

1 **ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

5 Friday, September 9, 2011
6 3:12 p.m.

8 **Location**

9 Viscount Suite Hotel Conference Room
10 4855 East Broadway
11 Tucson, Arizona 85711

13 **Attending**

14 Colleen C. Mathis, Chair
15 Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair
16 Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair
17 Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner
18 Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

19 Raymond F. Bladine, Executive Director
20 Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director
21 Buck Forst, Information Technology Specialist
22 Mary O'Grady, Counsel, Osborn Maledon
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4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good afternoon.

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

7 The time is 3:12 p.m. Today is Friday,
8 September 9th. Let's start with the Pledge of
9 Allegiance.

10 (Pledge was recited.)

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, it's great to
12 be back in Tucson. Thanks to all of you for being
13 here today for our meeting.

14 We'll start with roll call and then I'll
15 introduce some of the other folks helping us today.

16 Vice Chair Freeman.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner
21 McNulty.

22 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Here.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We have a quorum.

1 And other folks at the table on my left,
2 Joe Kanefield and Mary O'Grady, our legal counsel
3 for us.

4 Willie Desmond and Kenneth Strasma from
5 Strategic Telemetry.

6 We have a court reporter, Michelle,
7 taking a record today. So be sure to -- if you do
8 address us during public comment, be sure to speak
9 directly into the microphone and spell your name for
10 the record so that we get an accurate accounting.

11 Buck Forst is our chief technology
12 officer. We are streaming today.

13 I don't think we have other -- oh, Lisa
14 Schmelling I know -- or no, Kristy Olson is here
15 today, our public outreach coordinator. I think you
16 saw her on the way in. And then I know Ray Bladine,
17 our executive director, and Kristina Gomez, our
18 deputy executive director, will be here shortly.

19 So I think that concludes all of the
20 folks.

21 With that, we -- our first item on the
22 agenda is map presentations. And this a recurring
23 agenda item for us at this phase. And it's for
24 folks who want to present any maps that they may
25 have created themselves or as part of a coalition so

1 that we get that input into the record.

2 And I don't have any request to speaks in
3 front of me on that matter, so I'm not sure -- is
4 there any anybody in the public, if you want to
5 raise your hand, that has a map that they wanted to
6 present today?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I didn't realize
8 that you were calling for maps.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. Well, we are
10 -- this is -- during -- for the past few weeks now,
11 we've been having this on our agenda and it will
12 continue. There will be --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I'll have
14 another opportunity?

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Definitely. Many
16 opportunities to do this in the future. It's going
17 to be on our agenda every single time.

18 So it's fine if there's nobody that
19 wanted to present maps today to us. You'll have
20 more opportunities to do so.

21 We had some additional items on our
22 agenda from yesterday, and I'm wondering if --
23 Mr. Herrera, do you have a copy of that agenda on
24 you or does anyone?

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: The one from

1 yesterday?

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We ended up having
3 to table a number of items from yesterday's meeting.
4 And so I thought we would look at those and maybe
5 work those in first.

6 MARY O'GRADY: Madame Chair, and it does
7 need to be on today's agenda if we are going to talk
8 about it today. So if it's not on today's agenda,
9 we shouldn't talk about it today and we'll have to
10 place it on a future agenda.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm not sure I
12 understand that.

13 MARY O'GRADY: Because the idea of the
14 agenda is to make sure that everyone has notice of
15 what's going to be discussed today. And so if we're
16 going to discuss something today, it has to be on
17 today's agenda.

18 The fact that it was tabled at
19 yesterday's meeting doesn't necessarily give the
20 public notice that it's going to be discussed today
21 here.

22 And so -- because not everyone is
23 necessarily privy to the fact that it was tabled
24 yesterday.

25 So it just needs to go on a future

1 agenda.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So the items
3 from yesterday cannot be covered?

4 MARY O'GRADY: Unless they are on today's
5 agenda.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Can -- for future or
10 for our recurring agenda items, can we add tabled
11 agendas to be included? Is that possible?

12 MARY O'GRADY: No. You would need to be
13 more specific than that because, again, the idea of
14 the agenda is to give the public notice. And so
15 they need to have the specific notice about what
16 substantively is going to be discussed.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Well, I guess
18 that makes it kind of easy then. I guess we're only
19 going to cover the items that are on today's agenda.

20 So that takes us to item 3, discussion
21 with mapping consultant and legal counsel and
22 possible action regarding prison inmate population
23 and appropriate methodology to use in mapping.

24 And we kind of had a discussion on this
25 yesterday. I don't know if our mapping consultant

1 has prepared something.

2 KEN STRASMA: Madame Chair, we have
3 nothing to add.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think what we came
8 up with yesterday -- and I'm going to summarize it.

9 I think we will include the prison
10 population as we've been doing with the -- when we
11 are doing the total population, total population
12 count. When we are doing the voter strength, for
13 example, HVAP, that we will -- that prison
14 population will not be counted toward the HVAP.

15 I think that's what we decided or agreed
16 on or what we said we would agree on.

17 Is that correct?

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's my
19 recollection.

20 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair, from
21 what I heard yesterday, that's what I took away with
22 it, correct.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Through Skype.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Restate that,
25 please. Your mic is off.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The whole
2 question.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Go ahead,
5 Mr. Herrera.

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: The issue was
7 regarding the item number 3, discussion with mapping
8 consultant and legal counsel and possible action
9 regarding prison inmate population and appropriate
10 methodology to use in mapping.

11 What we decided yesterday was to keep
12 using the prison population with the total
13 population count when we are doing the equal
14 population among the 30 legislative and 9
15 congressional districts.

16 But when we are doing HVAP, the Hispanic
17 voting-age population, that they will not be
18 included in the HVAP factor.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any comments
20 on that from other commissioners?

21 Okay. We'll move to agenda item 4,
22 review, discussion, and direction to mapping
23 consultant regarding ideas for possible adjustments
24 to congressional grid map based on constitutional
25 criteria.

1 So we talked about congressional grid
2 maps what-if scenarios a bunch yesterday and we gave
3 our mapping consultant some directions to make some
4 changes.

5 And I will turn it over to them and they
6 can tell us how far they got.

7 KEN STRASMA: And, of course,
8 Mr. Desmond's computer chose this moment to crash.
9 He's rebooting it.

10 If there are any general or conceptual
11 things we want to discuss while Willie gets the
12 computer back, otherwise, it will just be a minute.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madame Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We had talked a
16 couple of weeks ago about comparing the
17 majority/minority districts that we had drawn into
18 our grid map with the Hispanic Coalition for Good
19 Government maps.

20 And I'm thinking that we still need to do
21 that, and that it might be a useful exercise not to
22 do it right now, but to do it with the help of
23 counsel and perhaps look at the racially polarized
24 voting analysis and the Hispanic electoral
25 composition with regard to both of those just so

1 that we, again, get more familiar with the concepts
2 and, you know, can see what the similarities and
3 differences are in each of those different
4 configurations. Just as a way, more than anything
5 else, you know, to give us tools that we can use
6 both on those maps and on the legislative district
7 maps as we work on those.

8 So maybe that's something that you could
9 work on. Not really as a what-if but as a
10 presentation and discussion for an agenda item next
11 week.

12 KEN STRASMA: Certainly, Commissioner, we
13 can prepare that comparison and drilling down not
14 only into the racial composition but the voting
15 behavior in those districts. We will prepare that.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That will be
17 helpful. Thank you.

18 KEN STRASMA: Not necessarily Monday,
19 but --

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's fine.

21 KEN STRASMA: -- but at some point next
22 week.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other questions
24 or comments while we await the computer?

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Is there any other
3 item that we can discuss while they are trying to --

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, one
5 Mr. Strasma, would we be able to discuss the online
6 Maptitude program which is agenda item 6?

7 KEN STRASMA: Thank you, Madame Chair.

8 We had an agenda item for training on the
9 online Maptitude program. That's been moved and put
10 on Monday's agenda. We wanted to make sure that the
11 electoral data was up and running in the online
12 software so that the same data that the
13 commissioners have is available to the public.

14 I was informed as we were driving down
15 here that that is now up and working. So although
16 we won't be having a presentation on it today,
17 because that will be happening Monday, the site is
18 up and working.

19 By the end of this meeting, there will be
20 a link on the Commission's website to where you can
21 go for online mapping software.

22 The URL, if anyone wants it now, is
23 azredistrictingmaps.org/redist, r-e-d-i-s-t. And
24 that is the online version of the Maptitude
25 software.

1 Mr. Desmond will be presenting a brief
2 training on that on Monday and we are planning a
3 webinar later on for people who aren't able to
4 attend that training.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

6 Can you repeat the URL?

7 KEN STRASMA: Certainly.

8 It's www.azredistrictingmaps, all one
9 word, .org back slash redist, r-e-d-i-s-t. Oh,
10 forward slash. Thank you.

11 And I realize that's a long URL. It will
12 be -- fairly shortly after this meeting it will be
13 linked directly from the AIRC website. Makes things
14 a little easier to get at.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. Strasma, will
17 that webinar be something that people can log into
18 at any time?

19 KEN STRASMA: Yes, it will. We
20 anticipate presenting it live and then having an
21 archive version that people can watch at their
22 convenience.

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Mr. Strasma, will

1 that online Maptitude program have the same degree
2 of sophistication as the program that all of the
3 commissioners are equipped with or will it be
4 simplified in some respect?

5 KEN STRASMA: Madame Chair, Commissioner
6 Freeman, it is simplified in some respects. It has
7 most of the functionality of the desktop Maptitude
8 software.

9 And as I mentioned before, we are
10 endeavoring to have the same data sets available
11 that are available to commissioners.

12 There is some functionality, some
13 reporting that is available on the desktop that just
14 isn't on the web version.

15 And Mr. Desmond is ready, if there are no
16 other questions on the --

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other questions
18 on the online software?

19 Okay. Thank you.

20 So we'll jump back to item 4. This will
21 be congressional grid map discussion.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So we have two
23 more grid map what-if scenarios for congressional
24 today, the first of which is the whole counties
25 versions 4B, which Mr. Freeman had e-mailed about

1 this past weekend and we --

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'm sorry to
3 interrupt, but I wonder if it makes sense just for
4 two minutes to explain to people what these what-if
5 grid maps are, what we are doing here.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Sorry about that.

7 The what-if maps are adjustments to the
8 initial grid map that the different commissioners
9 have asked for, just to explore different
10 possibilities of how the maps could look.

11 They -- most cases do not meet all --
12 actually no cases do they meet all of the criteria.
13 They are conceptual, just snapshots trying to
14 explore different possibilities that are informative
15 for the commissioners as they kind of begin to
16 develop what type of first draft map they want to
17 make.

18 So it allows them to explore different
19 possibilities and then evaluate them before making
20 decisions on a final direction they want to move in.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And they are based
22 on feedback that we received during that first round
23 of public hearings that we had around the state
24 where various people came and shared with us what
25 was important to them on certain things.

1 And so some of that is incorporated into
2 what these what-if scenarios are based on.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: We're just starting the
4 tricaster so people watching on the live stream can
5 follow along.

6 Okay. So, again, the first one we'll be
7 discussing, I guess, is whole counties version 4B.
8 This is a map that Commissioner Freeman had
9 requested with some changes more so dealing with the
10 outlying areas, not so much Maricopa County.

11 I guess I'll just open it up and I'm
12 going to take a look at it.

13 And, Buck, are you seeing the tricaster?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is this a version
15 that was part of the handout?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: I don't believe so.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: County version 3?

18 WILLIE DESMOND: County version 4B.

19 I'm sorry, the reason that it's not
20 available yet is because we haven't been able to
21 print for the public until it's been presented to
22 the Commission.

23 So it will available on the website
24 today. It might be there already because it's a
25 duplicate from yesterday, but it's not available in

1 the back of the room.

2 So, Commissioner Freeman, is there
3 anything you wanted to explore right away with this
4 one or --

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Please.

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yes.

8 Would you, Mr. Desmond, zoom in on where
9 district -- proposed District 1 abuts proposed
10 District 5.

11 So it looks like what I'm seeing there is
12 there's a portion of Maricopa County that has been
13 included in part of District 1; is that correct?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, that is correct.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just generally, the
16 idea with developing this what-if scenario is to
17 start with the proposition based on constitutional
18 criteria and try to develop a map that respects
19 county lines, that is, it splits as few counties as
20 possible, and then overlaid upon that are the
21 districts that the Commission needs to create to
22 respect -- to comply with the Voting Rights Act and
23 then overlay part of that and an overlay on that is
24 not split reservation land, tribal land.

25 And so now we are on version 4B of this

1 map. So that's correct, then, where Maricopa County
2 is?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. So this -- if you
4 can see with my mouse there, if there's a laser
5 pointer I can borrow, this little bit of Maricopa
6 County is included in proposed Congressional
7 District Number 1.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And then could you
9 -- and then it also looks like proposed
10 Congressional District 1 we've split a couple of
11 reservations there. I don't know if that's the
12 Gilas' or the Ak-Chins' land. Is that also correct?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: So this is the Ak-Chin
14 and then the Gila is above.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Would you
16 mind zooming out?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Uh-huh.

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here is what I would
19 request on a further iteration of this map.

20 If you could change the line that we
21 first identified where Maricopa County has intruded
22 into proposed District 1 and back that to the county
23 line so it follows sort of the game plan for this
24 what-if scenario.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

1 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And then if you
2 could take proposed District 1 and capture the
3 remainder of Pima County except for the Tohono
4 O'odham tribal area that crosses into Pima County
5 and then also take the Gila Reservation and the
6 Ak-Chin and put it into proposed Congressional
7 District 3.

8 It might be the case that there's a
9 population disparity there in proposed District 1
10 that perhaps -- and I know you have been trying to
11 drill down to the exact one-person criteria -- we're
12 within a certain margin of error, but it might be
13 that we are overpopulated in the one.

14 But for purposes of this next iteration,
15 we'll just -- we'll deal with that perhaps on a
16 subsequent iteration.

17 Then I'm not sure if the proposed
18 District 3, if it's still short in population, if
19 you could look to the area of the West Valley of
20 Phoenix, perhaps in the area of what is currently
21 proposed District 8, I believe. And perhaps
22 starting on the western edge of that proposed
23 district, working our way if you need that
24 population to balance, considering also voting
25 rights concerns that we need to make sure that we

1 are getting close to the baseline there.

2 And then if you could zoom out.

3 Maricopa County is going to have to be
4 split multiple ways. There's just too much
5 population there. Seeing if we could take different
6 approaches to surrounding Maricopa County and
7 respect county lines in that respect.

8 So for purposes of the next iteration,
9 which I think will probably be whole counties
10 version 5B -- we'll just keep the B designation, if
11 you could dedesignate the district -- well, leave
12 District 7 because it's a minority/majority
13 district, but just dedesignate 8, 9, 5, and 6
14 because I'm not -- I'm more interested in the
15 surrounding districts for version 5B.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And then if you
18 could -- let's do a version 5C as well. And just
19 take version 5B and take a crack at dividing up the
20 urban area of Maricopa County, focusing on
21 compactness and respect for municipal city
22 boundaries.

23 And I want to keep them separate because
24 it might be the case that we need to tweak and
25 reiterate again 5B and so we'll discard 5C. Urban

1 area of Maricopa County is in and of itself -- and
2 when you also factor in proposed District 7 -- a
3 fairly compact area.

4 So there might be various -- there's
5 certainly various ways that it could be divided up
6 and we would want to look at competitiveness, we
7 would want to look at compactness and municipal
8 boundaries, and, of course, communities of interest
9 as we do that.

10 But if we can develop those two maps, I
11 would appreciate it.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: That would be great.

13 Are there other questions about this map?
14 Or if possible, for this particular map, we were
15 working on a new report that we're trying to put
16 together. It's not run in Maptitude. It's a
17 program that we are writing separately. And it
18 might not be perfect yet, we were working on it in
19 the car down here, but it's a splits report
20 attempting to show where split congressional -- or
21 split counties and census place and other areas are.

22 If it's all right, I would like to bring
23 that up so you can just see that as an example for
24 this one and you could maybe suggest changes that
25 you would like us -- as we work to finalize it.

1 So this is just a draft. I want to
2 emphasize that.

3 So it shows the number of counties that
4 are -- is that a little easier to see?

5 So it shows the number of counties that
6 are unsplit, split into two districts, and split
7 into three or more.

8 So in this case, the nine unsplit
9 counties are some of the more rural counties. Most
10 of the two-split districts are split to accommodate
11 tribal lands. And then the three or more is
12 Maricopa County and will always be split into three
13 or more.

14 Then you have the same number by census
15 place, by census tract, census block group,
16 reservation, and we also have tribal subdivision.
17 We haven't been looking too much at tribal
18 subdivision, but that's the area inside the
19 reservation that's identified on the census block
20 file.

21 And there's also the counties that are
22 split. It gives you the number of districts it's
23 split into. So, for instance, if we look back at
24 the --

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And before we lose

1 that point, could you explain a little more the
2 significance of the data of the tribal subdivision?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. I'll let Ken, if
4 you want to explain that.

5 KEN STRASMA: Tribal subdivision is just,
6 as the name suggests, a subdivision within
7 reservations. We've attempted to keep entire
8 reservations unsplit. But, for example, the Navajo
9 Nation has I believe 20 or 30 tribal subdivisions
10 within it as just a unit of census geography within
11 it.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: So if you look here, you
13 can see that Maricopa County is split into eight
14 districts, obviously. Yuma is split into two
15 districts. Pinal is split into two districts, et
16 cetera.

17 Then we have the split census places.
18 This is the area that the census place -- you can
19 see which ones of these are split and how many
20 districts they are split into.

21 Then again for the split reservations and
22 split tribal subdivisions.

23 So we'll continue to -- we'll start
24 providing this for all of these what-if scenarios,
25 but we would also be interested in any feedback you

1 have on other things that might be useful. We can
2 let you know if it's doable or not and just let us
3 know what would be helpful for you to have.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: For the mapping
7 team, there's probably a couple of other cells.

8 And again, for the purposes of those
9 folks that are watching, the criteria that we are --
10 that we are to craft the maps on are based on the
11 constitutional language in -- that was provided to
12 us through the State of Arizona under Proposition
13 106.

14 There are six criteria that it's designed
15 into. The first is meeting the criteria of the
16 Voters Rights Act and second, having all of the
17 congressional districts having -- and I'll speak
18 only about congressional districts -- having equal
19 population.

20 So when Commissioner Freeman was just
21 speaking about population sets being plus or minus a
22 certain number, we are really looking at this from a
23 macro point of view.

24 And I believe -- and I'm not trying to
25 paraphrase the Chair's discussion -- when we did our

1 original tour of the state, we found some really
2 general macro ideas. And those general macro ideas
3 are what we are trying to bring forward in these
4 three conceptual map styles that you are looking at.

5 One has been sort of named the river
6 district. One has been named the three-border
7 district, and one has been named the county
8 district.

9 Now -- because there was -- that was sort
10 of a continuing trend.

11 So with that, with the data that we are
12 now starting to drill down from the macro to the
13 micro, we have to look at things that are required
14 of us as design criteria as part of the
15 constitutional requirements.

16 One of them is that the districts become
17 geographically compact and contiguous. And what
18 that means is that there's several different styles
19 or ways of looking at compactness.

20 So as this goes forward, you're going to
21 see us looking at those to see how that criteria
22 works. And we'll be asking the consultants about
23 the Polsby-Popper test, the Perimeter test, and the
24 Reock test, which are three different styles that
25 measure compactness.

1 Another is the -- is to the extent
2 practicable where districts respect visible
3 geographic features: Cities, towns, municipalities,
4 and county boundaries. So we are sort of working
5 from that data.

6 So as -- we are also looking at this --
7 one of the reasons why we asked yesterday to start
8 to develop this data is that it's going to give us
9 an easy way to count whether or not we are meeting
10 some of the core criteria in the constitutional
11 requirements, sort of working from the outside in.

12 So a couple of things we would want to
13 add, too, is that population density as it pertains
14 to, for example, how much of -- in a particular
15 district is -- that may be touching another
16 district.

17 For example, you've got another district
18 that touches into Maricopa County. How much of that
19 overall percentage of population is based in the
20 touch point rather than the rural. You try to give
21 an understanding of where the population centers are
22 and how they affect the rest of the district would
23 be a way. And I think that there's probably some
24 subs down from that.

25 So I just wanted to -- Madame Chair,

1 thank you for indulging on the overview. We've got
2 a lot of folks that didn't hear what we were talking
3 about yesterday.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: No, that's helpful.

5 Thank you.

6 And I think you guys were going to work
7 on some kind of population density map for the
8 state, too, right, overall?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: That's finished and it
10 was hanging up at yesterday's meeting and we'll work
11 to getting that on the website very shortly.

12 It's a very large JPEG image file so that
13 people viewing it at home can really zoom in on the
14 Maricopa and the Pima areas and see where the
15 population lies.

16 I could open that up briefly if you would
17 like to see it.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure. Since I
19 didn't see it on the wall yesterday, that would be
20 great.

21 Do you have it here by chance?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: I do not. I'm sorry. I
23 believe I actually left it there yesterday on
24 accident. So we'll print up another one and it will
25 also be on --

1 So here is the map. This is done by
2 census block group. So the gray areas are parts of
3 the state where there is absolutely no population.

4 If it was done by census block, those
5 areas would expand because the block group covers a
6 larger area. Just one person living there would
7 automatically shade it.

8 KEN STRASMA: Could you elaborate on what
9 a census block group is?

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Absolutely. I'm happy
11 to do that.

12 So census geography, for the purposes of
13 organization, is broken down into several layers of
14 geography that all nest within each other.

15 These are not municipal boundaries or
16 things that come from the state. These are purely
17 tabulation areas.

18 So a block is the most granular, the
19 smallest level of census geography. Blocks then are
20 grouped together to comprise census block groups.

21 No block can be in two block groups.
22 They are wholly contained in a block groups. Census
23 block groups are then grouped together to form
24 census tracts.

25 And, again, no block group can be split

1 among two tracts. They all fit perfectly in the
2 tracts. The tracts are then grouped together to
3 form counties and then counties are grouped together
4 to form whole states.

5 So this is presented at the block group
6 level. Normally, for the purposes of us looking at
7 things, I've been using tract. It's slightly
8 larger, but for this, I did block group because I
9 thought people might find it useful to drill down.

10 I will zoom in right now and show you the
11 key so you have a sense of what these -- if you want
12 to keep that in mind. I know this isn't the best
13 way of looking at this, but just for the purposes of
14 right now.

15 So as you would have suspected, most of
16 the dense population is in Maricopa County and then
17 also Pima County.

18 If we look at Maricopa and Pima, zoom in,
19 you are able to see exactly some of the areas. The
20 red dashed line is the census place.

21 My computer is acting up today. Just
22 bear with me for one second.

23 So these -- yeah, these red dashed lines
24 are the census place. For instance, this is
25 Paradise Valley.

1 If you go -- zoom in all the way, it lets
2 you get pretty close. Some people looking at this
3 online or downloading it will be able to look at the
4 density in different places.

5 It also does have some of the major
6 interstates and roads on it to kind of provide
7 reference points.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. Desmond, is
9 the entire state divided up into census places?

10 WILLIE DESMOND: No. That's a good
11 point.

12 Census places are areas that kind of
13 represent towns and different municipalities.

14 Ken, do you have anything you wanted to
15 say on that?

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: While you're
17 explaining that, let's go down to Tucson on the map,
18 seeing as we are all from Tucson. Let's look at the
19 census places in Tucson and talk about what they
20 are.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Can you read those?
22 Does it need to be in a little more?

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Commissioner
24 Freeman has pointed out that he's not from Tucson.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I went to school

1 down here.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's right.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So some of the census
4 places in Tucson are South Tucson, Tucson Estates.
5 If it were neighborhoods of Tucson, those would not
6 be identified as census place. This is more
7 different areas that have -- are kind of
8 incorporated areas that have formal boundaries.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So the main census
10 place in the -- that makes up the incorporated town
11 of Tucson would be what? Can you just take your red
12 pointer and kind of show us what that is?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: The main --

14 KEN STRASMA: It's the city of Tucson.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Kind of show us.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: So this is Tucson.
18 There's some South Tucson, but if you follow the red
19 border down all the way around, one thing you'll
20 notice is that -- in some of the other maps, we had
21 been attempting to respect these boundaries, so it
22 does make the districts look a little amoeba-like at
23 times, because as you see, these aren't very
24 straight, precise lines. Areas are annexed, areas
25 are unincorporated, and so there are pockets of --

1 they are not compact, they are not contiguous, they
2 are not defined by the census.

3 But in many cases they are how people
4 think about the area they live, at least as the best
5 level of geography that we have coverage of the
6 whole state and no disagreement.

7 So since these are official lines, that's
8 why we are opting to use them.

9 Are there other areas you wanted to look
10 at this or -- I will offer -- we can load this layer
11 in Maptitude also so you're able to see these if you
12 want to be looking at some of your -- some of your
13 what-if maps.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think that would
15 be good.

16 When everyone is done with this map, I do
17 have a couple more questions on the splits analysis.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can you get street
19 level on this map? I'm just curious.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: No. This is a saved
21 layout map. In Maptitude, we can drill into the
22 street level and I would be happy to explore that
23 later.

24 So this I don't believe is available on
25 the website yet, but we'll be sure we get it up

1 there very shortly.

2 If we take a break today, I'll hand it
3 off to Buck and then we'll get it up there probably
4 this afternoon.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Are we doing the
6 same thing on Hispanic voting-age population
7 density?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: I have not prepared,
9 like, an official layout to be printed out for that.
10 that's something we could easily do.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: If that wouldn't
12 be hard to do, I think that would be something
13 useful to have.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

15 And then I just haven't had a chance yet.
16 I'm trying to get as much done as we can, but I've
17 been defaulting to the what-if maps. We're also
18 attempting -- we have the data, we just haven't put
19 it together yet, to have a population growth map.
20 So it takes the 2000 population and shows where
21 growth has been happening.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Can that be done
23 by Hispanic voting-age growth also?

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's do that.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So I guess
2 getting back to the splits report, if there's no
3 more questions on this.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Not necessarily on
7 this map but are we looking solely at the Hispanic
8 population and the -- all others in this next
9 concentration map? Because there has been growth in
10 all race statistics for the state of Arizona, I
11 think it would incumbent for us to take a look at a
12 third iteration of that as well as far as all voting
13 groups.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, the one we've been
15 working on is just change in population. So that's
16 everybody, and then I guess we'll also do a Hispanic
17 voting-age population one.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And then also
19 for -- you've got also blocks of all race
20 populations, correct.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: So you would like to see
22 one for changes in --

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Well,
24 concentrations of African-Americans, for example,
25 and their -- the change in population.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Surprisingly, the
3 greatest change by percentage in the state over the
4 last ten years was actually in Hawaiian and Pacific
5 Islanders by a percentage. Not in numbers, but in
6 percentages. But it would be interesting to
7 understand where the different groups have moved.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. No problem.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: So I guess now back to
12 the split.

13 Are there other statistics that would be
14 helpful to you guys?

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madame Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: The census-place
18 information.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Such as?

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: My question is,
21 for example, when we looked at the San Luis area in
22 Yuma, I know there are about 110 or more thousand
23 people that live in that part of the world but they
24 are in various census places.

25 So it would be helpful in looking at the

1 splits report to understand not just the census
2 places being split or not just the population of the
3 census place but the population of the whole urban
4 area that is comprised of census places. Maybe not
5 just for the splits report but just in general.

6 I'm not sure the best way to do that
7 other than to get into Maptitude and start clicking
8 on all of the census places and adding up the
9 population.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: We can take a look at
11 minor civil division, which that might incorporate
12 some of the census places. I'm not sure.

13 KEN STRASMA: Unless it's a defined
14 census geography, it's hard to do a canned
15 standardized report. So if it's a colloquial
16 definition of what's included in that urban area,
17 that would have to be something we do by hand in
18 Maptitude. And, you know, MSAs, metropolitan
19 statistical areas are too large probably to be of
20 use in this context.

21 But we will look if there's any other way
22 of grouping that or if there are standard groupings
23 you would want to look at.

24 We can -- in this exercise, we can define
25 custom geographies as well. So if you decided that

1 there were, you know, 15 census places that you
2 wished to be treated as a unit, we can define that
3 and run it in these reports.

4 It's also possible to do, for example,
5 school districts. Those are defined in the census.
6 So any other suggestions along those lines would be
7 welcomed.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I just have one
9 more question.

10 Do we know if there's a splits analysis
11 of our current congressional and legislative
12 districts?

13 KEN STRASMA: No, but that's an excellent
14 idea. We'll run that for you for Monday.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Thanks.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: When we are
19 speaking of census blocks and tracts, how do those
20 relate to precincts?

21 KEN STRASMA: Precincts are defined by
22 the counties. They are drawn using census blocks.
23 So each census block exists uniquely in a precinct.
24 All of the other census -- geography blocks, groups,
25 and tracts can do split precinct lines.

1 Does that answer your question,
2 Commissioner?

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It does.

4 Madame Chair, as an experience from that,
5 as we are going to be utilizing precinct-by-precinct
6 voter historical data, how will we be using those as
7 a comparison against voter tracts or blocks?

8 KEN STRASMA: If I may, Madame Chair and
9 Commissioner Stertz.

10 Perhaps it will be useful if I give some
11 background on the process of loading the electoral
12 data into Maptitude for how we deal with exactly
13 that question and also some background on what is
14 going on with these precincts or VTDs, to use a
15 census terminology.

16 The existing VTDs, as defined by the
17 census, were the ones used in the 2008 and 2010
18 elections. Those will not be the ones that are used
19 in the 2012 elections.

20 So that's one of the reasons why one of
21 the criteria isn't trying to maintain these
22 precincts whole, because the counties are going to
23 have to redraw their lines.

24 Maricopa County, just for example, has
25 provided us their draft precinct lines. And other

1 things being equal, it would certainly be
2 administratively easier for them if we are able to
3 minimize splitting of those. Other counties may
4 provide those. But the existing precinct lines are
5 going to be redrawn anyway, so there's nothing to
6 gain by attempting not to split them.

7 As to the question of how we are able to
8 deal with electoral data on lines that are not going
9 to exist in the future and also when we are
10 splitting these precincts, for example, we may take
11 20 census blocks from part of one precinct and put
12 them in one district and the other 30 in another.

13 The process for that is disaggregation
14 and reaggregation of the electoral data. And I'd
15 prefer to -- anyone who wants to see Mr. Desmond's
16 presentation from a couple weeks ago about how we
17 dealt with matching the census geography --

18 Once all of the electoral data was
19 matched to census geography, we knew the census
20 blocks that made up each precinct. For each of the
21 census blocks, we have the voting-age population.

22 So the votes cast in that precinct were
23 disaggregated to the census block based on the
24 census block share of the total voting-age
25 population in the precinct.

1 So electoral data that existed initially
2 only on the precinct level was disaggregated to each
3 census block and then reaggregated to all of the
4 higher units of geography.

5 So if you were to go into Maptitude and
6 look on the census-place level, the census tract,
7 census block, all of these levels that don't match
8 the precinct level, they will have electoral data
9 which is the reaggregated block level electoral
10 data.

11 Now, I should stress that this isn't
12 known as a fact. When someone casts their vote in a
13 precinct, we don't know which individual cast which
14 vote. All we know is the total votes for the
15 precinct. They are disaggregated evenly among the
16 blocks in the precinct. No attempt is made to say,
17 you know, this half of the precinct is more
18 Democratic, this half of the precinct is more
19 Republican. They are distributed evenly and then
20 reaggregated to the higher levels of geography.

21 And I should stress that that is the
22 standard procedure that's been approved in court and
23 by DOJ for dealing with changing electoral lines.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Everybody get that?

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Clear as mud.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I ask a
2 question?

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, we can't take
4 questions right now, but anyone is welcome to fill
5 out a public request to speak from that we can talk
6 about during public comment.

7 More questions, Mr. Stertz, on that? Did
8 that cover your question?

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, it's
10 the beginning of really rationing down what we as
11 commissioners and the general public needs to
12 understand about the level of detail that we will be
13 drilling down into as this process continues. And
14 it was a complete explanation. I appreciate that.
15 That's a lot of data that needs to be compiled
16 together as we move forward.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: And just to make sure
18 everyone gets it, just a real easy example. So if
19 you have a precinct with a thousand people and
20 there's two census blocks that make it up and one
21 has 700 people and one has 300 people, you take the
22 results and you give 70 percent to the one with 700
23 people and you give 30 percent to the one with the
24 300 people and then you can reaggregate those blocks
25 because they are the most basic level to any other

1 level that you might draw at.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Ms. McNulty.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair, I
4 would just like to make one comment.

5 We are really focusing right now on this
6 because we are talking about splits, but we do have
7 six criteria and they all have to be satisfied, the
8 federal criteria, the Voting Rights Act, and the
9 equal population have to be satisfied without
10 qualification. The other four are all qualified to
11 the extent practicable.

12 So although this is what we are focused
13 on right now, our job is to merge all of those
14 criterias, address them all in these districts.

15 Just in case someone is not hearing about
16 the criteria that's most important to them, we will
17 be focusing on that and we are just talking right
18 now about this particular issue.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Does anyone else
20 have ideas on what else could be incorporated into
21 the splits report that we want to see for now or no?

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Again, as we did
25 last week with mapping directions that I would like

1 to leave the option open to sending any questions
2 through our executive director that would be
3 forwarded back through the consultants.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sounds good.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think it would
6 be great if we could show where some of these splits
7 are, describe them colloquially, but I don't know if
8 that's even possible. We may just have to look at
9 each of these areas.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: I mean, I could attempt
11 to -- if you want me to just take one of these -- if
12 we want to take Glendale, for instance, or Tucson,
13 since we're in Tucson.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Tucson.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Let's look at Tucson.

16 My mouse is not working well.

17 All right. So if you remember, Tucson is
18 split into two districts. So on the right side of
19 the screen is District Number 2 and the left side is
20 District Number 3. I'll use the redistricting tool
21 to show you exactly where Tucson is. It will be the
22 red area in one second.

23 So, yeah, again, just to -- as a point of
24 emphasis, the census place is not often very pretty
25 districts, but this is the area the census calls

1 Tucson. And you can clearly see the line running
2 down the middle of it where part of it is in
3 District Number 3 and part of it is in District
4 Number 2.

5 Are there other areas you would like to
6 look at right away or -- I should point out that
7 the -- trying to respect these census-place
8 boundaries has been a priority that I have been
9 keeping in mind but it wasn't expressly exercised
10 for this particular what-if scenario.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think my point
12 in looking at it and also in asking the question
13 about how you aggregate the census places to create
14 an urban area is just to demonstrate that there are
15 a lot of other things you need to take into account.

16 You know, just looking at this map, you
17 can tell that the different neighborhoods and
18 communities that make up a place like Tucson are not
19 reflected on that census place and those are all
20 things that we're going to need to consider in other
21 criteria in pulling this all together.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair, and
24 one of those criteria was creating a
25 minority/majority district, which is the proposed

1 District 3 on that map. And I think that's why we
2 needed to split there, to capture some of the
3 Hispanic voting-age population in west Tucson and
4 south Tucson.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: And I believe this line
6 comes -- this particular segment of the line comes
7 directly from the Hispanic Coalition for Good
8 Government.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Does that map also
10 show two tribal nation voting districts?

11 Mr. Strasma, would those be called
12 separate districts? See how that -- our San Xavier
13 district is --

14 WILLIE DESMOND: In this case --

15 KEN STRASMA: Could you put up tribal
16 subdivision there?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: In this case, these are
18 reservation areas.

19 Let me put on the tribal subdivision and
20 you'll see.

21 Okay. So the tribal subdivisions are
22 shaded orange.

23 It might be more helpful if I do this.

24 So moving out, these are all different
25 tribal subdivisions. I'll also move the reservation

1 layer on top of it so you can see how those two
2 relate to each other.

3 So reservations are comprised, by and
4 large, of tribal subdivisions.

5 Does that make sense, then or --

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: So just as a point of
8 emphasis this is all Tohono O'odham. And although
9 this isn't connected, it is part of the same
10 reservation but it's a different tribal subdivision.

11 In some of our previous versions of the
12 map, this was split off from the larger part of the
13 reservation. We've been working to correct that
14 moving forward.

15 Are there other questions I guess
16 specifically about splits or tribal areas that we
17 want to look at using whole counties or should we go
18 to the next map, which did endeavor to respect some
19 of the census-place divisions, or is there other
20 what-if maps that you would like to see for the
21 future?

22 If not, I'll just go right to the --

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Was there a what-if
24 full counties version 4A?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: There is. We did look

1 at that yesterday, but I would be happy to show you.
2 It's going to take me a minute to load it.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: While you're doing
4 that, Mr. Desmond, do we have a -- we have so many
5 of these now. Do we have anything that tells us how
6 we built each of these? You know, version 1 was
7 this; version 2, we added this; version 3, we did
8 that?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Not -- not really.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: It would probably be
12 good for me to start including criteria file along
13 with these.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think we better
15 because I'm lost now. I've forgotten how we got to
16 where we are in some of these iterations.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: I can take you back.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: You don't need to
19 do it right now, but let's not go forward any more
20 until -- without doing the steps.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I remember these
22 maps, but some of the other ones, you're right, we'd
23 have to look at our transcript. It's probably
24 easier for him to keep track of that.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: While this is loading,

1 is there any other what-if maps you would like to
2 see right away?

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

5 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: And I apologize
6 because I had to appear by Skype yesterday, but just
7 refresh my recollection.

8 Were there proposed changes to version 4A
9 or was that one we were going to study further?

10 WILLIE DESMOND: 4A was, there was no --
11 it was presented briefly yesterday but there was no
12 request in changes to it.

13 And while this is loading, let me I guess
14 take you back a little bit of how these were
15 created.

16 Full counties started out just as an
17 attempt to create a map that split as few counties
18 as possible.

19 Version number 2 attempted to not split
20 any tribal lands, then. So it was adjusted to not
21 split the Navajo or the Hopis.

22 Version number 3 then attempted to
23 incorporate the two voting rights districts that
24 were submitted by the Hispanic Coalition for Good
25 Government.

1 Version number 4A was based off of
2 version number 3 and attempted to keep all of Yuma
3 whole and all of Santa Cruz whole. Those two were
4 split by the Hispanic Coalition for Good
5 Government's lines.

6 And then 4B is the one we just looked at.
7 That was also built off of number 3. And that had
8 some changes that weren't discussed at a meeting but
9 instead submitted by Commissioner Freeman to the
10 rest of the Commission.

11 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And one more point.
12 The beginning of all of these maps was the grid map?
13 The grid map was adjusted and these steps were then
14 taken?

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, I should have said
16 that.

17 It wouldn't be a public meeting without
18 technology difficulties.

19 Okay. Here is 4A.

20 I could -- so on version number 3, Yuma
21 was split right here. So in this one, in order to,
22 again, try to maximize the whole counties aspect,
23 Yuma was then whole.

24 The other thing was that Santa Cruz was
25 split coming down here and it actually went like

1 this. So it was then allocated to 2, which created
2 a third border district and kept Santa Cruz whole.

3 I can turn on any other layers you would
4 like to see. We put counties on but they are very
5 brief -- or very light.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, while
9 you're turning layers on, it would be -- I would
10 like to take a look at the exact same city of Tucson
11 split as you had just brought up in the other map
12 just to give an understanding of the change. And if
13 there's also a way to overlay interstates.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: There is.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Main traffic
16 corridors.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: I believe the city of
18 Tucson split will be very similar because I think
19 these both reference the same line.

20 Let me check that for you.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And do you know
22 whether or not you made adjustments to the Green
23 Valley corridor, Green Valley/Sahuarita --

24 WILLIE DESMOND: I don't know for sure,
25 but I don't think I did.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Where did you
2 capture the additional -- or where did you give up
3 the additional population?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: I think it came up in
5 Maricopa, actually.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: I know this is a little
8 difficult to see, but streets layer is now included.

9 Why don't I move that down so it's on top
10 of everything else.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What are we doing?
12 Excuse me.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair,
14 Commissioner McNulty, I was looking to see as a
15 comparison of the whole county version 4A versus 4B
16 as pertained to the question that you had regarding
17 municipality split in the city of Tucson as well as
18 a request to take a look at the transportation --
19 the main transportation corridors leading through
20 Tucson, just as a point of reference for ourselves
21 and the viewing public.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Just -- they look
23 the same to me. So I'm just confused about what we
24 are looking at that's different.

25 There's a difference between 4A and 4B

1 that we are depicting; is that right?

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It appears as not
3 with regards to the split through the city of
4 Tucson.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Because it
6 doesn't look like it was different.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It didn't appear.
8 That's why I asked the question.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Are there other areas --
10 I guess the other area that this one had changed
11 from the previous iteration was not to split Yuma
12 initially. There has been a split kind of running
13 just south of the interstate that divided some of
14 the Hispanic population here and included it in a
15 majority/minority district.

16 Normally, when we've kept Yuma whole in
17 previous versions, it's been kept whole included
18 with the river district. In this case, it was kept
19 whole and included with parts of Maricopa County and
20 that majority/minority district.

21 Is there anything else on this one you
22 guys would like to see?

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Do you have the

1 ability to get population centers on this map?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Population centers --

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Population
4 concentrations?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

6 Would you like to see total population
7 density or just voting-age population density?

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Voting-age
9 population.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm just trying to find
11 the same thing we used for the map --

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madame Chair,
13 while Mr. Desmond is doing that, I just want to
14 again emphasize that we are just looking at one
15 issue right now and Strategic Telemetry is now doing
16 thumbnail competitive analysis for us on each of
17 these maps. And the one that we are looking at,
18 4B --

19 Is that Marty's music? Sorry.

20 The one we are looking at has -- I guess
21 one arguably -- one of the districts would,
22 arguably, be competitive that has a 3 percent R
23 advantage, 2 would be D with a 13.87 and
24 40 percent -- 37.8 percent Democrat advantage, and
25 then there would be one, two, three, four, five, six

1 Republican districts with an advantage ranging from
2 7.5 percent to 32 percent.

3 So that issue has not been factored into
4 any of these maps at all.

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That would include
8 the urban Maricopa County districts, which on the
9 next iteration are going to be dedesignated for the
10 next iteration and then for version 5C, Strategic
11 Telemetry is going to go and recraft those. That
12 was the instruction considering compactness concerns
13 and municipal boundary concerns.

14 So we'll see what happens with that next
15 iteration.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: This is now --

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That would be 5C.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Do we have 5A and
20 B already or --

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, here is what
22 might be confusing you. Whole counties version B
23 was the one I was going to modify. I asked
24 Mr. Desmond to modify and create whole counties
25 version 5B. So the letter is going to track because

1 4A is the one that creates the three-border
2 districts.

3 So if there's going to be another
4 iteration of that map, we would designate that as
5 5A.

6 Do you see that?

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I do, but you
8 haven't -- you haven't conceived 5A yet.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I have not -- I did
10 not conceive 4A.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. But you
12 have conceived of 5C. And just tell me again what
13 that is because I'm keeping this all in one place.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: 5B would be the
15 changes that I gave Mr. Desmond today connected to
16 4B except as for the urban Maricopa County
17 districts. He's just going to dedesignate those.
18 So there's going to be no district information.

19 The point being, we're starting -- or at
20 least I'm starting from the outside working my way
21 in and I want to see what sort of districts could
22 be, as a theoretical exercise, constructed around
23 the urban areas of Maricopa County that -- based
24 upon this, what's being called the whole counties
25 concept.

1 It involves more than that, but we're
2 just calling that for sake of convenience, whole
3 counties.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And what else will
5 happen in 5B?

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, there were
7 other changes. I pointed out an area of Maricopa
8 County that was included in proposed District 1. So
9 that line would be redrawn to follow that county
10 line and then I asked him to make some changes in
11 Pinal County to include the non-Indian reservation
12 portions of Pinal County in proposed District 1 and
13 then place the tribal land in Pinal County into
14 proposed District 3.

15 And then I further suggested that if
16 proposed District 3 is underpopulated, then he look
17 to capture that population in far west -- the far
18 western area of Maricopa County borrowing population
19 from the western side of what is now proposed
20 District 8.

21 Of course, that district in version 5B is
22 going to go away, but if he needs to get population
23 to bring proposed District 3 up to the -- close to
24 the number we need it to be, that's where I directed
25 him to take the population from.

1 Now, for whole counties version 5C, he
2 would take 5B and then attempt to draft -- to
3 construct districts within that unallocated area.

4 So you leave everything else the same
5 with 5B but then attempt to draw new districts
6 within the urban area with the exception of the
7 voting rights district, which is District 7. He's
8 going to leave that the same.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: And just as a point of
10 clarification for me, the consideration I was going
11 to use on drawing those districts for 5C was just,
12 where possible, keep together the census-place lines
13 and also to make them as compact as possible.

14 That's what you're looking for with
15 those?

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: For this what-if,
17 yes.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So getting back
19 to the map, this is shaded population. So the white
20 areas, again, are areas where nobody lives. So they
21 are down in the southwestern corner, the Goldwater
22 Range and then some other large tracts of, I'm
23 guessing, federal land. I'm guessing federal lands
24 mostly, things like that.

25 Did you want me to zoom into any of the

1 municipalities to see this?

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: The -- what I was
5 looking at was the I-8 corridor and the population
6 that carries along the I-8 corridor. And we've got
7 a relationship between the -- a consistent
8 relationship between the people living along the I-8
9 corridor and connecting that going into the next
10 district.

11 I just wanted to see what the sort of
12 volume of population was along that corridor.

13 And right now, Madame Chair, the reason
14 I'm asking some of these questions in this way is
15 that as we continue to develop and expand, this is
16 almost a -- purely an exercise of review of what
17 will be coming next, as Commissioner McNulty was
18 responding to.

19 There are other considerations that we'll
20 continue to be making as we drill down from the
21 county level, city level, census tract level, and
22 also then falling into communities of interest and
23 transportation corridors as being one potential
24 community of interest as people living along
25 transportation corridors.

1 So thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3 Are there any other what-if scenarios?

4 So we talked about one yesterday where we
5 would combine the river district and the
6 three-border districts. That will be Monday we can
7 maybe see that?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any other --
10 you had some changes maybe to your three-district
11 one or not, the three-border district?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: I do, but before we do
13 that, do you mind if we take a break?

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure, we can do
15 that.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: And that one, it's not
17 perfect but I do have something on that one to
18 present today.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, good.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Of the ones you guys
21 suggested yesterday, that seemed the most manageable
22 for today with the compressed time frame. So it's
23 not done, but that's something we can look at after
24 the break.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

1 So just a point of clarification, too,
2 for the record. I don't want Mr. Strasma to think
3 that I was critical of his presentation just now
4 when I said "clear as mud."

5 It was a grad-school answer and I'm at
6 the kindergarten comprehension level, I'm afraid, on
7 that one. So I'm going to have to do some learning.

8 So thank you. It was an excellent
9 answer. It's just above my pay grade.

10 It's 4:29 p.m. We'll take a brief
11 recess. How about ten minutes and be back shortly.

12 (A recess was taken from 4:29 p.m. to
13 4:52 p.m.)

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. The time is
15 4:52 p.m. and we'll enter back into public session,
16 concluding the recess.

17 And we were in the midst of agenda item
18 4, which is talking about these what-if scenarios
19 for the congressional map.

20 And I believe we were just about getting
21 ready to maybe talk about the three-river district
22 one -- I mean three-border district. Three-river
23 districts. That's a whole new one that I haven't
24 told you about.

25 Three-border district.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. And so I will --
2 unless there's anything else having to do with these
3 whole county 4A and 4B, I will open up the
4 three-border district.

5 Again, this one does not have the level
6 of population and quality that we've been trying to
7 meet in other versions. We have been not
8 necessarily going down to a zero person population
9 deviation but trying to keep it under a thousand.
10 This one is slightly above there and that's just a
11 reflection of the time. We -- I just ran out of
12 time to getting this one ready this morning.

13 If you look, the worst deviation is about
14 95, 9600 people, about 1.3 percent underpopulated.
15 So just be aware of that, that this is not finished.

16 And in this one, what I attempted to do
17 was just take the three-border district map and
18 really try to maximize respect for census-place
19 boundaries.

20 So I guess probably the best way to look
21 at it would be just to drill down a little bit and
22 then turn on that layer and just kind of track the
23 line and see how it zigs and zags to go around this.

24 So bear with me for one second. I will
25 do that, unless there's something else that you guys

1 would like to see right away.

2 And I found it useful to turn on the
3 census-place layer and shade those individually, so
4 you'll be able to see that here. So each unique
5 blip is a defined census place.

6 And this is a good illustration of how
7 much of the state is not covered by census places.
8 So only the little flecks of color on this map are
9 census places.

10 So if we zoom in a little bit -- so the
11 line is pretty ragged. Some of that reflects
12 different geography areas. But then if you look at
13 things like this -- initially the line had been
14 drawn -- Buck, is this better? To kind of cut right
15 through here. But it did slice these two areas in
16 half, Palden and Chino Valley.

17 So adjusting to give half -- to allocate
18 them wholly to one district or the other three or
19 four, you can see now that this line does zig and
20 zag quite a bit.

21 And it is contiguous. There is a sliver
22 of Chino Valley that runs up to this little pocket
23 but it's not exactly the most -- the prettiest line
24 you'll ever see.

25 And if you didn't have this layer looking

1 at these, you would think we were doing something
2 pretty unreasonable here, I bet.

3 The area where this is, obviously, most
4 difficult is in Maricopa County. So this is
5 Maricopa County. I did not do much to District
6 Number 7. That was the voting rights district, and
7 I just -- in order to keep the two benchmark
8 districts up there, I didn't touch it very much.

9 So currently District Number 7 is 54.13
10 percent Hispanic, slightly below the current
11 benchmark, and -- or District Number 7, excuse me,
12 is 50.48, and then District Number 2 is 54.13.

13 So I think if you look at these, they do
14 look a little funny. Things like that District
15 Number 8 is a very, very, very north/south district.
16 And that was just intended to try to keep these
17 areas together.

18 So if we -- Peoria is a very oddly shaped
19 area. Or not oddly shaped, but just a lot of these
20 run very north/south and as a result, some of the
21 districts do, too.

22 So in order to keep things like Goodyear
23 intact, you have to make a district that looks kind
24 of silly.

25 But it does make things easier if all of

1 one district is -- or all of one census place is
2 within the same district.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Can you remind me
6 what the -- or if Mr. Stertz or Mr. Desmond --
7 Commissioner Stertz or Mr. Desmond can remind me
8 what changes were recommended for this particular
9 version? Was it based on the river district version
10 4 and then --

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: No.

12 Madame Chair, Commissioner Herrera, the
13 purpose of this was to take the three-border
14 districts, again, as an exercise to take a look at
15 what -- how districts would reconfigure themselves
16 if we were trying to keep intact existing city
17 lines.

18 And I chose -- because we were working
19 with the three-border district, I chose that as the
20 map to adjust to.

21 But as an exercise in discovering --
22 again, I think the question came up earlier that the
23 request has been made to see what has happened over
24 the last ten years about where the growth tracts
25 have been.

1 And looking at that sequentially, and,
2 you know, Commissioner Herrera and Freeman, based on
3 the growth areas in Maricopa County, you'll see that
4 as the cities expanded and grew, they grew into this
5 sort of amalgamated form.

6 So that's why I wanted to see how the
7 districts, even though they may not look attractive
8 or might not, again, as Commissioner McNulty had
9 said earlier, that we talked about compactness, they
10 might not fit that criteria but might have some
11 relevance in regards to the continuity of the
12 community and then again the communities of
13 interest, that they might have some impact on those.

14 So they might not look pretty, but they
15 might actually be a very functional district. So
16 that was the purpose of the exercise.

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: And there are places
19 where this does, like, work well. You know, if
20 there's a large -- there's two towns that neighbor
21 each other, it makes sense, I think, to intuitively,
22 even if it skews the line a little bit, change
23 those.

24 And just as a -- just a -- I guess an
25 informational note -- so a very jagged line,

1 something like that, will affect the score on the
2 Polsby-Popper compactness test but not on the Reock.
3 The Reock is just comparing to a circle that
4 contains it. The Polsby-Popper where it stretches
5 that line out into a circle, you know, the more
6 squiggly the line, the worse the Polsby-Popper
7 score, I think that illustrates why we think it's
8 important to use a couple of those measures of
9 compactness.

10 So are there other areas you would like
11 me to dive into right away? If not, I can just kind
12 of show you some of these.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, I
16 think that I would want you to dive into the places
17 where you actually put your work product. You said
18 that you didn't actually finish it all. So where
19 did you concentrate your most efforts?

20 WILLIE DESMOND: You know, the border
21 between Districts 3 and 4 did seem to just cut
22 through quite a few little areas. So I started out,
23 you know, right up against the border up here and
24 moved some of these over.

25 You will notice this is now a slightly

1 split reservation. So I will have to clean that up.
2 Again, that's just a result of me kind of running
3 out of time.

4 Tracking this down, you know, areas in
5 Flagstaff and some of these areas in Yavapai County,
6 too, took some time to balance the districts once I
7 allocated the whole census place.

8 And then I would say the bulk of my time
9 I spent in Maricopa County because so many of these
10 large and very populated areas were divided up into
11 two or three or four different congressional
12 districts. I did try to clean it up as best I can.
13 I won't say I was complete in it, but I made a lot
14 of progress, I think.

15 You know, if we look over here -- when we
16 look at Buckeye, it was hard to keep this -- this
17 whole and -- just because it is such a -- kind of a
18 discombobulated area.

19 You know, there's places where I wasn't
20 able to do it where I really did try. For instance,
21 Scottsdale, I tried very hard to keep that wholly
22 contained in one district but I couldn't. So there
23 is slightly -- maybe 10,000 people down here that
24 just didn't fit.

25 And then Tempe, I think it was in four

1 districts. I got it down to two districts. So
2 those are just things that -- same thing with Mesa,
3 was almost in two districts but it ended up being in
4 three. Some of these areas right here.

5 You know, District 9, if I shade just the
6 districts, you'll see they are a little funky. I'm
7 trying to --

8 And District 7 is relatively good because
9 I didn't touch that one very much. It's fortunate
10 that it's almost entirely Phoenix, though, too.

11 And then if we go down, the last place
12 where there was obviously some issues were -- was
13 down in Tucson. Let me turn on -- so Tucson is
14 split kind of inevitably, just as a necessity to
15 keep the District Number 2 a voting-rights district.

16 But other than that, I was pretty
17 successful at not splitting many of the other areas,
18 if you notice.

19 On the way up from the border -- I'll
20 zoom in a little more.

21 Let me know if there's a particular place
22 you would like me to look at. Again, this isn't
23 necessarily a pretty boundary but it's -- I think
24 it's a defensible one because it is two different
25 municipalities.

1 Somehow either I neglected or there's a
2 large population right here that I just didn't have
3 time to get to.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: They are
5 squirrels.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: That's the other
7 category, the squirrel rights district.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, is
11 there anything that you found in doing this exercise
12 that you found compelling, interesting, or an
13 impossible mapping, from a mapper's point of view?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: To some extent, Arizona
15 does lend itself to this type just because there is
16 so many unincorporated areas. And if you are using
17 the census place, you do have population that does
18 not live in a census place that can be used to try
19 to tweak around the edges.

20 Just -- I think without looking at these,
21 people might think the lines look a little funny.
22 But if this were to be a criteria you guys found
23 exceedingly important, it's certainly something that
24 we could definitely maximize.

25 There are obviously trade-offs here in

1 compactness and contiguous, but it's -- I don't know
2 if I'm answering your question or --

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Commissioner
6 Stertz didn't ask me but I'm going to answer his
7 question anyway.

8 The thing I found compelling and
9 interesting was that there are seven Republican
10 districts on this map. One has a 4 percent
11 Republican advantage and the others range from 13.7
12 to 30 percent. And there are two Democratic
13 districts. So we are not taking competitiveness
14 into account at all in looking at this exercise.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, does
18 the spreadsheet field automatically populate that
19 you attach to this map?

20 WILLIE DESMOND: It does not --

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Does this
22 attachment concur with the map in front of it?

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay. Good.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: I can double-check.

1 This is the data table that is associated with it.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So the numbers we have
4 available -- and I didn't use these as a
5 consideration -- are -- the first district is 51.96.

6 Does that match?

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It does, yes.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: So again, those numbers
9 are just an average of the last statewide elections
10 from 2008 and 2010. I believe there was ten
11 elections in total more so from 2010 than 2008 just
12 because of how the four-year cycles work. Or it
13 could be more from 2008 than 2010. I think I have
14 that backwards.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: The fields that you
18 are populating in those, which is -- as far as these
19 percentages are concerned, they are percentages of
20 voting-age population at that time or voters or what
21 comprises this number?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So that number is the
23 precincts that comprise the census blocks. Again,
24 the census -- the results are disaggregated to the
25 census block and then automatically reaggregated to

1 these proposed districts in Maptitude.

2 The other set of numbers, the compactness
3 numbers, are compactness reports that we run in
4 Maptitude. And the top set -- and again, these
5 fields are all in the data table Excel files that
6 are available on the website with the maps that
7 accompany them. And the top table is the voting-age
8 population breakdown by race.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So as far as
10 competitiveness, this does not take into account any
11 voting history?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: It does not take -- it
13 takes into account the results but nothing at, like,
14 an individual level to see --

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: The reason I'm
16 asking is you left off one-third of the registered
17 voters, which is the Independents and others.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: No, because this is --
19 well, those -- your voter registration is not
20 reflected at all in these numbers. It's how --
21 because we don't know how people voted; we just know
22 -- this is based not off of registration numbers but
23 off of election results.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That's what I was
25 trying to get to. Okay. This is election

1 results --

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Not registration.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Got it. Thank you.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So -- and I should point

5 out these are two-way percentages so that results

6 for other or Libertarian or Green Party are not

7 counted in these so that the Republican and Democrat

8 number add up to a hundred.

9 There's no elections statewide that have

10 been won by a third party, so we just included those

11 two.

12 Those other results are available and you

13 guys have access to those. They will be on the

14 website, but for these combined averages are not.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just to clarify

18 that, then, on the competitiveness measure, it's the

19 quick view based on 2008, 2010 election cycles only.

20 This is not a statistic based on percentages of

21 voter -- registered voters in those districts. And

22 in terms of election results, you haven't looked at

23 2006 and 2004?

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Correct. And these were

25 just added to the data table following I believe it

1 was last Wednesday. Ken made the presentation on
2 compactness and competitiveness and I think you just
3 asked to include these going forward as kind of a
4 relative measure or a reference point. Again, this
5 is not the definition of competitiveness or
6 anything. It's just something that is -- we
7 included for reference.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And, Madame Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Mr. Desmond, I might
11 also be interested to know the voter registration
12 percentages going forward.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I think during
15 Mr. Strasma's presentation, he did note some
16 correlation between the registration percentages and
17 what may or may not be viewed as a competitive
18 district. So I think that might be a helpful data
19 point for us to have as well.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Just
21 double-check.

22 That is not a problem.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And, Madame Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Did you develop a

1 criteria table, a splits table? What are we going
2 to call that table?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: The -- I think we'll
4 call that a splits report and that will probably be
5 included along with this, too. We'll just keep
6 adding to this underlying data.

7 And going forward for the stuff Monday,
8 we'll attempt to have that all squared away. Like I
9 had mentioned earlier, we are still kind of
10 finishing that and working on that this morning on
11 the drive down here. So we'll keep plugging away on
12 that this weekend and hopefully have that all set
13 for you guys next week.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

15 And, Madame Chair, one last question and
16 then we'll wrap this up.

17 If my math is correct, and you can
18 correct me if I'm wrong because it's hard to see at
19 this level, it appears as though we've got ten
20 uninterrupted counties.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: I haven't run those
22 numbers. Just a second. That doesn't sound
23 unlikely.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And I was looking
25 at the remaining five just as, again, data points,

1 how many districts that the remaining five counties
2 are split into.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: That is --

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: For example, Pima
5 is split into three districts. Three congressional
6 districts are representing Pima County.

7 How many districts are representing Pinal
8 County?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Pinal County is also
10 three.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Three districts.

12 And obviously, many districts in Maricopa
13 County.

14 And then Yavapai County, it appears as
15 though it's split into two districts; is that
16 correct?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay. Thank you.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: No, I'm sorry, that is
20 not correct. There is just a tiny --

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It does have a
22 touch of 8 in there. Is that a cleanup issue or is
23 that a need?

24 WILLIE DESMOND: That's to reflect that
25 Peoria goes into Yavapai a little bit.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I see. Okay.

2 Madame Chair, that's it for me.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any other
4 comments on this particular what-if scenario?

5 Okay. I believe -- and is there any
6 other scenario that anyone wants to have generated
7 by Mr. Desmond for next week?

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

10 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I'm assuming that
11 the what-if scenarios we went over at yesterday's
12 meeting haven't been done?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Have not been done.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: They will probably
15 be presented on Monday?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. So I'll start with
17 the ones from yesterday and I'll pick up the ones
18 that were asked for today. I'll see how much I can
19 get through.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: And Ken also.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I had a question
23 from the public from -- a member of the public
24 before recess if they could comment on the
25 congressional grid map. And I don't know if that

1 gentleman is here. Yes, oh, good. I can't see you.

2 So I'm happy to take comments from the
3 public on the congressional grid map what-if
4 scenarios if anyone has any. You're welcome to come
5 up. And this gentleman I know would like to.

6 And did you fill out a request to speak
7 form?

8 FRED HIGHTON: I did.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Great. And
10 your name.

11 FRED HIGHTON: Fred.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Fred?

13 FRED HIGHTON: Highton.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Got it. I saw it in
15 here.

16 Fred Highton, representing self from
17 Pima.

18 FRED HIGHTON: Yeah.

19 Can you hear me?

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, I think so.

21 I didn't have any set comments when I
22 came in, but several questions have occurred to me
23 since I've been sitting there.

24 So some of the questions have since been
25 answered, like I was wondering how close the

1 populations were on the maps we just saw, and I
2 think I just seen they were pretty close.

3 And then my other question is, you know,
4 how is this process actually working? I hear you
5 requesting the consultant to make changes, but that
6 -- and then he goes away, I guess, and makes those
7 changes.

8 Does this process take place in public
9 like this or do you go home and play with the
10 software and try and do this stuff yourself?

11 I mean, this seems a very inefficient way
12 of actually doing it. I've done a map, so I know
13 how tough it is, but I'm just wondering what happens
14 next? What do you guys do next after today?

15 Would anyone like -- Linda, would you
16 like to tell me --

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Legal counsel?

18 JOSEPH KANEFIELD: You can respond. It's
19 on the agenda.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Great.

21 I agree, it is a somewhat inefficient
22 process because we are having to come up with our
23 own ideas for how we would like to maybe see some
24 lines move and change, but then our mapping
25 consultant goes away and makes those changes for us.

1 We do work at home. We all have laptops
2 with the software loaded onto it and have ideas.
3 And what we can do is e-mail ideas for changes to
4 our executive director, Ray Bladine, and then Ray
5 can take them to our mapping consultants and let all
6 of the other commissioners know what an individual
7 commissioner has suggested.

8 Right now we are still at the macro
9 level. We are still way up here talking about
10 what-if scenarios, and these what-if scenarios are
11 based upon some public input ideas that we got from
12 the first round of public hearings.

13 And there's a lot more that has to be
14 done. As you heard, we've got to comply with the
15 Voting Rights Act and equal population and then six
16 constitutional criteria.

17 FRED HIGHTON: I understand.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So, yeah, there's
19 still -- was there another part to your question
20 that I haven't answered yet?

21 FRED HIGHTON: No. I've got a few more.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Feel free.

23 FRED HIGHTON: The census blocks are
24 fixed, and yet I understood you were going to take
25 the prisons out of it. And so if you do that, isn't

1 it going to distort the rest of the map?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sorry?

3 FRED HIGHTON: You don't understand the
4 question?

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: How we're going to
6 address the prisons. We talked about this yesterday
7 and it was on our agenda today, and Mr. Herrera gave
8 a good summary of it.

9 Would you like to repeat that?

10 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Sure.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, did I miss --
12 I'm sorry, I thought you said prisons. Did you say
13 precincts?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Prisons.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Prisons. Okay.

16 FRED HIGHTON: Because there's blocks.
17 The census blocks that were described, and I thought
18 you were going to move the prisoners from the
19 population.

20 But this -- you know, this detail of
21 information is in there in the map. So somehow, I'm
22 not sure what your name is, but the consultant has
23 to remove that block with that information in it.

24 It would seem to me that would then
25 distort the other blocks. That's a technical

1 question, but he needs to answer.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: You can answer it.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So I believe if I
4 understand what you're saying, I think the way we
5 are going to deal with it is attempt to use prison
6 populations as a criteria for reaching the 710,000
7 that each census district needs to have for purposes
8 of Voting Rights Act analysis.

9 Those populations will not be counted
10 towards minority numbers. And I believe the
11 official direction of the Commission is just to be
12 conscious of it and try to work to minimize any
13 effects.

14 FRED HIGHTON: Oh, I see. So it might
15 distort the results, not the map.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, it's -- I don't
17 think we are able to remove that population from the
18 total population of the congressional districts.
19 They all do need to meet the 710. Those people need
20 to be counted.

21 FRED HIGHTON: So a rural population
22 would look bigger because of that prison population
23 and so the fewer people in that area would be
24 empowered. They will have more power than the
25 people in another district?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, and we've been
2 directed to try to minimize that by, if possible,
3 allocating the prison population equally among the
4 nine districts.

5 FRED HIGHTON: You can do that? That's
6 going to be a fudge factor.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, we can attempt to.

8 FRED HIGHTON: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My other question,
11 you sort of answered. I was -- how do you judge
12 competitiveness? And I assume because you are
13 combining 2008 and 2010, you're doing it on
14 congressional votes, who voted for the congressman
15 of that district, and they get voted every two
16 years.

17 But it would seem to me 2008, being an
18 election year, more people voted in 2008 than in
19 2010, which may upset the balance. That may be
20 something --

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, and that's a
22 great point. The point is, though, we haven't made
23 any decisions yet on how we are going to measure
24 competitiveness. There are numerous ways, and I
25 actually encouraged the public to look at our

1 website online a few weeks back.

2 Mr. Strasma, our mapping consultant, gave
3 a presentation on the different measures of
4 compactness that we could use and also different
5 measures of competitiveness and talks about some of
6 that.

7 And the Commission hasn't made a decision
8 yet on how it's -- what it's going to use.

9 FRED HIGHTON: When I did my map, we had
10 some software that was developed by another group.
11 You probably know about it. And I used the measure
12 who voted for which president in 2008. That's
13 something you might want to think about.

14 And I have a map, and you said I could
15 present them. How would I do that? Would I have to
16 bring in my computer and --

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: You could -- you
18 could come with a jump stick and we could present it
19 on screen. You could also -- and you could come and
20 speak at one of our meetings.

21 So this second item on the agenda, map
22 presentations, is the opportunity for the public to
23 actually present maps that they've drawn.

24 You're also happy -- we're happy to take
25 things electronically if you want to submit it to

1 our executive director, Ray Bladine, he would take
2 that and ensure that all of us got that information.

3 FRED HIGHTON: I'd probably like to run
4 it through this software to make sure it's -- and
5 you say this will be up and I can use that?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. The online version
7 of this is going live I think today, if it isn't
8 already.

9 BUCK FORST: Right now.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Right now.

11 FRED HIGHTON: That's just about it.
12 Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: You might want to
17 make a clarification for the audience today
18 regarding the 2004/2006 voting data that will be
19 used as an inclusion.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes. We made --
21 during yesterday's meeting, one of the agenda items
22 was whether to go back and include 2004, 2006
23 election data. And the Commission talked -- we got
24 some information from legal counsel and from
25 Mr. Adelson and decided that it definitely makes

1 sense to get that information, the 2004, 2006. So
2 that is happening currently. Our mapping consultant
3 is working on that.

4 Was there an additional aspect to that?

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Just that it was
6 included (inaudible).

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Go ahead.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I was saying that
11 the competitive analysis that's being used, the
12 quick view analysis, is purely based on the data
13 they are currently having stored in their system,
14 which is 2008, 2010.

15 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Herrera.

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Now, we agreed to
18 use the 2004, 2006 voting data for -- to determine
19 the DOJ -- to meet DOJ requirements of voting
20 minority -- issues with minority voters.

21 But we did not agree that we would use
22 2004, 2006 data for -- to determine competitiveness.
23 That's something that hasn't been decided.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's correct, we
25 have not made a decision on what we are going to

1 include in our competitiveness measure or which
2 method we are going to use. So that's still
3 forthcoming.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Or, Madame Chair,
5 I might add, whether we'll use one measure or
6 whether we might use several measures for comparison
7 purposes because Mr. Strasma explained to us
8 yesterday that it would be very possible and not
9 difficult to pull up different combinations of
10 elections to get different perspectives on what the
11 competitiveness is of a district might be in the
12 same way that we are using different measure of
13 compactness to look at a district from different
14 perspectives. There's no one way to look at it
15 necessarily.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And I would just
17 make a quick comment on these what-if scenarios,
18 too. We are doing this for both congressional maps
19 and legislative maps, of course, and we are getting
20 to that on the agenda next.

21 The goal is to have draft maps that we
22 can take on the road, so to speak, do a road show
23 with a second round of public hearings that will
24 have a draft legislative map and a draft
25 congressional map.

1 And then the idea is to get public
2 comment on those draft maps. The goal is to start
3 that second round of public hearings the last week
4 in September. So we'll see if we can get there.

5 So over the next few weeks, we are going
6 to work our hardest to try to get some draft maps
7 generated.

8 Any other comments from commissioners on
9 congressional?

10 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, Madame Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I had mentioned
13 yesterday that I had some changes that I wanted to
14 think about for the proposed river district version
15 5, and I wanted some time to think about it. So I
16 wanted to see if I can give you those changes -- or
17 those proposed changes now and so you could work on
18 them over the weekend, Saturday and Sunday.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Sounds -- don't forget
20 tonight, too.

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Oh, I meant Friday,
22 Saturday and Sunday.

23 So let's focus on District 3 and 5.

24 So let's move the Pinal and Pima County
25 portions of District 3 into 5. That's not including

1 the areas of Queen Creek and San Tan Valley.

2 So, again, with the exception of Queen
3 Creek and San Tan Valley areas, move the Pinal
4 County and Pima County portions into District 3 --
5 of District 3 into District 5.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Not including San Tan
7 Valley and what other area?

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Not including San
9 Tan Valley and the Queen Creek area.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And the other issue
12 that I wanted to address for the what-if scenario
13 version 5 of the river district is moving District
14 3 -- so there's an arm from District -- moving
15 District 3 into the arm from District 5 that grabs
16 Apache Junction, north Mesa and also Fountain Hills.
17 We talked about that arm that Commissioner McNulty
18 was referring to.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. So I believe there
20 you asked me to take out of CD 5 -- take out the
21 nonreservation land of Fountain Hills and trade that
22 with the eastern portion of District 4; is that
23 correct?

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I'm sorry.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Do you mind if I just

1 load that version up again and we can --

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Definitely.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I can study it
4 later.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: So we are talking about
6 changes to congressional river District 4, correct?

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Version 5?

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: It will be version
10 5.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think we --
12 don't we have a version 5 that we looked at
13 yesterday?

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: That was a change to
15 -- correct, that was a change to version 5 of the
16 river district.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So this will be
18 version 6? 5A?

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: 5A is fine.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 So you're talking about this area?

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: You would like to do
24 what with this area, then?

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: That's what we were

1 calling the arm, I guess, from District 5 that grabs
2 Apache Junction, North Mesa, and Fountain Hills. So
3 move District 3 into the arm from District 5.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So move District 3 to
5 come and take these areas?

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Correct. That
7 grabs -- so move District 3 into the arm from
8 District 5 that grabs Apache Junction, North Mesa,
9 and Fountain Hills.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And then to
11 accommodate that population that will be removed
12 from 5, where should I --

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Say that again.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: So if we take that area
15 away from 5 and put it into 3, where should 5 make
16 up that population, I guess?

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: They trade each
18 other.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Probably in 4
20 right above it, maybe. If you move that arm down
21 into 3, then you could move 5 a little bit -- just a
22 little bit. You've got another arm there.

23 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: So we are trading --
24 so you trade the arm of District 5 for the rural
25 Pinal County and Pima County parts of District 3.

1 So they trade for each other. So that should kind
2 of equalize the population.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Does that make sense
5 now?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: So you may be able
8 now to work Friday and Saturday and have Sunday off.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sure I'll have
10 something to do.

11 Are there other changes to this one or
12 other what-if maps for next week on the
13 congressional side?

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

16 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: Don't forget that
17 I had a version B to whatever the last version of
18 the river district was.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: That's right. That's
20 right. 6B is to take Congressional District 5 out
21 of the nonreservation lands dealing with that same
22 area, correct?

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I believe it was to
24 put the Fountain Hills area -- there was a swap with
25 the Fountain Hills area.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: The eastern portion of
2 -- yeah, that makes sense.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Desmond, what I
6 would like to do -- I think you are doing that for
7 all what-if scenarios, but I definitely want to see
8 that competitiveness score that you have been
9 creating for the other ones. I would like to see --

10 Even though we are doing what-if
11 scenarios, I am keeping competitiveness in the
12 forefront in my mind when I am creating these and
13 making sure that it is not a skewed -- some of these
14 ones have, you know, six districts that are not
15 competitive at all that favor one district -- one
16 party or the other. And I don't want -- I want to
17 make sure that we are creating as many competitive
18 districts as possible. So I would like to look at
19 that information.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: And I believe also
21 criteria for version -- what I will call 6A was try
22 to make more competitive districts. That was
23 from -- Commissioner McNulty had asked for that
24 yesterday.

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And now could you

1 put up that competitiveness measure so that people
2 in the audience can see this?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Right now?

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Well, it doesn't
5 have to be today. That's your Saturday and Sunday
6 work. So if you don't mind doing that, because what
7 we want to do is allow the people in the public to
8 make sure that they can see that information because
9 I think this information is good to look at.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Those data tables that
11 we've been providing you are available on the
12 website.

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Oh, they are? I did
14 not know that.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: They will have not only
16 just the racial breakdown but also the compactness
17 and that competitiveness in there, too.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: And also the splits
21 coming forward, too.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Will Mr. Bladine be
24 available to receive e-mails tomorrow that he will
25 be able to forward to our mapping consultant?

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes. He's nodding
2 yes.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very
4 much.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We're not
6 supposed to take comments from the public unless you
7 want to come up and talk to us about these
8 congressional maps.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And I know you
11 filled out a form. This is a request to speak form.
12 Let me pull it out.

13 This is Guy Keenan, representing self,
14 from Pima County.

15 And please be sure to spell your name for
16 the record.

17 GUY KEENAN: My name is Guy Keenan. My
18 last name is K-e-e-n-a-n, and I live in Tucson.

19 I just -- I've only been to one of your
20 meetings prior to this one, and so I may be missing
21 the bigger picture. But it seems like you're doing
22 an awful lot of work here with all of these
23 scenarios without considering competitiveness,
24 because that's key.

25 And as I understand it, the main -- the

1 main complaint with the prior redistricting --
2 Independent Redistricting Commission of ten years
3 prior was that despite all of their work, which was,
4 I know, done in good faith and despite all of the
5 litigation that followed the work on the maps, we
6 ended up with either the same or less
7 competitiveness than we had before.

8 So it seems to me that -- I know it seems
9 like equal population is a definite concern here and
10 that the Voting Rights Act is a definite concern
11 here, but I think competitiveness should be next.
12 Because if I understood -- I'm sorry, I don't
13 remember -- is it Ms. McNulty? If I understood your
14 comment correctly, it seemed like seven out of these
15 nine districts were Republican districts and that
16 the competitiveness was way off as a percentage
17 measure in most of these districts, up to 30 or
18 35 percent off favoring one party over the other.

19 Now, I don't see how it profits you at
20 all to be studying the intricacies of these district
21 maps if they are that far off competitively.

22 I mean, you could do better with a dart
23 board I think. I mean, really, why do that? Why
24 start here and then tinker, you know, with the
25 boundaries when you're so far off competitively?

1 And I'm sure that it's much more
2 complicated than I can understand -- than I
3 understand right now about measure of
4 competitiveness, et cetera, but I really think that
5 from, you know, just a layperson in the public's
6 point of view, I think our political system is very
7 skewed now by the lack of competitiveness in
8 districts. And this is your chance to fix that, or
9 least try to make it better.

10 So I know you're going to get to that,
11 but I wish you guys would focus on it now. I know
12 you have those other two criteria, population and
13 Voting Rights Act that you have to consider, but --
14 and I know there's six criteria, which is an
15 impossible job to match all of these six criteria,
16 but at least from my perspective as a member of the
17 voting public, I haven't had a competitive race to
18 vote for. I've lived in the same house for 22
19 years. I've never had a competitive race to vote
20 for. Maybe once or twice on the congressional
21 level, never on the state legislative level ever.

22 Most of the time there's only one party's
23 person running for state representative in my
24 district. Two people run because the other party
25 knows that they don't have a shot. And I just don't

1 think that's fair to the voters to do that.

2 So, you know, for what it's worth, I
3 really wish you guys would focus on that. And I
4 think it would cut down your workload maybe
5 90 percent. I mean, you guys are killing yourselves
6 up here. That's very apparent, not to mention
7 staff.

8 But I would hope that maybe you could
9 laser in on competitiveness, try to consider that
10 first among equals, except for these other two
11 equals that are first, and hopefully kind of, you
12 know, make it easier on yourselves and everyone else
13 down the line.

14 So that's all I've got. Thank you very
15 much.

16 And I would have stayed for the regular
17 comment period, but I have chronic pain and I can't
18 sit that long. So I appreciate your letting me talk
19 now.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I would like to
25 address something.

1 I know that we are all doing our what-if
2 scenarios and we are looking at it a little
3 differently. I'm assuming -- for example, I don't
4 -- my river district didn't have three borders, but
5 that's fine. It had two border districts but it had
6 a river district and other areas. But when I'm
7 putting these together, I am looking at, obviously,
8 the Voting Rights Act and equal population, but the
9 issue of competitiveness is an important issue, and
10 one that I am looking at. I know Commissioner
11 McNulty is and I'm hoping that my other fellow
12 commissioners are doing the same thing.

13 We have a lot to be looking at.
14 Competitiveness is equally as important and we are
15 looking at it. So rest assured that we are doing
16 it.

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Lynne St. Angelo,
19 representing self from Pima.

20 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: Thank you, Madam
21 Chairman. I also had a comment on the congressional
22 maps dealing with the data table.

23 Just from a data standpoint, it's very
24 important when you have a small amount of data, you
25 get outliers that skew the data very big. When you

1 have larger amount of data, that outlier criteria
2 kind of goes away, which is one reason that when you
3 do -- you do polling and that kind of thing, you try
4 to get a large sample.

5 The same thing is true with the data
6 here. Basically you are making a judgment on every
7 one of these based on only the 2008, 2010 election
8 results.

9 And in my opinion, that is -- that kind
10 of outlier, you're going to get that kind of skewing
11 happening because you have a small amount of data
12 field.

13 To include the 2004, 2006 election
14 results only makes logical sense from a data
15 standpoint alone, especially since you are making
16 judgments, basically, as you are looking at these
17 maps and you are getting a skewed viewpoint if you
18 only look at two sets of data.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

21 Any other comments?

22 I'm sorry. Please. This is on the
23 congressional maps what-if scenarios.

24 SHIRL LAMONNA: Yes. My name is Shirl
25 Lamonna. It's S-h-i-r-l, L-a-m-o-n-n-a.

1 And I'm not a mapping expert. I do
2 understand that you have the various constitutional
3 requirements to deal with for the redistricting and
4 all of the what-if scenarios.

5 Please excuse me, I don't have access to
6 some of the maps that you've been looking at today
7 and perhaps Commissioner Herrera has addressed this
8 with his last reiteration about the Pinal and the
9 Pima.

10 But I will say -- I just have two quick
11 comments. I'm very pleased to see that you have
12 three-border districts here in Arizona because I
13 think we really do need to have three
14 representatives in Congress to deal with the various
15 representatives on the border issues.

16 Second of all -- and this might be
17 another what-if scenario that could be explored --
18 we know that we have this issue of the Tucson
19 sector, as they call it on the news, between Tucson
20 and Phoenix and the drug trafficking and the crime
21 and, you know, the increased home invasions and
22 things like that that are going on.

23 And I would just suggest that I haven't
24 seen on any of these maps Pinal and Pima linked
25 together. And I'm just kind of -- just throw it out

1 for what it's worth. Is that a possibility, that we
2 should be looking at it, because there does seem to
3 be some sort of a linkage.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6 This is Christine Bauserman, representing
7 Citizens for Common Sense Redistricting from Pima.

8 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: And it's B-a-u-s,
9 as in Sam, e-r-m-a-n.

10 One thing I wanted to ask is when you
11 show these maps -- well, I know now we have it
12 online, we can see the backup data, but it would be
13 kind of nice to hear this version meets, like, four
14 out of five of the requirements, like what they are,
15 that it meets compact, contiguous, you know,
16 whatever the four or five are just so we kind of
17 know.

18 I heard that one time online, it was
19 really helpful.

20 And another thing that hasn't been
21 clarified in a long, long time, are these maps --
22 are they based on the original grid maps? I think
23 they are and you kind of moved the lines, but it
24 might be nice to hear that, because that was a
25 constitutional requirement.

1 About the data, the 2006 and 2010, data
2 were two times in the system where we had huge
3 turnovers. In 2006, the Democrats took over the
4 House. In 2010, the Republicans took over the
5 House. And I've kind of alluded to this before.
6 And when you give the Republicans and Democrats, you
7 should give the Independents in this state.

8 And I know all of the requirements of
9 Prop 106 always say you're supposed to be
10 nonpartisan, so why you're considering -- you almost
11 have to consider voter registration because Pima
12 County, especially Southern -- or Southern Arizona
13 is not a pigeonhole. We do not vote. People got
14 tired of all of the incumbents and they voted them
15 out and they did it again. And I'm already hearing
16 everybody is tired of all of the politicians again
17 and we may do it again.

18 And people really do vote across party
19 lines. So it doesn't matter how many votes. It's
20 more registered. You can't tell or predict how
21 people vote.

22 And you guys are supposed to be drawing
23 maps and lines. You are not supposed to be electing
24 candidates. This isn't a campaign. You're not
25 supposed to be taking account where they live, who

1 is going to run.

2 If people want more competitive
3 districts, they got to get out there and find
4 candidates to run. And there should be people who
5 run, if they are that passionate about it.

6 But the '6 and '10 data, really, I think,
7 is a different issue that should be included.

8 Now, another thing specifically about the
9 maps, I like the three-border district and the river
10 District 4. I think they could be kind of combined.

11 But one thing for a community of interest
12 and the geographic feature is in District 1 and 2,
13 the southern border, the Santa Cruz border, there's
14 a big mountain range down through there and so it's
15 like Patagonia and Sonoita kind belong more in one
16 because the only way they can get to the rest of
17 Santa Cruz is, like, around the mountain.

18 And if you just know events -- like we go
19 to events. I'm in Tanque Verde and I will go to
20 events in Sonoita, like their fair, and I will go to
21 Cochise because it's on my side of the mountain.

22 Just to put that out there.

23 And that's all.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1 Other speakers?

2 Thank you. This is Jack Roosa,
3 representing self from Tucson.

4 JACK ROOSA: And that's spelled J-a-c-k,
5 R-o-o-s-a.

6 Well, this is my first meeting, so
7 hopefully I stay within the ground rules here on the
8 comments.

9 What I would like to say, I think it's in
10 the public's best interest to have multiple
11 districts along the border. Having multiple
12 districts provides diversity of thought, diversity
13 of solutions from our representatives as we deal
14 with the border issues. And after all, diversity is
15 something we should all be looking for.

16 I don't know how that fits into the
17 criteria that you are looking for as far as the
18 Voting Rights Act and being competitive and so
19 forth, but I do think having multiple
20 representatives along the districts helps -- helps
21 generate different ideas, different solutions as
22 opposed to one individual representing the entire
23 border.

24 Maybe the next one is just a comment
25 because I think the meeting is for you all and not

1 necessarily for us, but it's confusing sitting out
2 there watching the maps evolve and not knowing how
3 or what changed from one map to the next and trying
4 to follow along.

5 But again, I guess if you all can follow
6 it, then it's okay by us.

7 Okay. That's all I got.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Anyone else on the
10 congressional district maps before we move on?

11 Okay, I did receive that.

12 Is this Dee Pfeiffer?

13 DEE PFEIFFER: Dee Pfeiffer,
14 P-f-e-i-f-f-e-r, and I'm from Vail.

15 And I just wanted to say I was pleased to
16 see the maps that have the three-border districts.
17 I think it's very important that we have at least --
18 well, the more the better, although the one with the
19 four, I didn't think that worked very well, but for
20 us to have the most representation in Congress that
21 we can for the people and the problems that are
22 along the border.

23 So I agree with Shirl's comments and the
24 lady before me, her comments regarding that, as well
25 as the lady before me that was talking about that we

1 need to get the people out there to run. We need to
2 find qualified people to run.

3 And, again, remember that
4 competitiveness, that's up to us. We need to do
5 that. So I think that was a very good point that
6 she brought up. And, again, competitiveness is last
7 on the list and I hope that you remember that
8 because I know what it really means.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

11 We have another speaker on this topic.

12 Do you have a request to speak from
13 already filled out?

14 JOHN VAN DE BEUKEN: John Van De Beuken.
15 That's V-a-n, D-e, B-e-u-k-e-n.

16 I noticed as you were talking, you
17 mentioned how you were putting these areas together,
18 trying to keep municipalities together, trying to
19 keep Indian reservations together, and in some cases
20 counties -- or most cases counties, and then I
21 noticed that you had a special group here that came
22 in and requested that you break up Tucson, a
23 coalition, as I recall.

24 Well, are there other coalitions that
25 have evolved in this state? Is that the only

1 coalition that's occurred, that you have recognized
2 and made changes for?

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Legal counsel, can
4 we answer that question?

5 JOHN VAN DE BEUKEN: I wonder if the
6 commissioners have solicited coalitions to come
7 forward?

8 MARY O'GRADY: Madame Chair, it's not a
9 violation of the open meeting law to respond since
10 it's on the agenda, but on the other hand, this
11 really is a time for comment, and so the focus
12 should be comments, rather than the question and
13 answer. So it's time for them to get your input.

14 JOHN VAN DE BEUKEN: Okay. I guess
15 that's my comment, then, it's a question.

16 Thank you. I have the question that
17 doesn't involve the map.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

19 Anyone else?

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Could I just make
21 a brief comment in response to that?

22 Under the Voting Rights Act, we do need
23 to reach out to minority groups and request their
24 input. And I think that was a minority coalition.
25 So that's one of the things that we are doing to

1 satisfy the Voting Rights Act is reaching out to
2 minority coalitions.

3 But I think it's fair we're reaching out
4 to everyone. We've traveled at this point thousands
5 of miles all over the state and invited people on
6 the website to submit their suggestions and maps
7 either individually or as groups.

8 So we are looking for input from anyone
9 who wants to provide it.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And I believe the
11 coalition maps, anyone that has submitted anything,
12 that is on the website, too, that they can view; is
13 that correct?

14 Okay. I don't -- anyone else from the
15 public on this topic?

16 One more -- oh, two more. Sorry.

17 STEVE NYGREN: I did turn in my card.

18 I'm Steve Nygren, N-y-g-r-e-n. I'm in LD
19 29, and I agree with basically everybody who has
20 talked here, that we need as many congressional
21 districts on the border as possible.

22 I also agree that gerrymandering or
23 attempts to advantage minority population seems to
24 distort the maps in the geographical areas of
25 communities of interest.

1 So I look at some of these and I see
2 that, you know, people on the west side of Tucson
3 have nothing to do with Yuma and have no interest in
4 common except for the fact that somebody is telling
5 us that we can pour a bunch of Hispanics or we can
6 pour a bunch of prison population into supposedly
7 making a competitive district.

8 And again, I agree that someone here is
9 really ledging this panel into the fact that it's,
10 like, we need to create Democratic- or
11 Republican-controlled districts. And that happens
12 in natural progression through time.

13 And, I'm sorry, that if your Hispanic
14 population rolls to Republican, it is because of the
15 lack of leadership that your population is feeling
16 rather than a party problem.

17 So I would like everyone to think about
18 that this weekend. Because if you feel your
19 district is not competitive anymore, it happened
20 because of what the population has experienced in
21 the last ten years.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24 Betty Bengtson, representing self from
25 Pima.

1 BETTY BENGTSON: Thank you.

2 Betty Bengtson, B-e-n-g-t-s-o-n, and I
3 live in an incorporated area of Pima County in LD 26
4 and CD 8.

5 And I'm not sure -- several people have
6 commented on the need for three voter districts.
7 Maybe we need three, maybe we don't. But the one
8 over along the eastern border, it looks to me
9 like -- that the people in the northern part of that
10 district would have -- would have different concerns
11 perhaps than those on the southern part. I'm not --
12 we wouldn't be in that district, so that's just an
13 aside.

14 If a district is 70 or 80 percent
15 registration for one party or the other, it's hard
16 for it to be a competitive district, whatever your
17 political concerns are. So it's hard to get
18 organized, maybe, if there's such a disparity in
19 registration.

20 I just wanted to comment a little bit on
21 CD 8, the current CD 8, which is the district that
22 we live in.

23 And I would very much like to see CD 8
24 retain much of its current geographic appearance.
25 It's a very competitive district at the moment, as

1 evidenced by past election history, and should
2 remain I think as intact as possible.

3 We are -- I think we share a community of
4 interest. I share a community of interest with
5 people who live in the current CD 8.

6 My husband is a uniformed services
7 retiree. We are quite interested in what happens to
8 Davis-Monthan and even Fort Huachuca. So those are
9 areas of interest to us.

10 We've also spent a lot of time in Cochise
11 County and other areas in the Wilcox area and so on,
12 hiking and birding in the Chiricahuas, the
13 Huachucas, Klondyke in the upper Sulphur Spring
14 Valley, and in the grasslands of Cochise County.

15 We are quite concerned about
16 environmental issues in those areas, including, for
17 example, water use. We are concerned about border
18 security and safety in those areas. We don't want
19 to be out hiking when we don't feel safe.

20 And we feel those are all issues affected
21 by voting and political affairs.

22 So I hope you will consider keeping CD 8
23 as intact as it is now.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I guess we need to
4 be reminded that the Voting Rights Act is
5 something -- Voting Rights Act is something we have
6 to abide by. It's not something we can ignore. And
7 I didn't pass it. It wasn't me. It was before my
8 time. And just remind people that although I'm the
9 only Hispanic here, I represent everyone, white,
10 black, Native American, it doesn't matter where you
11 live.

12 I was put here for a reason, and I intend
13 to do the best job I can in representing everyone.
14 So just thought I would clarify things. I'm not
15 here supporting any group.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you.

17 Anyone else from the public who wanted to
18 address us on the congressional grid map what-if
19 scenarios?

20 Pete Bengtson, representing self from
21 Pima.

22 PETE BENGTSON: The name is Pete
23 Bengtson. It's B-e-n-g-t-s-o-n.

24 I would like to just second what Betty
25 said, but I would also like to comment that I really

1 appreciate what the commissioners are doing. It's
2 becoming increasingly clear to me how difficult your
3 job is, and I appreciate the work you are doing.

4 One of the things I think is not quite
5 clear to this audience is that you are following
6 Proposition 106. There are the two legally required
7 items of Voting Rights Act and equal population but
8 then you have the other four that are equally
9 important, including competitiveness, following
10 cities/towns/state boundaries -- county boundaries
11 and communities of interest. I forget what the
12 fourth one is. Compact and contiguous.

13 And that's one that I normally talk about
14 is compact and contiguous and city/county boundaries
15 because I would like to see as many city/county
16 boundaries used on the borders.

17 Thanks for all of your good work.

18 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

19 Anyone else from the public on this
20 agenda item?

21 Okay. The time is 6 p.m. Do we need a
22 break for folks?

23 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: We do.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We'll take a brief
25 recess of ten minutes and be back at 6:10.

1 Thanks.

2 (A recess was taken from 6:03 p.m. to
3 6:21 p.m.)

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. The time is
5 6:19 p.m., and we'll conclude recess.

6 And we are now past the congressional map
7 and moving into the next agenda item, which I
8 believe is agenda item 5, review, discussion, and
9 direction to mapping consultant regarding ideas for
10 possible adjustments to legislative grid map based
11 on constitutional criteria.

12 So moving into legislative, were you able
13 to do anything last night on these?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: I was.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: So we have two more to
17 present for legislative, and I guess it's good if we
18 just go through the progression of how these started
19 and what criteria have been used.

20 So I will do that briefly.

21 Initially, the first cut at adjusting the
22 grid maps for legislative districts was to adjust
23 the grid maps in order to accommodate the nine
24 majority/minority district that Mr. Adelson
25 identified.

1 In order to emphasize that this was
2 something that could be done different ways, we did
3 it two versions of that, two options that kind of
4 ran parallel to one another, both attempting to
5 change the grid map and accomplish the same goals
6 but by doing slightly different lines. That was the
7 first version of these maps.

8 Then it was followed up to adjust them so
9 as not to split any Native American reservation
10 lands, if possible.

11 A third version was then created to
12 respect census-place boundaries, and then a fourth
13 version, these ones, were created. And I should say
14 I created these off of version number 2. I did
15 adjust some of the boundaries to better reflect
16 census-place areas, but they were back, too.

17 So I guess using our new naming
18 structure, these should have been 3B. The other
19 ones would have been 3A, but right now they are 4,
20 so I apologize for that, but we are going to work --
21 I'll adopt that system going forward.

22 The criteria specifically for these came
23 from Commissioner McNulty, and they were to move all
24 of the Tohono O'odham Reservation into District
25 Number 3 from District Number 2 and also to clean up

1 the border that runs through Tucson, to move the Pai
2 tribes into District Number 6, to move the Holbrook
3 and Winslow areas into a district with Flagstaff and
4 to keep the Prescott and Prescott Valley areas whole
5 and not with Flagstaff.

6 So with that in mind, I will go to the
7 first one.

8 So just for everyone, these are
9 legislative nine minority districts, option 1,
10 version 4.

11 So I guess I'll start with the first
12 part, which was to move the Tohono O'odham
13 reservation all into District Number 3. So as you
14 can see, it is now included into District Number 3.

15 And for anyone following on the live
16 stream, I was informed over the break that these are
17 all now available online.

18 Just turning on county and I am going to
19 turn on census place. And again, the census place
20 is -- now are colored to identify the different
21 areas.

22 But what we're -- I guess the first
23 criteria was to move this reservation land into this
24 area.

25 All right. Going on, next was to move

1 the Supai and Havasupai tribes into District Number
2 6. So -- or into District Number 7, I'm sorry. So
3 they are now included with the Navajo and the Hopi
4 in District Number 7. So they were in District
5 Number 6; now they are in District Number 7.

6 So District Number 7 does have a fairly
7 strong Native American population.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Mr. Desmond, see,
9 I viewed that a little differently than the Hispanic
10 issue where there's no other influenced district
11 where those votes can be. So to me, it makes sense
12 to consider having them together in a district where
13 they are with -- where they can elect a candidate of
14 their choice, which isn't going to happen unless
15 they are in that district.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: So right now with that
17 change, District Number 7 is 61.36 percent
18 voting-age Native American.

19 And I believe that was a criteria for the
20 grid maps that you had asked us to try to include
21 the Supai and Havasupai with the congressionals too.
22 So that is something we've been attempting to do.

23 Going on from there, the next object was
24 to move the Holbrook and Winslow areas into the
25 district with Flagstaff, which worked out well.

1 When we moved all of this area into this District
2 Number 7 from District Number 6, we were then able
3 to accomplish that by extending District 6 into this
4 part of District Number 7. So it was effectively a
5 swap.

6 So District Number 7 took the Pai tribes
7 and District Number 6 got Holbrook and Winslow. So
8 I'll zoom into that.

9 So Winslow is good, and then Holbrook, I
10 also, in order to make up that population
11 difference, did include Sun Valley and Joseph City,
12 some other incorporated areas east of there to the
13 Apache County line.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What's the color
15 scheme? Are those population differences in census
16 places?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: That is just census
18 places uniquely colored to identify them a little
19 easier.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: I can turn that off.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: No, I like it. I
23 want to know how to do it.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: It's not hard. I can
25 show you right after.

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: You can show me
2 later.

3 What's got the line through it there?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Woodruff.

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Well, maybe we
6 should fix Woodruff.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, that's some little
8 tweaks.

9 And I should be clear here, because I had
10 done -- because I did this version before
11 yesterday's meeting, I didn't pay as much attention
12 to respecting the census-place lines. Version
13 number 2 I did this morning and last night, and
14 since we had talked about that more yesterday,
15 version number 2 does take into account trying to
16 not split those as much. And we'll see that in a
17 minute.

18 But I would be more than happy to go
19 through and make some of those changes.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We'll be working
21 on these a lot, so there's time for that.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: It's a good example --
23 so if you look down here, this is the type of split
24 that was fairly common in all of these until it was
25 addressed.

1 So when you're not paying attention to
2 census places, it's easy to make those splits
3 because there's lines that run through them
4 reflecting population centers and stuff. So it's
5 just one of the many things we look at when we are
6 doing these.

7 And we have been continually improving
8 them.

9 So the last part -- the last criteria was
10 to keep the Prescott and Prescott Valley areas whole
11 and not with -- not with Flagstaff.

12 So if you'll notice District Number 14 --
13 and this wasn't a very hard thing to accomplish.
14 Most of Prescott was already in District 14 and just
15 parts of the outer lying Prescott Valley needed to
16 be moved over.

17 Prescott Valley does have a very
18 interesting border. I'll highlight it real quick.
19 It's a little hard to see, but it does extend like a
20 border going way out surrounding unincorporated
21 areas. So there is no way of keeping Prescott
22 Valley whole without including all those areas that
23 are unincorporated between it.

24 So those were the four criteria. Are
25 there other things you want me to look at on this or

1 should I go straight to the second one?

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: There's another
3 one of these that you did the same thing to?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, because we had the
5 two parallel --

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. I'm not
7 sure I have both --

8 WILLIE DESMOND: You should.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I have option 1,
10 version 4, and I have option 2, version 3.

11 Okay, I'll just share. I'm going to want
12 to study that whole Tucson -- that little finger
13 that sticks up.

14 Actually, there is one thing I would like
15 to look at on this. If you would go back down to
16 Tucson -- actually to Santa Cruz County, I don't
17 know what layer this requires or if it requires
18 Google Earth, but I would like to know where the
19 Santa Cruz River is and whether that line is on the
20 river or incorporates both sides of the river.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: You have to direct me
22 where the river is. It runs through Santa Cruz?

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It runs from the
24 -- yeah, south boundary kind of right down the
25 middle of Santa Cruz County. And my guess is that

1 line may be on the river.

2 What's the best way to figure that out?

3 Just look at -- I can just -- can you look at Tubac
4 or Tumacacori or Green Valley?

5 Is that Green Valley right there?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: That's Green Valley,
7 that light green or yellowish area.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm not seeing the
10 river.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Well, the river is
12 just east of Green Valley.

13 What's the pink thing below Green Valley?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: That's Elephant Head.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So the
16 river runs between Elephant Head and Green Valley.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. There's I-19.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah, and the
19 river kind of runs along I-19 to the -- a little bit
20 east of that.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: I mean, I think that's
22 the river. I don't know why it's not showing up on
23 the river.

24 Let me just check statewide for a second.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: This may take a

1 little more work than we want to force everyone to
2 sit through here, but what I have in my mind is
3 that's our own little river district and that's
4 really -- the people that live along that area have
5 very common interests.

6 And so I want to look at and think about
7 incorporating that in that legislative district.
8 And I think it's probably not just one side of the
9 river but both sides of the river along certain of
10 its reaches or maybe the whole thing.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Maybe you can
13 think about finding it and I'll do the same thing
14 over the weekend.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: And what's it --

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It's called the
17 Santa Cruz River.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: All right. I will try
19 to have it done.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah, it runs from
21 Nogales north. And, you know, we wouldn't follow
22 its whole length but just to a point south of
23 Tucson.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: There are a lot of

1 ranching, farming communities, arts communities,
2 common interests there and we don't want to be
3 splitting it up like that.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Give me one second.

5 Okay. So this is the river there. You
6 can see there's many of them. So I assume it's this
7 kind of central artery that they all run into.

8 It is available. I'll play around this
9 weekend with trying to make it not quite so
10 extensive, just to kind of get the main parts.
11 We'll have that for Monday.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And if you look at
13 Google Earth, you'll be able to see the channel. It
14 will be very visible where it actually has water in
15 it or effluent or a combination. Liquid.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Are there other areas of
17 this map you wanted to look at?

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I would like you
19 to do one more what-if on a different iteration, and
20 I'm not sure which map to do it off of. Maybe -- I
21 don't think I care which one. And this is kind of
22 out there, but I just want to see it.

23 I want to draw a legislative district,
24 and you're going to have to look at roads, from Ina
25 Road at the north, Campbell at the east. Start from

1 that point, come southeast, you know, and fill in
2 213,000 people or whatever the number is. And do it
3 a couple of different ways. Coming south, you know,
4 finding it going in a more southerly direction and
5 then finding it going in a more easterly direction.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'm just curious.
8 And that should be a completely separate -- you
9 could call that, you know, Linda's weird what-if
10 map.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I will -- I'll
12 draw that.

13 Can you just spell Ina Road.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I-n-a.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Ina. I just wanted to
16 make sure.

17 Okay. I will do that.

18 Anything else to look at on this one or
19 should I go to the other one?

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And I should add,
21 it will be the Ina Road alignment, but it will
22 probably be Sunrise.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: The names change.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What is the name
25 of that? Do you know what I mean? I think it's

1 Sunrise Road.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ina, Sunrise.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Ina, Sunrise.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Again, picking
8 whatever iteration you would like, I would like to
9 see where we've got cities, again, contained. I'm
10 not sure which one you would want to start with. I
11 mean, I think that you've begun. And getting -- as
12 it pertains to the northern part of -- we've heard a
13 lot of testimony wanting to keep Oro Valley, Marana,
14 and Saddlebrooke combined.

15 I would like to start getting those
16 together and start getting those together now so we
17 don't have to wait down the road. We've heard and
18 seen an enormous amount of testimony regarding that.

19 I would like to start getting
20 Saddlebrooke into the Oro Valley connective.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Saddlebrooke, Oro
22 Valley, and what other one?

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Saddlebrooke and
24 Oro Valley.

25 Probably it's -- what number is that

1 where you got Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley,
2 Saddlebrooke, Casas Adobes?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So Saddlebrooke
4 is currently in 11, right here.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Getting -- not
6 splitting Oro Valley.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. That might be a
8 good time to look at the other one. I think I did
9 take that into account more on this other one.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Which one?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Option 2, version 4.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Which what-if?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: It's what-if -- what-if
14 legislative nine minority districts, option 2,
15 version 4. I don't think -- this one hasn't been
16 presented, so it wasn't available as of yet. It's
17 available on the website, but it's not available.

18 So in this version, Oro Valley is not
19 split but it's not with Saddlebrooke. So I will --
20 you'll notice if we look at this a little more, I
21 did attempt to keep some of the census places more
22 whole in this particular -- I apologize that wasn't
23 taken into account more on the last one, but this
24 one was made after yesterday's meeting where it was
25 brought up that that was something to look at.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.
2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.
3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Willie, am I
4 correct then that for looking -- as we are doing our
5 homework over the weekend, the general public wants
6 to be looking at option 2, version 4 in regards to
7 contiguousness of property -- of communities,
8 correct?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, and also --
10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Further along in
11 development?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, but I would say
13 that version 3 of both option 1 and 2 did pay
14 attention more to both census places and that
15 version 4 was built off of version number 2.

16 So if you look at version number 3 --
17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Option?

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Option 1 and 2, version
19 3, did attempt to pay attention to not splitting
20 census places.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Option 4 is not -- what
23 I'm trying to say is option 4 did not -- they are
24 not built off of -- 1 does not necessarily evolve
25 into 2, into 3, into 4.

1 So it split at 2. So one split went from
2 to 3 and one split went from 2 to 4. Going
3 forward, I'll do those splits as 3A and 3B, but
4 currently that has not been the case.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: But in both options
6 1 and 2, versions 3 and 4, they all reflect the nine
7 minority districts?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. That has remained
9 constant.

10 And, you know, feel free to direct me
11 however you would like, but if it makes things
12 simpler, we could do a third tract that might kind
13 of combine the two or, you know, be more universal.
14 I'm just trying to -- for simplicity sake, these two
15 are similar but there are some differences.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What was the split
17 again? From 2 to 4?

18 WILLIE DESMOND: So 4 was the changes you
19 had asked for --

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: -- on 2.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: 3 was the changes the
24 other commissioners had asked for on 2.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. All right.

1 Okay. Maybe we should rename them. Why don't we --

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Why don't we call
3 these 3B?

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. That might
5 be the thing to do.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: So here forward, option
7 4 will be 3B and option 3 will be 3A.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. And then
9 let's do an option 3C, with the earth -- the thing I
10 just asked you to do with the Catalina -- the
11 Catalina.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's do that as a
14 separate --

15 WILLIE DESMOND: That will also be based
16 off of option 2, then, which is just --

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: You can base it
18 off 4, the one that you just made my changes on.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So that will be
20 4B, then.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Give them a name.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We'll leave it to
23 you.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Thanks.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Just start putting

1 notes on them what the date is and what the major
2 change is.

3 I guess I'm still concerned that we
4 haven't received the block equivalency files yet on
5 that Arizona minority coalition's --

6 WILLIE DESMOND: No.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think we are
8 going to have to reach out to them, because I'm a
9 little concerned that we can't get down into the
10 nitty-gritty of these legislative districts
11 without -- we really do want the input from the
12 minority community, given that we know that they are
13 going to be providing it.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Bladine, do you
15 have information on that? You don't have to run.

16 RAY BLADINE: I can't anymore.

17 We have had several contacts last week
18 about trying to get that information from them, and
19 I know Kristina called them I believe yesterday and
20 we just don't have it. But we will keep talking to
21 them.

22 And I understand it's starting to get
23 into a place where it's a problem for us. But I
24 guess if we don't think they are going to get it in
25 a timely fashion, we can talk to Strategic about

1 other alternatives, but we'll follow up again on
2 Monday.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. And then,
4 Mary, are you looking at the voting rights analysis
5 of these districts now?

6 MARY O'GRADY: Yes, Madame Chair,
7 members, in working with Strategic and Bruce and
8 everyone, we are starting to look at the voting
9 rights analysis closer.

10 And one of the questions is our number of
11 benchmarks, frankly. Historically, as Bruce
12 described, when DOJ did the preclearance nine years
13 ago, that they concluded that there were nine
14 districts where there was an opportunity to elect.

15 There are more than nine districts where,
16 in fact, a minority candidate has been elected and
17 we are looking at that analysis to see who -- you
18 know, is there -- is there a candidate of choice of
19 the minority community that is actually being
20 elected there. Just what's going on at a closer
21 level in terms of where the opportunity to elect is
22 occurring.

23 There are some districts in Arizona that
24 don't require a majority/minority to elect minority
25 candidates. An example that comes up with that

1 historically, like District 23 from the last decade
2 had a history of electing without a
3 majority/minority and some other districts as well.

4 So we were thinking just in terms of,
5 without having drilled down, that there may actually
6 be ten benchmarks, not majority/minority, but paying
7 attention to districts where there is an opportunity
8 to elect.

9 And I've been, as we're going through
10 this, trying to match up numbers with districts
11 because what we see -- what I see -- and again, this
12 is very quick and there might be others who have
13 seen more -- it seems like more of a concentration
14 of the minority numbers that we might be able to
15 spread out a bit more to make sure that there's --
16 that we preserve the opportunity to elect in some of
17 those that have not a true majority/minority, but
18 have a significant population. And when you look at
19 the voting analysis, they did have the opportunity
20 to elect.

21 So I just wanted to note that, and I was
22 trying to figure out an instruction that would help
23 maybe getting to that issue in crafting the maps,
24 but I haven't gotten there as I'm sitting here. If
25 I do -- but I think that's generally if there was a

1 way of spreading things out a bit more --

2 And also how it's easy on the
3 congressional districts to match up -- you kind of
4 know generally the vicinity of where the minority
5 districts are now. And in terms of legislative
6 districts, we all know that there's the Northern
7 Arizona Native American district. There are two in
8 Maricopa County where they elect all minority
9 candidates, all three, all the time. There are two
10 others where they have pretty consistently elected
11 one of the three minority candidates. So looking in
12 terms of whether there was an opportunity to elect
13 there.

14 In Pima County there's one that tends to
15 always elect and there's another one that elects --
16 tends to elect a mix. Again, wanting to look at the
17 opportunity to elect.

18 And we have three rural districts that
19 have elected minority candidates fairly
20 consistently, Southeastern Arizona, Southwestern
21 Arizona, and in the Pinal County area.

22 So trying to match those up with how
23 those areas would perform here and whether we are
24 now -- we just have nine that have an opportunity to
25 elect or are there still some more where there might

1 be an opportunity to elect.

2 And that's the analysis that we are doing
3 and Ken is doing with input from the lawyers.

4 And that's the kind of thing that DOJ
5 will ultimately look at in terms of the opportunity
6 to elect a preferred candidate of choice.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Could we make --
8 would it be helpful to take an HVAP density map that
9 you are going to do and overlay that with our
10 existing legislative districts and then maybe with
11 our grids?

12 Can we -- I know we have to start with
13 the grid, we can't start with our existing
14 legislative districts, but would it help us at least
15 to conceptualize it if we did that?

16 MARY O'GRADY: Perhaps. I was even
17 looking at, you know, there are -- how many
18 districts we have when you look -- because some of
19 ours are coalition districts now and so just off --
20 some of them have, like, 70 percent plus minority
21 population and comparing how many we have in that
22 range compared to the current range and how many of
23 them we have in the 60 to 69 and make sure we kind
24 of group them within the same range. And maybe that
25 would -- if they can still get the overall

1 population they need, maybe that's a way to approach
2 it. But again, if the overlay helps as well --

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'm just a visual
4 person.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: We could --

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't know if
7 that helps or not. We can let you guys -- let the
8 lawyers --

9 WILLIE DESMOND: I can definitely make
10 any reference maps that you want. That's not hard.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any other
12 legislative thoughts -- legislative district
13 thoughts, I should say?

14 Okay. So you have enough work for the
15 rest of the weekend, I take it.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: I've got plenty of
17 congressional.

18 Are there any other legislative what-ifs
19 you would like to see?

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: There's the one
21 Ms. McNulty mentioned --

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: There's also the
23 what-ifs that we covered yesterday. You'll be
24 working on them; is that correct?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: The legislative

1 what-ifs?

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: The one based on the
3 congressional river district, version --

4 WILLIE DESMOND: That's right.

5 Just reclarify that, I guess. What you
6 would like to see is as many districts that kind of
7 follow that one --

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: That is correct.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: -- district as possible?

10 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: We said five, with
11 the changes that I proposed today.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Yeah, that's on
13 my list also.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you for
16 all of your work. Appreciate it.

17 The next item on the agenda -- we covered
18 previously the -- number 6, so we go to number 7,
19 discussion and possible action on retaining a voting
20 analysis expert to review, analyze, and recommend
21 action on voting rights issues, including polarized
22 voting and conduct analysis regarding
23 competitiveness and other state constitutional
24 criteria as needed.

25 I believe our legal counsel was going to

1 be doing some research at our direction for -- on
2 this topic.

3 MARY O'GRADY: And hopefully we'll have
4 -- this is on the agenda for Monday, too, so we're
5 hoping to have a more complete report on Monday. So
6 I don't really have an update that's ready for the
7 Commission today.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So any other
9 -- no cheering.

10 The next item is the executive director's
11 report, which we had to miss yesterday so -- but it
12 was on our agenda for today.

13 So, Mr. Bladine.

14 RAY BLADINE: Actually, I think we'll be
15 rather short, too.

16 Kristina, I've asked her to just give you
17 a quick update. She's been working hard this week
18 on round two and also an update on -- she's also
19 been working with Strategic on getting mapping
20 going. So I thought I would let her talk about
21 that, MapIt online going.

22 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Willie, did you have a
23 chance to go over that since I missed the first 20
24 minutes of the meeting?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes. Maptitude online

1 is up and running. It's on the website now. I
2 believe we'll be conducting a short training during
3 Monday's meeting for members of the public.

4 KRISTINA GOMEZ: And I spoke with Andrew
5 yesterday and he said that Brad and Buck were
6 working on finding a home on the website for this
7 link for the public. So that should be up soon.

8 And also as far as the second round of
9 public hearings, we are exploring the idea of having
10 simultaneous meetings on the same night. So we're
11 looking into our options of how we will record these
12 meetings. So we should have an update for you next
13 week.

14 I believe that's it.

15 Oh, thank you.

16 And I've contacted ASU. I have a meeting
17 with them next week as far as videoconferencing some
18 meetings for us. And, yes, they actually use a
19 webinar system. So we are looking into that as
20 well. And we are also --

21 RAY BLADINE: I can't remember now.

22 Let's see. And you've talked to some cities, too.

23 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Oh, yes. Yes. I've
24 also spoken to some cities about meeting locations
25 as well. And I have to say they've been very

1 helpful in hosting us. So we are working out those
2 details as well.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Have you spoken to
6 representatives of Northern Arizona University?
7 They have campuses pretty much everywhere throughout
8 the state and they are pretty advanced with the
9 technology that they use.

10 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Right. I've actually
11 called them. I called them prior to the first round
12 of public hearings because in 2001, we actually
13 utilized their satellite system and
14 videoconferencing.

15 And what happened was, yes, they had the
16 latest and greatest in technology; however, with the
17 budget cuts, so did their -- that component of their
18 department as well.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: So just to confirm,
20 that is not an option?

21 KRISTINA GOMEZ: That's not an option
22 right now.

23 And then I've also spoken to community
24 colleges as well. And the problem that we are
25 running into right now is that class has started

1 already.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: What about Rio
3 Salado? Rio Salado uses a lot of technology. They
4 don't really have a lot of in-person classes but
5 they still have that technology. Have you spoken to
6 them.

7 KRISTINA GOMEZ: No, I haven't, but I can
8 check with them next week.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

10 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: In following up on
14 Commissioner Herrera's thought, we've got -- there
15 are universities that have got campuses in, for
16 example, both in Flagstaff and in Yuma, in Phoenix
17 and Tucson. Have you pursued having simulcasts or
18 webinars where you're able to have two presentations
19 simultaneously using their --

20 KRISTINA GOMEZ: So when I spoke with
21 ASU, they said that they would go ahead and make
22 those contacts with the other community colleges and
23 universities to see what options they have as well.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: One last
3 recommendation. Consider pursuing or speaking to
4 the University of Phoenix, Apollo Group. That's a
5 private sector university, but they -- I guess out
6 of all of the universities, they are the ones --
7 they are pretty advanced with the technology and I
8 would recommend you contacting them.

9 If you don't have any contacts there, I
10 would be happy to help you out.

11 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other questions
13 on the executive director report?

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: There was a
17 distribution of a draft budget update. When will
18 that be ready for presentation?

19 RAY BLADINE: I have gotten a more
20 detailed document yesterday and I thought what I
21 would do is send it out to you over the weekend. It
22 has the backup detail to that so you can look at it.

23 If that gives you the detail you want,
24 then we could put it on the website or do whatever
25 you would like to do with it. But it is in much

1 more detail and is complete through the end of
2 August.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And that would be
4 ready for our review this weekend and your
5 presentation on Monday to be posted or are you
6 thinking that you're just going to go ahead and
7 post?

8 RAY BLADINE: Well, I was -- that's a
9 good question. I was going to send it out to you
10 and then let you kind of decide whether you wanted
11 me to post it or bring it to a meeting, whatever you
12 would like me to do.

13 I believe I have it in electronic file
14 that I got just before I left. And if I do, I can
15 certainly send it out to you over the weekend. I
16 think that's what I can do and was planning on.
17 Otherwise, first thing Monday.

18 And I can put for later -- I don't
19 remember that I have budget on director's report for
20 Monday, but I can put it on for, like, Thursday, one
21 of the other days we are meeting.

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Would it be prudent
25 to post the budget and then put it on the executive

1 director's report so we could have commentary and Q
2 and A about it on Thursday, allowing the public, if
3 there was any questions that they may have?

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, with maps, we
5 haven't -- it's -- we've kind of taken the approach
6 that we would like to discuss them first before we
7 post them on our website, but I don't know. How do
8 others feel about our budget --

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: -- draft?

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I wouldn't see -- I
12 would use the same approach with the budget. I
13 would make sure that we look at it first before it
14 goes out to the public.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Agreed.

16 RAY BLADINE: Then I will get it out to
17 you as soon as I can. And if I have an electronic
18 file, it will be this weekend.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

20 Do you mind staying up for the next item
21 on the agenda, which is the discussion of future
22 meetings. I want to make sure we have the right
23 days.

24 RAY BLADINE: Okay. One more thing.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure.

1 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Buck just informed me
2 that the link for online mapping is on our website
3 right now. It's under the "maps" link and it's
4 called Online Mapping.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

6 KRISTINA GOMEZ: Thank you.

7 RAY BLADINE: I don't have mine in front
8 of me.

9 What we had talked about -- but my only
10 knowledge of changes of the meetings we have set up,
11 I think we had one time where Commissioner Herrera
12 on the 14th will have to participate during Skype,
13 if I remember it right. But I think that's the only
14 change that I'm aware of since we developed the
15 schedule that you all have.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So our next meeting
17 is the 12th, Monday, at 9 a.m. in Casa Grande?

18 RAY BLADINE: Correct.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And we go all day?

20 RAY BLADINE: Yes, we do. It's a long
21 day. I think we scheduled that one until
22 potentially 9 o'clock, and I don't remember the
23 start time from the top of my head.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: 12 hours?

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's ridiculous.

1 RAY BLADINE: I want to see you all do
2 this. I'll be sleeping on a cot in the back.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. And then the
4 next meeting --

5 RAY BLADINE: I'm sorry, it starts at 9
6 a.m. on the 12th, so I don't know that we did
7 that -- I think it's the ones that were like 2
8 o'clock you told us to put it until 9:00 or later in
9 the evening. So I don't know that we did that one.

10 And, I'm sorry, I didn't bring my
11 schedule.

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: There seems to be a
15 lot of -- I've been noticing that a lot of the items
16 that have been in previous meetings, the meeting
17 yesterday or even today, have been moved to Monday.
18 So I suspect that Monday's meeting is going to be a
19 long meeting.

20 Not that I enjoy long meetings, but I
21 would prefer to get it over with as opposed to
22 making two days that are long. One long day. Let's
23 all come prepared with snacks and water.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So we'll meet
25 Monday. Then the next meeting is?

1 RAY BLADINE: The 14th.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And that's in?

3 RAY BLADINE: Casa Grande, and also at 9
4 o'clock.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: 9 a.m. Okay.

6 RAY BLADINE: And then the 15th is at the
7 Heard Museum with the Inter Tribal Council and also
8 a mapping meeting for you. Potentially, I believe
9 we could start at 9:00 -- or 12:00, and I think that
10 works with everybody's calendars.

11 Then we could have the tribal leaders
12 come in somewhere around 1:30. They have an earlier
13 meeting. Have that item on the agenda. So we could
14 do some mapping, if you wish, from 12:00 to 1:00,
15 1:30, have about an hour to meet with them, go back
16 to mapping and I believe we can be there until 5:00.
17 I'm trying to see if we can be there a little longer
18 than that. And that will be at the Heard Museum.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. And are we
20 holding the 16th as well?

21 RAY BLADINE: Yes, we were. And I'm --
22 that would be whether you want me to continue to
23 hold that or not, but we do have it on a hold.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: That same date that
2 we are meeting with the tribal leaders, which is on
3 Thursday, the 16th?

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thursday, the 15th.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Sorry, Thursday, the
6 15th, 1:00 to 5:00, which seems like a really short
7 meeting. And I know you had mentioned -- can we
8 have availability to stay later if we have to?

9 RAY BLADINE: Madame Chair, Commissioner
10 Herrera, I will check. The last time I talked to
11 them, the Inter Tribal Council who uses the facility
12 has never gone past 5:00. They weren't sure whether
13 we could.

14 But I can certainly see if we can't do
15 that. And they are being nice enough to get us
16 their rate, which is about half of the -- more than
17 half of the going rate. And if we can't do there, I
18 can certainly have another location that you could
19 go to after 5:00. But I will try to see if we could
20 go to at least 7:00, maybe.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Won't that be our
22 third hearing next week and then we're holding open
23 the 16th also?

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: So how about not on
25 the 16th if we have a long meeting on the 15th.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, but I like --
2 we have to give direction to our mapping consultant,
3 too. So going -- sometimes it doesn't make sense to
4 go eight hours because there's only so much we can
5 do because then we need to get the maps.

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: True.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So I would rather do
8 the noon to 5:00 thing on -- at the Heard Museum --

9 RAY BLADINE: On the 15th?

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: -- and let's all
11 hold the 16th in case we need a half-day meeting
12 day.

13 RAY BLADINE: And I don't think we have a
14 start time for the 16th. I think we just held that
15 on our schedule.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. Is everybody
17 clear the 16th?

18 RAY BLADINE: I don't remember a conflict
19 from the top of my head, but we can certainly
20 double-check it and let you all know again if there
21 was a conflict one of you told us about, but I don't
22 remember on the 16th that there was one.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So let's plan
24 on at least a half-day meeting on the 16th because
25 then we would have two half-day meetings in a row.

1 RAY BLADINE: How about time and
2 location?

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm flexible. Do
4 you want to do Casa Grande?

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Morning, Casa
6 Grande.

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Morning in Phoenix.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Casa Grande.

9 RAY BLADINE: Morning, Casa Grande.
10 About 9 o'clock?

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is that good, 9
12 o'clock, everyone, in Casa Grande Friday morning?

13 RAY BLADINE: On the 16th? Going once,
14 going twice.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: 9:30.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: 9:30.

17 RAY BLADINE: 9:30, going once --

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We can do 9:30. Is
19 that all right?

20 Okay, 9:30, Casa Grande, Friday, the
21 16th.

22 And just to clarify on the 15th, it's
23 starting at noon, Ray?

24 RAY BLADINE: Unless -- that was my
25 thought. It would give you potentially an hour to

1 do some mapping or things and then meet with the
2 tribal leaders when they come in. And I'm guessing
3 we may not see them exactly at 1:30, so that way you
4 could keep meeting. And when they are available,
5 we'll make that the agenda item.

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Now, can you explain
9 to me the meeting with the tribal leaders? Is that
10 going to be an open meeting like we have with other
11 coalitions that have approached the IRC and they've
12 talked to us at the podium and addressed us? Is it
13 going to be that type of meeting? I guess I'm not
14 understanding what that meeting is going to be.

15 RAY BLADINE: I think what we planned
16 would be similar to the presentation you had from
17 the Hispanic Coalition for Good Government.

18 I've asked that basically we would have a
19 mapping presentation from them, is what it would be,
20 or if not a specific map, then any discussion about
21 goals, objectives they would like to see. And I've
22 asked if we could get a list of the tribal leaders
23 before we get there, who would speak so we would be
24 able to kind of organize it and proceed in that
25 fashion.

1 So, yes, I would see it as a public input
2 for them and then you can go back to your regular
3 mapping type of hearing.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair, one
5 more question, if I may follow up.

6 What tribes are being represented in this
7 meeting?

8 RAY BLADINE: I think it's pretty much
9 all of the tribes in Arizona with perhaps the Navajo
10 being the only exception, but I'll double-check that
11 with you. I'm not sure they are a member, but they
12 do -- there's a liaison there.

13 Do you know, Mary?

14 MARY O'GRADY: The Navajo aren't a member
15 of Inter Tribal Council, but sometimes they do
16 participate. As you say, they might have some
17 liaison for special events.

18 RAY BLADINE: Okay.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any other
21 questions on that, for Ray or Kristina?

22 Thank you both.

23 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

24 RAY BLADINE: All right.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any future agenda

1 items, too, that we haven't already discussed that
2 need to be raised, too, now? This is part of agenda
3 item 9 today.

4 Okay. That takes us to -- we'll go ahead
5 and skip ten since we may go into executive session
6 on that one so that the public can have comment. So
7 we'll just take that out of order.

8 So we'll go to number 11.

9 I have a few request to speak forms, and
10 if anyone has already spoken and they want to speak
11 again, feel free. Just raise your hand.

12 My first speaker is Frank Bergen, from
13 Tucson.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Gone.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Gone.

16 Barbara Warren, representing self, from
17 Pima.

18 Maddy Urken, representing self, from
19 Pima.

20 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Geri Ottoboni,
21 representing Rancho Vistoso HOA from Pima.

22 GERI OTTOBONI: Yes. Hello. My name is
23 Geri Ottoboni. That's G-e-r-i, O-t-t-o-b-o-n-i.

24 Can you hear me okay?

25 I was wondering with regard to the data

1 that you are using, is that coming from those who
2 voted for Obama/McCain, congressional Senate seats
3 or state Senate and the House of Representatives?

4 Which of these are you using for your
5 data?

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And that's the end
8 of my request to speak forms, unless anybody --
9 okay. There are people who have spoken who want to
10 speak again.

11 This gentleman, you'll have to remind us
12 your name.

13 JOHN VAN DE BEUKEN: John Van De Beuken.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, John.

15 JOHN VAN DE BEUKEN: This is my first
16 time to be here at these meetings, and I understand
17 that we have five commissioners who are all unpaid
18 volunteers. Is that true?

19 I guess so. And it looks like you have
20 nothing short of a full-time job. So thank you for
21 your service.

22 One other thing that I have noticed is
23 that the Attorney General has ordered a deposition,
24 I guess, from all five commissioners and that two
25 commissioners have given a deposition to the

1 Attorney General.

2 Is there a date when all five
3 commissioners will have given their deposition?

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mary?

5 MARY O'GRADY: This is just a time for
6 comment rather than a question and answer. So go
7 ahead and --

8 JOHN VAN DE BEUKEN: The question is a
9 comment.

10 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And other speakers?

12 Lynne St. Angelo.

13 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: Thank you.

14 Since Mr. Bladine is going to be giving,
15 I guess, an update on the budget, I was wondering if
16 you would -- because all I have is, like, what was
17 handed out at the meeting on July actuals. I guess
18 he's going to do the August actual figures.

19 It would be nice if this was online so
20 that people who are just observing on the Skyping
21 could actually print out the budget from what -- the
22 budget and the actuals together so we could see the
23 projection as well.

24 And that's my comment.

25 Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3 Betty Bengtson.

4 BETTY BENGTSON: Betty Bengtson,
5 B-e-n-g-t-s-o-n.

6 Thank you for listening to me again
7 today.

8 I just had a couple of -- one
9 observation. You keep talking about census places.
10 And I assume that these are areas that have been
11 defined by the National Census Bureau, and I would
12 be interested to know what criteria -- how are those
13 defined and do those definitions really have
14 anything to do with the definitions that you are
15 working with for the redistricting.

16 I have no idea how the Bureau of the
17 Census defines the census places. It's simply a
18 convenient geographic area or are there some other
19 criteria. So if someone could speak to that at some
20 point, I would appreciate it.

21 And I would also like to speak to the
22 issue that was brought up earlier about including
23 Saddlebrooke with Oro Valley and Marana.

24 I currently live in -- I live in what's
25 currently LD 26. I'm in what is defined as a

1 Catalina Foothills census place, and I get my
2 services -- government services from Pima County.
3 And I feel I have no community of interest with the
4 residents of Saddlebrooke.

5 So I feel that I have the greatest
6 community of interest with those people who live in
7 Pima County. And so I would like to be associated
8 politically with Pima County residents and not Pinal
9 County residents so that my senator and
10 representatives could address the needs of my
11 county.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

14 I have a request to speak form from Ralph
15 Kayser, representing Tucson Tea Party from Pima
16 County.

17 RALPH KAYSER: Good evening, ladies and
18 gentlemen of the Commission. My name is Ralph
19 Kayser. I'm a resident of Pima County, Arizona, and
20 an organizer of the Tucson Tea Party, a group of
21 approximately 4100 conservative Arizona residents.

22 Among other values, the members of the
23 Tucson Tea Party believe in smaller and more
24 transparent government. Above all, our members
25 expect honesty and truth from our elected and

1 appointed government officials.

2 I'm here tonight to implore all members
3 of this Commission to fully cooperate with our
4 state's Attorney General's investigation.

5 We implore the chairman to promptly
6 comply with the state Attorney General's written
7 investigative demand for production of documents and
8 examination under oath.

9 And in Mary O'Grady's August 29th letter
10 to Mark Wilson, Mary states that the Commission
11 provided as much information as possible to the
12 public about the procurement process.

13 I'm troubled about the use of the term
14 "as possible." For a matter of such extreme
15 importance as the redistricting, the public should
16 have access to all procurement information.

17 Our members expect that this Commission
18 should be fully transparent on all information as it
19 relates to the use of our tax dollars. And if this
20 Commission is acting ethically and impartially,
21 there should be no reason to withhold any documents
22 from the public.

23 It's the right and honest thing to do.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1 Anyone else from the public?

2 A couple more.

3 JACK ROOSA: Once again, my name is Jack
4 Roosa, R-o-o-s-a.

5 I'm going to act on some of the comments
6 the gentleman just made.

7 Sometimes doing what's right is not
8 necessarily fair and it's not necessarily easy. So
9 I would urge the members to appear before Attorney
10 General Horne's commission and let's clean this up
11 as soon as possible and restore the faith in the
12 process.

13 Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

15 Christine Bauserman.

16 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: I'm Christine
17 Bauserman.

18 I want to speak about lawyer O'Grady.

19 When you had the conversation, you were
20 asked about the Voting Rights Act and you were
21 defining that there are ten -- that Hispanic was
22 voted for, and I was under the impression from the
23 DOJ when he gave his presentation back on the 22nd
24 of August, he specifically stated that the race of
25 the candidate was not a factor. It's they have to

1 vote as a voting bloc.

2 But if a group of Hispanics want to vote
3 for a white person, if a group of Indians want to
4 vote for a Hispanic, or white people want to vote
5 for Hispanic, it doesn't matter.

6 So I don't think you can -- because it
7 kind of got confusing. You were talking about the
8 Voters (sic) Rights Act, and then I know there's
9 been discussion about having competitiveness defined
10 as who is electable.

11 But earlier today I think it was
12 Commissioner Herrera had stated that was never voted
13 on as being a factor. So it got really, really
14 confusing because, you know, I know we are not
15 supposed to take race.

16 I just wanted to point that out.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

19 Anyone else from the public?

20 Shirl Lamonna.

21 SHIRL LAMONNA: Just one quick comment.

22 I live in Rancho Vistoso. I'm not in
23 Saddlebrooke but I am friends with a number of
24 people that work up -- or that live up there and I
25 work with a number of people from there.

1 And whenever we talk about this
2 redistricting, there's not a single one that I know,
3 although I'm sure there are some, that want to be
4 associated separately from Oro Valley. They all
5 come down to do their shopping and whatever. It's
6 truly a community of interest with Oro Valley, and
7 that's where they want to be.

8 So I just felt the need to say that.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

11 Anyone else?

12 Pete Bengtson.

13 PETE BENGTSON: My name is Pete Bengtson.
14 That's B-e-n-g-t-s-o-n.

15 I've sort of been following -- or I've
16 been coming to these meetings for quite a while, so
17 I've been following the issue in the paper with the
18 Attorney General's suit.

19 And I believe Mary O'Grady correctly
20 decided that the Commission was -- what is it,
21 administrative -- a legislative body and didn't need
22 to comply. And so I support you in your decision on
23 that.

24 I would also like to point out that one
25 area, one of the goals that doesn't get spoken about

1 a lot is following county boundaries.

2 I'm in LD 26, the Catalina Foothills, as
3 you've probably learned from Betty. And I wanted to
4 add that there's a Pima County boundary/Pinal County
5 boundary that cuts LD 26. And I believe that
6 Saddlebrooke folks vote for state -- vote for county
7 officers and they should stay in Pinal County and
8 give us a separate legislative district in Pima
9 County.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

12 Anyone else from the public?

13 Okay. That concludes public comment,
14 then, and takes us to agenda item 10, report legal
15 advice and direction to counsel regarding Attorney
16 General inquiry and related litigation, including
17 discussion and possible action regarding
18 expenditures for legal representation. The
19 Commission may vote to go into executive session,
20 which will not be open to the public for the purpose
21 of obtaining legal advice and providing direction to
22 counsel.

23 So is there anything first that we want
24 to cover?

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair, I vote

1 that we go into executive session to discuss the
2 issue of the AG and the investigation.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Is there a
4 second?

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All in -- well, any
7 discussion?

8 All in favor?

9 ("Aye.")

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any opposed?

11 Okay. So the time is 7:23. That
12 concludes the public session and we'll enter
13 executive session once we clear out the room.

14 We'll take a five-minute recess.

15 (Whereupon the public session recessed
16 and executive session ensued.)

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18 (Whereupon the public session resumes.)

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. The time is
20 7:47 p.m. We'll enter back into public session.

21 Is there a motion to move forward based
22 upon our discussions in executive session?

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madame Chair, I

1 move that we authorize the expenditure of funds for
2 the defense of the individual defendants named in
3 the action brought this week by the Arizona Attorney
4 General based on the advice of counsel.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second that.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any discussion?

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I'm a little tired,
10 and I want to make -- I know I've said some things
11 when this investigation began that -- I am
12 struggling to remember whether it was in public
13 session or not, so I'll be very careful.

14 I'm certainly -- I really regret that
15 this situation has arisen. I don't think it's been
16 easy for me. I respect the three of yours
17 positions. I hope you respect my position and my
18 thinking of what was in the best interest of the
19 Commission.

20 I certainly don't want to see any of you
21 have any stress about it or any financial hardship.

22 I'm not going to oppose this motion, but
23 I'm not going vote in favor of it either. I'm going
24 to abstain on this.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other

1 discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I will add that I
3 don't understand your position. I honestly don't.
4 I know I've done nothing wrong here other than try
5 and serve my state.

6 I know that one day the story of this
7 whole thing will be told. I don't know when it will
8 be, but I know that's how these things work and it
9 will be told. And it won't be a story line that's
10 been manufactured to try and derail this Commission.

11 But in the meantime, I'm going to
12 continue to do everything I can to uphold the oath
13 that I took to draw fair and impartial districts for
14 the state.

15 And I would like you both -- I respect
16 you both, but I don't honestly understand your
17 position.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other comments?

19 All in favor?

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Aye.

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Aye.

23 Any opposed?

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Abstain.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So we have three

1 "ayes" and two abstentions from Freeman and Stertz.

2 And with that, anything else?

3 The time is 7:50 p.m., and we will
4 adjourn.

5 (The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.)

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