting.

8 Honorable Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State
9 of Arizona.

10 Copy to the Arizona Independent Redistricting
11 Commission.

12 Dear Governor Brewer, on August 17, 2011, you
13 received a letter from various Arizona legislators,
14 politicians, and organizations which presumed to inform you
15 that members of the AIRC were being exposed to intimidation
16 and interference created by undisclosed politicians and
17 partisans who are allegedly opposed to an independent
18 process to establish, quote, fair and competitive districts,
19 end quote.

20 At the redistricting meeting on August 31st, 2011,
21 a copy of that letter was furnished to all attendees by
22 AIRC. No letters supporting any other viewpoint were
23 distributed.

24 This letter, touted repeatedly by
25 Commissioner Herrera as bipartisan, as though that is the

1 litmus that establishes the moral superiority and value of a
2 political entity, argument, or action, was not merely
3 disingenuous, its origins reek of demagoguery by groups who
4 are hoping to involve your office in an attempt to
5 intimidate and dissuade any further oversight of the
6 redistricting process by a vigilant citizenry which seeks
7 merely to ensure, by their involvement, that this process is
8 as fair as possible.

9 Since this process began, the so-called partisans
10 who are supposedly opposed to an independent and fair
11 process helped uncover that a potential conflict of interest
12 that was not disclosed by one of the commissioners on her
13 application. It was also learned that a violation of
14 Arizona's open meeting laws may have occurred. That matter
15 is being looked into by Attorney General Tom Horne.

16 Lastly, it was learned that the Strategic
17 Telemetry -- that Strategic Telemetry, the independent
18 contractor chosen to map the new districts, has no other
19 experience than to have worked for liberal Democrat
20 organizations and candidates throughout the United States.

21 The Commission has acted recently to increase
22 scrutiny on the communication reporting requirements of this
23 contractor to help alleviate transparency concerns on the
24 part of the public. For that we are thankful, and we will
25 continue to monitor this aspect of the process very closely.

1 The letter submitted to you on August 17th said
2 that the message sent by voters when they passed Prop 106 in
3 2000 was to, quote, remove the ability of politicians to
4 gerrymander districts for the benefit of themselves or their
5 political party, end quote.

6 While that is true, this doesn't dissolve the
7 reasonable expectation that citizens will have to monitor
8 the entity established to conduct redistricting. After all,
9 it would be naive to assume that the newly established
10 process will be perfect and not susceptible to age-old
11 methods of manipulation and corruption. The previously
12 mentioned discoveries seem to bear the wisdom of this out.

13 Who will watch the watchers? I assure you that we
14 will.

15 That is the duty of the sovereign American
16 citizen, and we are beginning to take it seriously after too
17 many generations of having neglected it. Our nation is
18 currently reaping the destruction of over 40 years of the
19 erosion of progressivism has wrought on our institutions.
20 It's time to return to our first principles. It's time to
21 the return to the tested things that made us once the most
22 prosperous and free people in the history of the world.

23 Demanding accountability from those who are
24 supposed to represent us, ensuring that the faith of the
25 voters in this new process is honored, and being intolerant

1 of corruption at all levels of government was deemed to be
2 intimidation by the author and signatories of the letter you
3 previously received.

4 Our organization views the insistence of these
5 things as a tacit duty of all Constitution-loving American
6 citizens.

7 We hope that you share our concerns and will
8 instruct your office to oversee the AIRC and prevent any
9 intimidation, by entities or individuals who commonly employ
10 such tactics, from jeopardizing the goal of this process; a
11 fair and impartial outcome under the law.

12 Sincerely, Chris Rossiter, vice-president of the
13 Greater Phoenix Tea Party, on behalf of the board of the
14 directors of the Greater Phoenix Tea Party.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

17 Our next speaker is Geri Ottoboni from Pima
18 County.

19 GERI OTTOBONI: Commission, my name is Geri
20 Ottoboni, O-T-T-O-B-O-N-I.

21 Excuse my voice. I was having some room -- I
22 guess I shouldn't be doing that.

23 I'm amazed that all the other mapping companies
24 who bid on this contract included in their bids a person to
25 do the polarized voting and competitive analysis.

1 The other companies would have paid that person
2 from the money they received to do the job. No extra money
3 would have been needed.

4 Surprise. The most expensive company did not
5 include this person in their bid. But they're the ones who
6 were hired.

7 Wasn't that the Commission -- sorry, wasn't that
8 Commission aware of this when they voted for Strategic
9 Telemetry?

10 And who is paying for it?

11 We the taxpayer.

12 This is the most terrible, horrible economy.
13 I strongly -- we the taxpayer, I strongly suggest that
14 Strategic Telemetry pay for this subcontractor out of their
15 salary without this subcontractor adding more money to their
16 contract. They should have included their expense in the
17 bid, like everyone else.

18 Just for your information, to put this in on the
19 record, the Harvard professor is the most expensive person
20 in the United States who does this work.

21 Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24 Our next speaker is Lynne St. Angelo from Pima
25 County.

1 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: Thank you. St. Angelo,
2 S-T, period, A-N-G-E-L-O, Lynne, L-Y-N-N-E.

3 I wanted to just comment on the information that
4 was presented yesterday about the data, the voting data from
5 the different years, 2004, 2006.

6 I do hope that you do include this data. I
7 actually think you should include 2002, since the last
8 Commission, that was included in the changes that were made.
9 All the votes that happened since then that I looked at, if
10 my district was competitive, I looked at the data back to
11 2002 as well.

12 It always seems logical that that would be
13 included.

14 Why that wasn't included in the money, I don't
15 understand.

16 I don't understand how when I looked at all the
17 other bidders on the RFP, it didn't look like they said they
18 wouldn't include the data and that would not be part of
19 their bid.

20 They also included, the other bidders on the
21 contract, they included subcontractors. And some of them
22 were for public information, archival public input and
23 comments, coordination of public comments to be incorporated
24 into redistricting scenarios.

25 And we -- they had Internet mapping applications,

1 and that was a part of their subcontractors, another one.

2 Another one had capturing public input and
3 facilitating public meetings and hearings.

4 So instead of the subcontractors that were
5 included, as I understand it, in the RFPs and the amount of
6 money that the other bidders bid on it, we now have
7 Maptitude that we're paying for, we have Catalyst Secure,
8 and some other staff that have been hired to do that, and
9 now we're hiring Professor King to do the polarized voting
10 and the competitiveness, which was also included as a
11 subcontractor in National Demographics Corporation.

12 So my concern is that, one, there's now at least
13 four things that I count that aren't included in the
14 contract that we're paying for Strategic Telemetry for. And
15 there's no way that I could tell, based on the budget
16 projection that was presented, where that information is
17 going to be shown so that we can actually see the amount of
18 money that's being spent on each of these.

19 Especially with if there's an open ended contract
20 to Professor King.

21 Right now on the legal fees includes
22 Osborn Maledon and Strategic Telemetry as one lump sum for
23 the month of November -- or July, sorry, July, of \$66,000.

24 You can't tell what did Strategic Telemetry get,
25 what did Osborn Maledon get.

1 I didn't think Strategic Telemetry was a legal
2 fee. I thought they were some kind of consultant.

3 Even on the list of the breakdown on the actual --
4 this is the actual cost for July, the travel outside was
5 \$28.

6 I've been following you around, and I don't see
7 how that's possible, that a travel expense could be only
8 \$28.

9 So I would like to see how you're going to do the
10 breakdowns so that the public can follow all these different
11 things that are being added to what is now going to be
12 charged for different pieces of the RFP that is not
13 included evidently in the contract already with Strategic
14 Telemetry.

15 And that I would like to know.

16 The other thing I wanted to find out about, it
17 looks like the total expenses on the end of July was
18 \$260,000. And it's hard to tell, but I thought it looks
19 like the budget was 213,000.

20 So that means that we're already over budget, and
21 now we're hiring a lot more companies. And I do think that
22 the public deserves to see line item by line item the
23 expenses that are being incurred.

24 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1 My last request to speak form is
2 State Representative John Cavanagh, representing self.

3 JOHN CAVANAGH: Thank you. Thank you for giving
4 me the opportunity to comment.

5 I represent most of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills,
6 and Rio Verde.

7 And I'd like to briefly comment on the
8 congressional map that was shown -- one of them shown today,
9 and also a legislative map.

10 On the congressional map, or maps, I didn't see
11 all of them, all of Fountain Hills, all of Rio Verde, and
12 the northern section of Scottsdale has been placed into the
13 more rural fifth congressional district as opposed to the
14 ninth, which is metropolitan Phoenix.

15 I don't know if that's something that you just
16 haven't gotten around to, because that part of the process
17 hasn't been approached yet, or if it was purposeful in some
18 of the versions.

19 But I sincerely hope that Fountain Hills and all
20 of Scottsdale and Rio Verde will stay in the Phoenix metro
21 district, because obviously we share much more in common
22 with where we live than a rural district.

23 So please keep that in mind as you're going
24 through different iterations.

25 I wasn't aware that you had gone beyond the first

1 two more chance computer generated grid maps.

2 So I'm not really sure what the district that I
3 would be living in would like look like now. But in the
4 original grid maps, Fountain Hills was one end of the
5 district, and it looped over Phoenix, through northern
6 Phoenix, and stretched like a ribbon all the way to the west
7 side by I-17.

8 And clearly not a compact district.

9 Again, I hope that's something that will be taken
10 care of when you start to talk about compactness. But it
11 would be extremely difficult -- I mean, aside from the fact
12 that there's no -- there are too many communities distinct
13 that don't really interact with each other in such a long
14 district, it would be extremely difficult to represent
15 people along that large a swath. That's an unfortunate
16 reality we have in rural districts where the population is
17 not dense, but there's really no excuse to create that kind
18 of barrier between a representative and his or her
19 constituents in a more dense area.

20 So I hope that you take that into account also,
21 and I thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23 Any other public member that would like to speak
24 today?

25 (No oral response.)

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. That takes us to the
2 end of the slips.

3 And I believe the only item left on the agenda is
4 to adjourn.

5 And so at 4:11 p.m., this meeting is adjourned.
6 Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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