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16                                   Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair  
17                                   Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner  
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CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good morning.

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

The date is Tuesday, September 27th. The time is 9:27 in the morning.

Let's begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge was recited.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We apologize for this delayed start. We were never able to get the Internet streaming going, so we're recording this and we'll post this meeting, the recording, up on our website as soon as we can.

Let's begin with the call to order.

Vice Chair Freeman.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We have a quorum.

1           Other folks around the room today is our  
2 legal counsel, Joe Kanefield and Mary O'Grady, our  
3 mapping consultant, Willie Desmond.

4           Our staff is our chief technology  
5 officer, Buck Forst, our executive director Ray  
6 Bladine, and our public information officer Stu  
7 Robinson. And I believe we have some public  
8 information coordinator folks today. Shane Shields  
9 and maybe anyone else. I'm not sure.

10           And then we have a court reporter,  
11 Michelle, who will be taking an accurate accounting  
12 of everything that's spoken here today. So when you  
13 do address us during public comment, please be sure  
14 to speak directly into the microphone and to spell  
15 your last name if you would so that we get an  
16 accurate spelling in the record.

17           So the next item on the agenda is our  
18 recurring occurring, map presentations. This is the  
19 opportunity for anyone in the public to present map  
20 concepts to us, and I think we have a couple today.

21           Our first one will be from Christine  
22 Bauserman, and I believe there are others coming  
23 with her. Citizens for Common Sense Redistricting.

24           CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Christine  
25 Bauserman. Christine with a c-h, B-a-u-s-e-r-m-a-n.

1           Can you hear me?

2           And they were going to pull up the map  
3 for me.

4           Okay. Hi. I've been here a couple of  
5 times. You've been asking a lot lately who are you  
6 and what are you -- and I can't see when it's this  
7 close.

8           I am a citizen here in Arizona who have  
9 always paid attention to politics but didn't really  
10 get involved until last year and I like maps. Okay?

11           So I got involved in this. I came to the  
12 very first meeting here. And I was more concerned  
13 -- I'm a computer programmer -- with how the mapping  
14 system would work because I would like to get into  
15 that from a technical perspective.

16           And I met Steve Muratore and talked all  
17 about that and how databases work, because I believe  
18 databases are the key.

19           So I came to the meetings and started  
20 getting into the meetings and I was doing a lot of  
21 research online. I actually have a great PowerPoint  
22 presentation about communities of interest from a  
23 Hispanic group.

24           And I went to an LD -- I'm a registered  
25 Republican. I voted Republican for the second half

1 of my life. I started out voting for Democrats.  
2 I'm kind of like Colleen. We were all young once.

3 And I went to an LD meeting and said,  
4 hey, does anybody want to get interested in this? I  
5 went to a -- set up a meeting at a coffee shop and  
6 had 20 people show up.

7 Then I set up a second one. I had 17  
8 people show up, and I just gave them the facts of  
9 here is what the Constitution says. Here are items.  
10 Here is how we define things. And people were  
11 interested in it.

12 So the one meeting here in Tucson I had,  
13 I was out in the parking lot and I actually had  
14 people coming up to me telling me thank you for  
15 having me come to this meeting, if you guys can  
16 believe that. The one where we sat for five hours,  
17 because they feel they are part of something  
18 important, something constitutional, and they  
19 realize that.

20 So just to let you know, that's kind  
21 of -- we really are just a group of people and, yes,  
22 most of us Republican.

23 Okay. So these maps, the congressional  
24 maps.

25 Yesterday Colleen came up with this map,

1 and I don't like this map. Commissioner Freeman  
2 stated we don't want people to look at this map and  
3 think it looks ridiculous. I think this map looks  
4 ridiculous.

5 Okay. Anybody down in Douglas does not  
6 want to be represented by somebody north of the  
7 Grand Canyon. I noticed if you fold this map in  
8 half, you have almost one whole area in this map.

9 Another point of view on it is if you  
10 look at the representation, a congressman goes out  
11 to D.C. for three days and flies back. You have one  
12 whole day of travel going from here to D.C.

13 Where are they going to live? If they  
14 live in Pinal County, are they going to go ever to  
15 Sierra Vista, which is what, a five- or six-hour  
16 drive? Are they -- if they live up in Flagstaff,  
17 are they ever going to go to Sierra Vista? I don't  
18 think it works.

19 The point of view about the rural people  
20 being split up -- and I understand this is really  
21 difficult for you guys because I have played for  
22 hours with these maps where you have this little map  
23 and you're trying to put 2,000 people there and you  
24 click and it takes this chunk and it's 200 people  
25 and your chunk -- and you have this blob and you

1 still need 2,000 people. And that's a problem in  
2 this state because of its size.

3 I went to a thing one time with school  
4 bus routes where they were begging don't pass a  
5 state law on school buses because we live up here  
6 where we have three-hour routes and we're going to  
7 have to incur an expense that we don't have. And  
8 the same thing kind of applies to you guys.

9 There's not a lot. You are going to have  
10 big rural districts no matter what you do, but that  
11 doesn't mean you want to group them all together.  
12 And Commissioner McNulty said that yesterday.

13 You know, I was up in Casa Grande one  
14 time there was a guy who was from out in the rural  
15 area but he was in there for the job. And a lot of  
16 our towns are people who are from rural areas. And  
17 I've made that point before where I know a lot of  
18 people who live in Sierra Vista but they live in  
19 Pima County but they have ranches in Sierra Vista  
20 just because that's where their jobs and schools  
21 are.

22 So I don't necessarily think that means  
23 that the rural people all want to be together. And  
24 then I wonder how much representation they will have  
25 because they will just be sitting in a seat in

1 congress because they will have no power of any  
2 sort.

3 At this point, I think you guys have  
4 created every conceivable version we can have of a  
5 map. All right? I hear Strategic -- and I'm a  
6 mapper and I know the data. I hear Strategic  
7 Telemetry one time looking at you going I think we  
8 already have this.

9 Okay. Yesterday when Commissioner Stertz  
10 asked to put Santa Cruz -- I'm sitting on my  
11 computer at home and having multiple screens  
12 scrolling through the map. Hey, I find, it's there  
13 in version 6d or something. We have created that.

14 So at this point it's almost like you  
15 guys need to lay it out all of these maps and figure  
16 I want this, this, and this. Like, you know, the  
17 chairwoman said, let's get one map and fight over  
18 the lines. But we need to do it.

19 So with all of that said, I like river  
20 district 7a. I have looked at this data and looked  
21 at this data. This is the best we are going to get.  
22 I personally approve river district 5. We have  
23 seven solid Republicans and two Democrats. If you  
24 guys want to give me a gift, that would be my gift.

25 I don't think it would make it through

1 court. I mean, realist -- there's political  
2 realities and there are realities here, and that map  
3 isn't going to make it through court. But that  
4 map -- I think we should actually go between 5 and  
5 7a because of Pinal County.

6 We have a seat because of Pinal -- and  
7 not just Pinal County. When I started this, the  
8 very first meeting I ever came to, I went and put on  
9 an LD map how many people you got to lose and how  
10 many people you got to gain.

11 It's pretty obvious that all of this  
12 comes from the center of Arizona. All of our growth  
13 is the center. They deserve a seat. That's where  
14 everybody is moving and that's where the future is  
15 going to keep moving.

16 All of the numbers need to be -- it's  
17 Gilbert. It's this whole area. It's just like  
18 carve them out an area. And you guys kind of did  
19 that on 5 and somehow you swung around some  
20 different things and ended up with this other map,  
21 but at least on this map Pinal County is mostly  
22 intact.

23 I think if you talk to most people in  
24 Saddlebrooke/Oro Valley, they want to be in Pinal  
25 County. That's where the seat of power is going to

1 be. That's where your people are going to be.

2 I also believe legally 7a has got the  
3 best chance through court.

4 If I am -- I am capable, because I'm an  
5 engineer, of stepping back with no emotion and  
6 making analyses of people and of businesses. This  
7 map has shown a progression from day one where when  
8 they put this in court and they get all of this  
9 stuff, all of the hours of stuff, they are going to  
10 show step by step by step progression.

11 Do we need to still fight to make some  
12 changes? Yeah. You know, we want to be really fair  
13 in three borders. Yuma deserves a border going down  
14 that highway that they want. I think that would  
15 help the Hispanic community because it would give  
16 them a voice, it would give them a vote. It would  
17 free them to vote and not feel they are under the  
18 power of the cartels.

19 If you want to do something for the  
20 Hispanic people, that's what America is about. And  
21 I care about the Hispanic people. I have a -- my  
22 goddaughter's mother is from Nogales and I get  
23 together with their family and I would like her to  
24 have a vote.

25 But I think that would be fair and the

1 Pinal County would be fair.

2 I like the CD 1 on this. I'm from CD 1.

3 Okay. Anyway -- so that's it.

4 The legislative maps.

5 Oh, here was another point I realized  
6 yesterday. Here is grid map 1. Your new map from  
7 yesterday looks like a revision of grid map 1.

8 So please don't tell me we're going to go  
9 through all of this now again with grid map 1.  
10 First of all, constitutionally you were supposed to  
11 vote on a grid map and you did, 2.

12 So to go back to 1 is what this looks  
13 like. You know, that just doesn't seem right. And  
14 like I said, 2 we have every possible scenario.  
15 It's like a tree. We have the thorn from there, we  
16 have the branches.

17 Legislatively, again -- and I have a lot  
18 of people speaking with my group. And this goes  
19 back to the issue of Cochise County saying they  
20 didn't want to be split up. If you're from Phoenix,  
21 Cochise County previously in LD 30 was split down  
22 the middle with Sierra Vista, the city.

23 So when they came to you saying we don't  
24 want to be split up, they meant they didn't want to  
25 be split down through the middle legislatively. And

1 you guys are kind of applying that to the  
2 congressional and they are going to come speak to  
3 that, too.

4           Because I called some people I have down  
5 there and this word is spreading. I'm, like, hey,  
6 do you guys want to be with Eastern Pima County or  
7 do you want to be with Grand Canyon.

8           We are more like that, but that is what  
9 they meant by that. They seriously did. They want  
10 to be intact as a community.

11           So I like -- most of these legislative  
12 maps are pretty good for me. And like I said, I  
13 have a lot of people, it's just -- you know, look at  
14 the communities of interest that we've defined a lot  
15 in that area.

16           I said that the one time I saw a change  
17 was made where -- like that little part of Santa  
18 Cruz that Sonoita/Elgin, they really -- the mountain  
19 is there. You might not know that and they belong  
20 over there. Rita Ranch, that whole little Eastern  
21 Pima County.

22           I noticed Rita Ranch has been cut out and  
23 that was one of those things where they should have  
24 fought the city for annexing it because it doesn't  
25 belong there.

1           So anyway, now I have a bunch of people  
2 who are going to speak after me.

3           Who is going to go first?

4           Thank you.

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6           And if you would state your name and  
7 spell your last name for the record.

8           GLENN LUNDELL: Good morning. My name is  
9 Glenn Lundell. That's Glenn, with two n's, and the  
10 last name is L-u-n-d-e-l-l.

11           I live down in Green Valley.

12           A little tough act to follow because mine  
13 is much simpler than this, and I think because --  
14 I'm fairly new to the process myself. I've lived in  
15 a whole bunch of states. And the reason I happen to  
16 support the idea of community of interest is because  
17 that's what I've looked for whenever I've lived in  
18 different places. That's what I did when I came  
19 here.

20           I retired when I came to Arizona. Moved  
21 to Green Valley. I've done a lot of different  
22 things and all kinds of industries and government.  
23 But I was looking for something where I was living  
24 where a community had something where it meant  
25 community. And I found that in Green Valley.

1           Green Valley recreation is roughly the  
2 boundaries of Green Valley. So we have all of these  
3 things. And this ties into Sahuarita as well  
4 because that town, of course, grew and grown and has  
5 grown and probably will grow. But it lives in the  
6 same millieme, you might say as far as the people  
7 from Green Valley because educationally, the  
8 Continental School District, which is Green Valley,  
9 feeds into the Sahuarita School District for high  
10 school and things. All of this ties in. The  
11 chambers of commerce have joined together. So it  
12 gives a community of interest that falls in there.

13           The different social service  
14 organizations, private and nonprofit, ones are tied  
15 in and most of them are based in Green Valley and  
16 have been there but they serve the entire community.  
17 So it creates a community of interest that way.  
18 That's why those things are important to me.

19           As a matter of fact, this has extended  
20 itself all the way over into the areas to the east  
21 of there because as Sahuarita extended, many of us  
22 do things that go into that area.

23           Further, as far as just one last thing as  
24 far as the Green Valley community of interest, the  
25 Pima County supervisors were considering splitting

1 up Green Valley. After they looked at it and heard  
2 from the people, they went back and put it back  
3 together again as far as the district that feeds  
4 Green Valley.

5 So it looks like others have looked at  
6 that same thing. And it just is the most important  
7 thing to me, and that's why I'm speaking here.

8 I'm fairly new to it. I'm one of those  
9 that happen to show up at the meeting Christine was  
10 calling them and I got interested in this because I  
11 saw a whole bunch of things that were starting to  
12 disturb me as far as how it might break up.

13 So I go along with what she said. I  
14 looked at what Christine had to say before me and I  
15 certainly concur with that and thanks very much for  
16 the opportunity to speak.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you for  
18 coming.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just for  
22 clarification, is this the same group that's --

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, this is all  
24 part of Citizens for Common Sense Redistricting.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: All right. I

1 appreciate that.

2 KATIE MILLER: Good morning. I am Katie  
3 Miller from -- M-i-l-l-e-r. I am from St. David in  
4 Cochise County, and I've worked very closely with  
5 the representatives down there when they were  
6 running for election. And the fact that we have two  
7 representatives that live four miles from each other  
8 and are in two different legislative districts  
9 within the same county is a bit ridiculous.

10 I agree with Christine in that we don't  
11 want -- we want to be -- Cochise County to be  
12 complete and compact but we also understand that we  
13 need to have population pulled from Eastern Pima.  
14 But I do not want my representative having to cover  
15 from Southern Arizona all the way to the northern  
16 border. That is just a bit out of whack, as far as  
17 I'm concerned.

18 We want our communities of interest to be  
19 together. Eastern Pima, including J6 -- J6,  
20 Mudscow, Rita Ranch, Vail School District. It also  
21 doesn't make sense to split up a school district  
22 when you are talking about representation because  
23 then it just makes a whole other ball of wax.

24 So we want to be compact and have  
25 communities of interest in the same area, and that

1 does not include Flagstaff and Grand Canyon.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

4 WILLIAM SOBECK: Good morning. My name  
5 is William Sobeck, first time here, and I live in  
6 Corona de Tucson, a community.

7 I'm very concerned about community of  
8 interest because on the LD 30 as we are now, I got  
9 one map that actually cuts off 50 houses which are  
10 at the end of Houghton Road and splits our  
11 community. We have a gas station, a couple barber  
12 shops, we got our post 109 down there, and you've  
13 taken it.

14 And the back end of the mountains, they  
15 are in another legislative district and it gets very  
16 confusing for these people.

17 We run all the way out to 83. Those  
18 people out there are in the rural community but we  
19 are all together. We all shop probably up at Fry's,  
20 which is in Rita Ranch. It's 13 miles up the road,  
21 no matter how I drive, to get to the store for  
22 groceries.

23 A lot of what I'm seeing here -- the 7a  
24 map is actually -- I agree with Christine on that.  
25 That works for me. I can't speak for everybody. We

1 have -- as of last night I counted the maps.  
2 There's 41 maps as of August 31st. After the three  
3 today, we're up to 45.

4 I used to work in engineering. This is  
5 to me getting extremely confusing. It would be  
6 great if the board could come up and pick five maps  
7 to work from and we can do adjustments to them. But  
8 as it stands right now, every day it's another set  
9 of maps. This one moves and that one moves. I  
10 don't know which maps you've selected to actually  
11 use.

12 Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

14 MARGARET BURKHOLDER: Hello. My name is  
15 Margaret Burkholder, and I'm the president of the  
16 Vail School District governing board.

17 Thank you so much for allowing me to come  
18 and speak with you today.

19 I had spoken with Christine about these  
20 and she asked that I come and speak with you and  
21 share the school board perspective.

22 School boards, especially outside of Pima  
23 County and Maricopa County, define communities.  
24 Community is based on, you know, who is your  
25 football team and who are you playing on Friday

1 nights. That's how we define community.

2 And looking at some of these maps, I'm  
3 concerned when my community of the Vail School  
4 District is we're looking at having two different  
5 representatives representing our community.

6 So when we speak of communities of  
7 interest, I really think it's important to look at  
8 school districts and how they are governed.

9 And from a pragmatic perspective, I'm  
10 elected at large. I have to represent all families  
11 within my I think thousand-square-mile border of our  
12 district and I'm responsible for everybody in that  
13 district and I have to get to those.

14 So looking at this congressional map  
15 where you have the Grand Canyon down with Douglas,  
16 how could one person possibly represent that  
17 community well? I'm not sure they could.

18 So when you're looking at the maps, I ask  
19 that you consider communities of interest,  
20 especially school districts and those in rural  
21 communities, that you keep those communities  
22 together.

23 And a little bit about me. Grew up in  
24 Cochise County, so an Army brat there and Fort  
25 Huachuca. That's a whole lot more in common with

1 Southeast Pima County and Cochise County. There's a  
2 lot in common.

3 So if Cochise County wants that  
4 solidarity, I don't think they would mind bringing  
5 in some of us from Southeast Pima County. But  
6 that's a lot of camaraderie between those counties.

7 So thank you very much for allowing me to  
8 speak.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Did you have guys  
11 any questions for the me?

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any questions for  
13 the group?

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, Christine, if  
17 you don't mind talking about who makes up part of  
18 your group. Because I want to see -- I mean, we  
19 always talk about the people who come in support of  
20 a map, but I want to know who are these individuals  
21 and.

22 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: I started at a LD  
23 30 meeting, which is a very legislative meeting on  
24 the east side of Tucson. And like said, I just went  
25 there and made an announcement and actually had a

1 piece of paper and people wrote down their e-mails  
2 and I e-mailed them with where the place and time  
3 was going to be.

4 And like I said, the first meeting had 20  
5 people show up and the second meeting had 17  
6 different people show up.

7 And then there's been a core that has  
8 kind of grown from that, and it's been mostly a  
9 social media, like e-mailing.

10 So they are just -- a lot of them are  
11 PCs, a lot of them aren't. And they are friends of  
12 friends.

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair,  
14 follow-up question.

15 The makeup of Common sense Redistricting,  
16 are they mostly Republican, Democratic?

17 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: I would say mostly  
18 Republican.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And they support  
20 river district, that version 7a?

21 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Well, we don't want  
22 like a hundred percent support it.

23 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Sure.

24 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: I think that's the  
25 map that makes the most sense on the data. It's

1 fair. It gives competitive districts, it gives  
2 solid Republican districts and solid Democrat  
3 districts. And overall, the data is the best data.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Now, have you taken  
5 a chance to look at other ones?

6 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Yes, I have looked  
7 at them. Everyday that you guys create them, I'm at  
8 home and I pull them up and I look at the data and I  
9 Google them and I look at the lines. And it's  
10 mostly for Southern Arizona.

11 How Phoenix -- the exact lines -- and  
12 that was my point is let's start there and fight  
13 over the lines. Let's have a good battle. You guys  
14 are kind of getting good at that. Move those lines  
15 where we want them. But to me, that's a good start.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I appreciate that.

17 CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: I bet you do.

18 Any other questions?

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you very much.

20 Our next speaker is Richard Lunt,  
21 Greenlee County Supervisor, representing Eastern  
22 County Organization.

23 RICHARD LUNT: Good morning. Richard  
24 Lunt. Lunt, L-u-n-t.

25 Boy, I don't envy you guys. Everybody

1 comes up here is going to have a different opinion.

2           Of course, we feel -- and we've  
3 introduced a concept to you last Thursday of the two  
4 rural districts and then the rest in metro  
5 districts. And mainly yesterday you asked Tommie  
6 Martin to -- how competitive these were and so you  
7 should -- each of you should have received a  
8 handout. And we listened. We took our consultant  
9 back and you're going to find they are pretty equal.

10           In fact, the -- our plan provides for two  
11 rural districts. Districts 4 and 5 provides for  
12 seven metro districts: Districts 1, 3, 3 -- 1, 2,  
13 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, has two Hispanic districts --  
14 majority districts of District 2 and 7 and has three  
15 border districts, one of which is rural, District 5  
16 and 2, which are metro District 1 and 2.

17           There's less than 1 percent of the total  
18 population deviation among all districts.

19           Both the rural and five of the metro  
20 districts are competitive. That is the Independent  
21 vote could swing each district either Republican or  
22 Democrat.

23           The Hispanic majority districts are more  
24 heavily Democrat but still with a sizable  
25 Independent influence, sufficient to make them

1 competitive using the registration as a measure of  
2 competitiveness. And that's what you asked for  
3 yesterday and that's what we provided.

4 We believe and our consultants believe  
5 that our proposal of the Eastern County's  
6 Organization, it will pass the six criteria, which  
7 you are -- need to meet to be constitutionally  
8 valid. And so we've done a lot of the research for  
9 that.

10 I know your time is precious. You know,  
11 as far the size, you know, each of the rural  
12 districts should not be a problem. Four district --  
13 District 4 is less than 400 square -- 40,000 square  
14 miles while District 5 is 60,000 square miles.

15 These areas are one-tenth of the size of  
16 Alaska, which has one representative; one-third the  
17 size of Montana, which has one representative; and  
18 one-half the size of Wyoming. All of these states  
19 have a single congressional district.

20 We believe in the congressional  
21 representative equity for both the rural and the  
22 metro areas of Arizona.

23 And once again, thank you very, very much  
24 for your time and I'm open for questions.

25 We are listening and that's why we

1 provided the information on the competitiveness that  
2 you asked for yesterday from Supervisor Tommie  
3 Martin.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5 Any questions?

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Mr. Lunt, just so  
7 I'm clear, this information goes with the map that  
8 Supervisor Martin gave us yesterday?

9 RICHARD LUNT: Yesterday.

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And do we have  
11 that Mr. Desmond?

12 RICHARD LUNT: You should. We introduced  
13 it.

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: We probably don't  
15 need it up right this second. I just want to make  
16 sure that you have everything you need so you can --

17 WILLIE DESMOND: I have to check with  
18 Buck. They said they gave him files yesterday. I  
19 just have to print -- I'm not sure if it's the block  
20 equivalency or just the printout. I don't know if  
21 we have the ability to load it into Maptitude yet.

22 RICHARD LUNT: We did send that to you  
23 last Thursday and then -- yes.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: I thought yesterday's  
25 was a new version, though.

1 RICHARD LUNT: No, that is it.

2 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Thank you.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: And we'll get that  
4 loaded up then.

5 RICHARD LUNT: Sorry about the confusion.  
6 I was under the understanding that you had all of  
7 that.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

9 RICHARD LUNT: Once again, thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you very much.

11 I think that concludes anyone talking  
12 about specific map presentations.

13 So the next item on our agenda is agenda  
14 item 3, which is review, discussion, and direction  
15 to mapping consulting regarding the development of a  
16 congressional draft map based on constitutional  
17 criteria.

18 And I believe Mr. Desmond did some  
19 additional work in the dark of the night because I  
20 received an e-mail at 4:23 in the morning from him.  
21 I think we all did.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So for today we have  
23 three additional congressional maps.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: There are two changes to

1 the whole counties maps that Commissioner Freeman  
2 had asked for. The first of which dealt with  
3 reconfiguration of the districts in Maricopa County,  
4 changing what was version 6e into 6f to split that  
5 district in more of a north/south as opposed to an  
6 east/west. Or no, to split it into an east/west  
7 from more of a north/south using State Route 87 as  
8 kind of the border there.

9 And then additionally there is a 7e,  
10 which is also based on 6e but changed around the  
11 borders of District 4, you know, the kind of rural  
12 western district so that it didn't dip into as much  
13 of some of the towns in Maricopa County as much.

14 Then there's also revisions to river  
15 district 7a kind of all around the state. And that  
16 is now version 8a.

17 So I would be happy to go into any one of  
18 those, whichever you guys would like first.

19 Commissioner Freeman, would you prefer --  
20 do you want to look at both of them right away or 6f  
21 first or 7e first?

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I'm glad Mr. Desmond  
25 got these revisions put together and I'm glad I've

1 got the printout, but I can tell you I was up late  
2 and early in the morning trying to work on the map  
3 you threw out yesterday.

4           So I'm going to file these away for now.  
5 If we need to go back to them, great, for future  
6 reference, but I don't need to look at either one of  
7 them. I would rather focus on the donut map at this  
8 point.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So then I guess  
10 we'll go to the river district 8a.

11           Commissioner Freeman, if you want to  
12 explain your criteria --

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Herrera.

14           WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sorry. Commissioner  
15 Herrera, I'm sorry, if you want to explain your  
16 criteria or else I could go through the --

17           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: If you don't mind  
18 going through.

19           WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

20           So starting with river district 7a, the  
21 map that was just up on the screen earlier, I was  
22 asked to move the Fort McDowell and Salt River  
23 Indian communities -- let me bring it up.

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, that would be  
25 good.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Again, this will be up  
2 on the website today, I think as soon as Buck is  
3 able to get online at all.

4 All right.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: This is river  
6 district version 8a.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Congressional,  
8 right.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Congressional.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: So the first direction  
11 was to move all of the Salt River and Fort McDowell  
12 Indian communities along with all of Carefree and  
13 all of the city of Scottsdale north of Chaparral  
14 Road into District 4.

15 Next we moved Apache Junction and San Tan  
16 Valley and some of the areas east of that along with  
17 Gold Canyon.

18 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

20 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: If you don't mind  
21 going over the criteria because I think Mr. Stertz  
22 had a good point trying to explain when we made  
23 changes to our proposed maps that we focus on the  
24 six criteria.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

1           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  And, Mr. Desmond,  
2 before you go on in step one, I just want to make  
3 the comment that the reason for that change was that  
4 the Fort McDowell community had requested to see a  
5 map that put the Fort McDowell community in the Salt  
6 River Indian Community with north Scottsdale and  
7 they also wanted to see a map that put those  
8 communities with South Scottsdale.

9           So what we were trying to do was create  
10 two versions for their benefit.

11           WILLIE DESMOND:  So going back to step  
12 one -- and I'm just going to read the criteria as  
13 they were sent to me.

14           This move will make Scottsdale only split  
15 into one district and be divided north and south at  
16 Chaparral Road.  Will also ensure that the Fort  
17 McDowell and Salt River Indian communities are with  
18 the majority of Scottsdale and Fountain Hills, which  
19 was their desire.

20           Step two --

21           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  I'm sorry -- I'm  
22 sorry to interrupt again, but just to clarify, they  
23 hadn't made a decision about that yet.  They had  
24 just wanted to see it displayed in the two different  
25 ways.  I don't think their leadership has reached a

1 conclusion about which way they would prefer, if  
2 either.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Commissioner McNulty  
6 is correct. I probably should have worded it  
7 differently. It was a version of a map that they  
8 wanted to see.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Step two was to move  
10 Apache Junction, the census tracts east of San Tan  
11 Valley into District 4 also make the census place of  
12 Gold Canyon whole inside District 4.

13 This move -- this will move all of the  
14 suburban areas in Pinal County into one district and  
15 will add 23,000 people from District 5 to District  
16 4.

17 Criteria here was mixed. Apache  
18 Junction, Gold Canyon and similar tracts to the east  
19 whole inside of a district rather than being split.

20 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just a quick  
23 clarification or adding on that Apache Junction and  
24 Gold Canyon and the other tracts that were put  
25 together and made whole, it is a community of

1 interest and we wanted to keep them together as  
2 opposed to splitting them. So it goes to  
3 communities of interest.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me grab one that has  
5 a clip.

6 All right. Next was to move the Gila  
7 River Indian Community from District 6 to District  
8 5. This will leave the district -- this will leave  
9 District 5 short and District 6 short as well.

10 This will create one less split of Pinal  
11 County and increase the American Indian percentage  
12 in District 5.

13 Now, the criteria here is it adds rural  
14 population in District 5 and also adds another tribe  
15 to the district.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

18 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Again, clarifying  
19 that this is something that the Navajo and the other  
20 tribes wanted, to increase the Native American  
21 population in that area. So it was to accommodate  
22 their request.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: The next step was to  
24 move northwestern District 6 boundary north of  
25 Thomas west to Central Avenue and 7th Avenue along

1 District 7's border and take it north until  
2 approximately Northern Avenue. District 6 will now  
3 be fully populated and District 9 will be  
4 underpopulated.

5 The criteria here is this will give  
6 District 6 equal population while moving in common  
7 areas of Arcadia east and Central Phoenix together.

8 Step five was to move the remainder of  
9 Oak Creek and the remainder of Cornville into  
10 District 5. This community is currently split  
11 between Districts 4 and 5. The remaining people  
12 should even out District 5's population.

13 The criteria here is this will make the  
14 two towns whole within District 5.

15 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Again, talking about  
18 communities of interest and keeping them whole as  
19 opposed to splitting them.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Step six was to move the  
21 remainder of Oro Valley into District 5 and the  
22 Catalina Foothills and Casas Adobes whole into  
23 District 1 and keep Catalina whole within District  
24 1.

25 Next was to remove the remainder of

1 Graham and Greenlee Counties into District 5. These  
2 changes give District 5 and District 1 close to the  
3 ideal value.

4 This will make Oro Valley and Catalina  
5 Foothills and Casas Adobes whole within their  
6 respective districts. This will also make Graham  
7 and Greenlee Counties whole within the District 5.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So, Mr. Desmond, do  
9 you mind just for this hometown crowd, just drilling  
10 down into where that dividing line is in Tucson?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thanks.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: So that's the whole  
14 census place.

15 I'm happy to go into Tucson a little bit  
16 more closely.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure.

18 What's that line, the east/west line in  
19 Tucson that goes straight across? Just wondering  
20 what street that is.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: It is Grant Road.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Grant.

23 And then you can come out.

24 So then follow Grant Road just east and  
25 tell us where it goes south and then jogs over.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure. It goes south at  
2 North Tucson Boulevard and goes back east at  
3 Speedway Boulevard. It dips back south then at  
4 Country Club Road. Follows Country Club Road until  
5 it hits 22nd Street. Goes east again until it hits  
6 Alvernon.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Alvernon.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Alvernon. It's very  
9 small. It goes south -- I'm not sure what -- that's  
10 not really following a road. This must be an  
11 unincorporated area.

12 If anyone knows -- it goes south until it  
13 hits Irving Road. Comes back west and hits South  
14 Alvernon again.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Then it follows I-10, it  
17 looks like. I'll zoom out a little bit. Follows  
18 I-10 for a ways and then goes back west at Los  
19 Reales Road and then it goes south not on a road  
20 just kind of what's probably a census tract or  
21 census block dividing line.

22 A slight jog at Southwest Gas Road and  
23 then south on South Swan Road until Old Vail and  
24 then goes back west on Old Vail until Country Club  
25 again in which case it goes south until some point

1 here where it goes over, not on a road, then it goes  
2 around the border of Sahuarita.

3 Let me zoom out again to give you a  
4 little reference to where that is. Then it just  
5 follows the border of Sahuarita. Pretty much the  
6 border of Green Valley but not entirely.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: South around the bottom  
9 of Green Valley. Splits Elephant Head and then  
10 keeps all of Santa Cruz in that district, which is  
11 the District 2, which is a majority-minority  
12 district.

13 Did you want to see, like, the northern  
14 split or is that --

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure, just to get a  
16 sense of how far north it's going.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: So then District 1 --  
18 let me zoom back out.

19 So District 1 is everything to the east  
20 of that line. All of Casas Adobes and all of  
21 Catalina and then everything else east along with  
22 all of Cochise County.

23 District 2 is everything west of that  
24 line going all the way up into -- into Maricopa in  
25 order to create the voting rights' district over to

1 Yuma.

2           And then District 5, which is the -- kind  
3 of the western rural district picks up in Pima  
4 County. It picks up Oro Valley, Marana and groups  
5 that with Oracle and Saddlebrooke and that goes all  
6 the way north up with all of Graham, all of  
7 Greenlee, all of the Apache and Navajo, Gila, and  
8 Coconino County. Then the only other place that  
9 gets population is it takes a little bit from the  
10 corner of Yavapai, which is I believe just Sedona  
11 and then a little bit from Mohave to accommodate  
12 some of, like, the Pai tribes.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

14           WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

15           Moving on on criteria, then, step 7 was  
16 to fill out District 9's population by taking the  
17 western boundary through District 8's portion of  
18 South Glendale and Peoria to pick up the entire town  
19 of El Mirage but leaving Sun City in District 8. In  
20 other words make up the number of people to balance  
21 the population by picking up El Mirage, parts of  
22 Glendale and Peoria while ensuring that Sun City  
23 remains in District 8.

24           The criteria here, where this will make  
25 District 9 within 1k or so of people from the ideal

1 population and add more areas of South Glendale and  
2 Peoria into the district along with El Mirage, which  
3 has similarities with other parts of the district.

4 Step 8 was to use -- or all of the  
5 districts except for District 4 and District 8  
6 should be close to the ideal value. Use Grand  
7 Avenue/US 60 as a way to split District 8 east and  
8 west.

9 Move the western portion, roughly 182,000  
10 people, into District 4. Take the remainder of  
11 District 8 and all of District 4 portions of Pinal  
12 County, San Tan Valley, Queen Creek, Apache  
13 Junction, Gold Canyon, and all of the Maricopa  
14 County portions of Districts 4 that is east and  
15 south of Maricopa, Cave Creek, Scottsdale, Fountain  
16 Hills, New River, and Fort McDowell and Salt River  
17 Indian communities.

18 The criteria here is this change will  
19 improve the compactness of District 4 while also  
20 improving its conception as a western Arizona  
21 district.

22 This change also keeps most of Scottsdale  
23 and Fountain Hills inside of District 8 with the  
24 Fort McDowell and Salt River Indian communities. It  
25 also connects areas of North Phoenix, Cave Creek,

1 and Carefree with similar areas where areas of  
2 similar growth in suburban Pinal County.

3 And those were the criteria I used.

4 I did have one question. I followed the  
5 directions as best I could. And I'll ask on -- you  
6 didn't mention Anthem as a part that should be  
7 included in 8. When I added it, it made the  
8 population very close, so it seemed like a natural  
9 -- otherwise, the line would have jogged around  
10 Anthem. So I think that was probably intended but  
11 maybe just left out.

12 The one question I had is there is a  
13 slight population imbalance, about 7,000 people,  
14 that I didn't want to correct without asking how  
15 that should happen.

16 So if you look -- District 5 is about  
17 7,000 people underpopulated. District 6 is about  
18 7,000 people overpopulated.

19 The easy way to do that would be just to  
20 have 6 give some directly to 5, because they do  
21 touch. However, if you don't want to split -- you  
22 know, if you don't want 5 to go into Chandler or  
23 into Maricopa, you could probably pick it up  
24 somewhere else farther west and then transfer that  
25 population over. So I wasn't sure how you wanted to

1 deal with that.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: This is the first  
5 time I've seen this revision, so what I would like  
6 to do is I'll look it over in a little more detail  
7 probably tonight and maybe I'll be able to send you  
8 the stuff you need probably by tonight if not by  
9 tomorrow morning.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And it isn't like  
11 a major population. I mean, if you just -- if you  
12 took this little portion of Ahwatukee or something  
13 that's right north of the Gila Reservation, I'm sure  
14 you can make up the population just in this little  
15 wing or something.

16 But if you didn't want to -- if you  
17 wanted to keep 5 completely out of Phoenix, then you  
18 would have to go somewhere else probably.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just a couple more  
22 highlights.

23 I wanted to follow Commissioner Freeman  
24 and his whole counties map and this particular map  
25 has nine counties that are unsplit. Two of them --

1 three of them are in two districts and three of them  
2 are in three or more districts.

3 So it's pretty similar, again, to the  
4 whole counties map. And this particular map creates  
5 two majority-minority districts at the  
6 53.49 percent, which is above the benchmark for  
7 number 2 and one at -- number 7 -- District 7 -- at  
8 60.25, which again, is over the benchmark.

9 And in terms of competitiveness, which  
10 we're not quite done yet, but this particular  
11 version creates three solidly Republican district  
12 over 60 percent and two solidly Democrat districts.  
13 Three pretty competitive districts and we are trying  
14 to work with 9 trying to make 9 competitive as well.  
15 So our goal is to create four competitive districts  
16 out of this map.

17 And again, this map was based on a  
18 coalition of Hispanic Coalition. The Native  
19 American tribes, I think based on NN1, if I'm  
20 correct, said they -- what they ended up doing in  
21 this particular version is trying to increase the  
22 Native American population for this particular map.  
23 That kind of accommodates their request.

24 So what I would like to do going forward  
25 is change the name of this map -- and I know it's a

1 small step, but I would like to do that by calling  
2 it the river district/Navajo Nation proposal version  
3 8a going forward, if we can do that. I know it's a  
4 little long, but I definitely want to recognize the  
5 importance of the Navajo Nation and wanting to  
6 accommodate their interests and their desires to be  
7 in a rural eastern district with as high population  
8 as Native American as possible.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: If you send me the  
10 changes for balancing the population, I'll change  
11 the name then.

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Perfect.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, could  
16 you take a look at population densities? I'm trying  
17 to -- I'm looking at the areas of Coolidge, Casa  
18 Grande, and Maricopa and the areas of Marana, Casas  
19 Adobes, Oro Valley, Saddlebrooke, and Oracle. The  
20 two areas that are crossing over the Pinal and Pima  
21 border and the areas of Pinal County to try to get  
22 an understanding of the population density in those  
23 two areas.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

25 If you'll just bear with me for a moment.

1           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: At the same time  
2 will you be able to look at registration  
3 simultaneously or is that another layer you'll have  
4 to turn on?

5           WILLIE DESMOND: I don't know if I have  
6 registration loaded up right now.

7           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

8           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So it's a scale  
9 where anything that is --

10          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: What I'm looking for  
11 is if you capture those areas and created just a  
12 general block and not some sort of a range of  
13 definition of density but how many folks are living  
14 in the areas that are touching out of this very  
15 large district, how many people are living in an  
16 extension of rural -- excuse me, an extension of  
17 urban Tucson including Marana, an extension of urban  
18 Casa Grande and an extension of urban Phoenix that  
19 are touching this district?

20                 I'm trying to find out how many folks are  
21 coming into the rural district that are actually  
22 part of the urban expansion population.

23           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. From District --  
24 in District 5, which is that eastern rural district,  
25 from Pima County comes about 12.78 percent of that

1 total district is from Pima County. So Marana, Oro  
2 Valley make up about 12 or 13 percent of the  
3 district. From Pinal County comes about 26 and a  
4 half percent of the district.

5 So I guess those two would be, you know,  
6 about 29 -- or 39 percent of the district comes from  
7 Pima or Pinal.

8 I can look specifically at some of the  
9 areas of Pinal because I know there are more -- if  
10 you look at Coolidge and Maricopa, I can tell you  
11 those.

12 Pinal -- Casa Grande makes up 17 percent  
13 of the district. Maricopa makes up 14 percent of  
14 the district and Florence makes up 12 percent of the  
15 district. Saddlebrooke makes up 4.6 percent and  
16 Coolidge makes up 4 percent.

17 So the majority of the Pinal population  
18 is from those five areas.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And of Maricopa?

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Maricopa County makes up  
21 just a tiny fraction. Of the total district, it's  
22 .35 percent. So about half a percentage of the  
23 district is from Maricopa County.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So you're at about  
25 40 percent of the overall --

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, somewhere around  
2 there.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Rural district is  
4 40 percent of it is actually touching urban centers?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, it's touching Pima  
6 and Pinal County. I don't know if that's urban or  
7 rural.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Thank you.

12 One of the advantages of this  
13 configuration I think is that in District 5, we have  
14 several population hubs and I probably will leave  
15 something out, but just in brief, we have the  
16 Northern Arizona Flagstaff area, we have the Native  
17 American areas, we have the Interstate 10 kind of  
18 southeast area here that includes Northern Pima  
19 County and Pinal County which does have increasingly  
20 issues in common and then we have the copper  
21 corridor areas.

22 So although it is a large district  
23 geographically, there are a number -- four at least  
24 significant communities that comprise it.

25 So I think that's helpful in terms of

1 representation -- or would be helpful in terms of  
2 representation because you don't have just a series  
3 -- just a huge area with a -- what you have instead  
4 is some things that tie hubs together within it.  
5 And I like that about this.

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And another point,  
9 this particular version of the map with District 5  
10 creates a pretty competitive district. So whoever  
11 is elected in that particular district would have to  
12 really be representing everyone in that district,  
13 not just a certain group, because it is competitive  
14 and with some changes, we could make it even more  
15 competitive.

16 So whoever is elected would represent  
17 both -- all of the hubs, as Commissioner McNulty  
18 described, and would represent them well because he  
19 or she would have to in order to get reelected.

20 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Mr. Desmond, would  
23 you focus in on the urban Maricopa County area on  
24 that map?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Maybe out just a  
2 little bit.

3           Could you turn the census places on?

4           WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

5           Is there a specific area you want to me  
6 to zoom in on?

7           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, can you change  
8 the color of the district lines so they stand out  
9 more?

10          WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

11          Did that look all right on the screen?

12          COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: It's still tough  
13 for my eyes.

14          WILLIE DESMOND: Let me make it thicker,  
15 then.

16          Is that better?

17          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So it looks like we  
18 still have -- North Peoria is cut off here, North  
19 Phoenix is cut off, Sun City, Surprise is cut off.

20          Could you change and just color code the  
21 proposed districts? No need for census places.

22          Here is something else. This district  
23 here, District 8, has a compactness problem. That  
24 does not appear compact to me.

25          And as we've seen, it kind of just lumps

1 together these northern stretches of these various  
2 towns as it travels across the top here and then  
3 plunges down to get San Tan Valley. That's a  
4 concern as well.

5 I know it was said communities of  
6 interest were respected and I suppose anyone could  
7 make an argument probably about anyone -- anything  
8 being a community of interest, but I recall in  
9 various hearings and based on my own experience  
10 living virtually my entire life in the Valley is  
11 there is a strong tie between the I-17/Carefree/Cave  
12 Creek and the North Valley, and that's being severed  
13 there. There's also a strong sort of West Valley  
14 presence as well that's carved up a little bit.

15 So, I mean, I have some concerns about  
16 that. I think my intent, based on our hearing  
17 yesterday, was to try to move forward on a common  
18 map. So I did invest some time, but if that's not  
19 the direction we're going to go, maybe I should go  
20 back to my whole counties map because I did put a  
21 lot of time in on that developing that map and it  
22 was looking pretty tight and pretty good, in my  
23 opinion.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, I would say,  
25 no, that's not the direction I want like to go. I

1 would like to get to one map.

2           So my hope is that we can all work off of  
3 one. This is why we created -- I created this one  
4 yesterday, and I know it's not fully formed yet, but  
5 the hope was to take the best elements of all of  
6 these maps that you guys have been working on. And  
7 granted, we can't do it all but I'm trying to  
8 incorporate as much as I can into one map so that we  
9 can all start to work off of one map and move lines  
10 accordingly then, you know, as appropriate.

11           And we're trying to get to one draft map  
12 so that we can then take that out to the public for  
13 comment. And so it's not going to be the final map  
14 that we take out on this second round of hearings,  
15 it's going to be a draft map. And we need to get  
16 that draft map completed. And the only way I see  
17 doing that is if we are working off of one map so  
18 that we can start to make those minute adjustments  
19 as necessary to incorporate so that we're not  
20 splitting a community of 50 homes off the end of  
21 Houghton Road and things like that. And we can only  
22 do that once we get to one map.

23           So to -- I really appreciate  
24 Mr. Herrera's work on the river district version 8a,  
25 but I am hopeful that we can start to bring that

1 into another map, the one I created yesterday, and  
2 see if we might be able to come to some agreement,  
3 at least on where the common features are.

4 We all know there's that center that  
5 still needs to be filled in, and it sounds like  
6 Mr. Freeman is working on that piece and others may  
7 be as well, but I'm happy to start to take elements  
8 of what you guys have created and put that into that  
9 center. And there's a lot of flexibility there.

10 As we know, District 4 on that bagel map  
11 is short 200,000 people and the reason for that is  
12 there's a lot that can be done to -- at that  
13 interface between Maricopa County and the rural --  
14 the river district 4.

15 So we just need to figure out where those  
16 boundaries are, how far in it comes. And I would  
17 like it if we could start doing that. And maybe  
18 it's done in the meeting itself, but --

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I'm happy to support  
22 your map, your version of the map, if it can create  
23 four competitive districts. Then I would be more  
24 than happy to support it.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And that's great.

1 If you're able to create -- there's a lot happening  
2 in the center. There's a lot of open space that if  
3 you're able to create more than one competitive  
4 district -- my goal yesterday was to at least create  
5 one because I think that's definitely reasonable and  
6 doable. And if you're able to create more than  
7 that, that's wonderful.

8 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair,  
9 before we leave this map, I have a couple of  
10 thoughts.

11 I would prefer to work off this map  
12 actually because I think it has a lot of -- it  
13 accomplishes a lot of the things we need to  
14 accomplish.

15 I recognize that District 8 is not a  
16 perfect square or a perfect circle. And what I  
17 would like to see us do is work on that and work on  
18 some of Mr. Freeman's concerns to see if we could  
19 address those by adjusting District 8 and District 4  
20 and District 5 either before we went out with a  
21 draft map or during the public comment phase.

22 I think this map addresses -- as I said,  
23 does a good job, at least for a draft, of wrestling  
24 down to the ground a lot of the issues that we need  
25 to address.

1           Having said that, if the vehicle that we  
2 wind up using is the bagel map, I would like before  
3 we turn to that to look more closely at Districts 6  
4 and 9 on this map so that we can see how those  
5 compare with what we might do on the other map.

6           So, Mr. Desmond, I would ask you to show  
7 us essentially what comprises the Tempe, South  
8 Scottsdale, East Phoenix, Ahwatukee, Arcadia area on  
9 this map and then also what comprises the district  
10 north of the majority-minority District 7.

11           WILLIE DESMOND:   Yep.

12           VICE CHAIR HERRERA:  Madame Chair.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:  Mr. Herrera.

14           VICE CHAIR HERRERA:  I would agree with  
15 Commissioner McNulty's comments.  I would prefer  
16 this be the draft map.  I think this is workable  
17 and, yeah, we have changes to make and I understand  
18 that.  that's why it's a draft map.

19           So that would be my preference.  Again,  
20 if we go any other map, whether it be your version  
21 of the map, again, it would need to meet -- for me  
22 to support it, I would need to have created four  
23 competitive districts, which we can do and we should  
24 do for the citizens of Arizona.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:  Thank you.

1 Other comments?

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, in  
5 regards to the creation of four competitive  
6 districts, do we have -- Mr. Desmond, do we have the  
7 data loaded for 2004, 2006?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Not yet.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Not yet.

10 So right now we are working off of a very  
11 limited data set in our analysis. Is that still  
12 correct?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, limited in '04,  
14 '06.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Limited in '08 and  
16 '10, correct?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: 2008 and 2010 and  
18 registration.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And registration?

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So registration has  
22 been blended in, too?

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Based on the  
25 criteria that was described by Mr. Strasma last

1 week, correct?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. If you look at  
3 the competitiveness reports that are at the end of  
4 the packets now --

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: But those still  
6 don't include '04 or '06?

7 WILLIE DESMOND: No, we haven't been able  
8 to finish getting those sorted out yet.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay. So they are  
10 general benchmarks that we are using without using  
11 any '04 and '06 statistics; is that correct?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And we're still  
14 only using the limited data in regards to the  
15 elections for the '08 and '10 elections, correct?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Limited how?

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Meaning that we've  
18 got seven elections in '8 and two elections in '10.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: I think it's ten  
20 elections total, but that could be --

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Or three in '10.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Something like that.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Seven elections in  
24 statewide elections in '08 and three elections in  
25 '10.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: I think the way the  
2 competitiveness report has it now, is it's a  
3 slightly different average. So that it's the 2008  
4 races all averaged. So that's half of the number  
5 and the 2010 races all averaged, so that's half the  
6 number and then those averaged together.

7 So to try to compensate for the sake that  
8 one year had more races. So they are -- each year  
9 is given equal weight now in this.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: But still we're not  
11 taking into account '04, '06?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: No.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Personally I think  
14 if we're going to go down the path of trying to work  
15 on the river district 7a or 8a, as far as -- if  
16 we're going to start to work on that, I've got  
17 issues on every corner of it.

18 As you well know that -- if that would be  
19 a starting place for me, we're going to have issues  
20 on -- just about all the way around. That's why I  
21 was really encouraged yesterday by the chair's  
22 submission of a blended map to -- as a starting  
23 point for moving forward.

24 In regards to the whole counties map, if  
25 we are going to go down that path, I would like to

1 start exploring -- if the Democrats are deciding  
2 that they are going to move forward on a  
3 recommendation on the river district, then my  
4 recommendation to Commissioner Freeman would be to  
5 start to bring up all of your points on the whole  
6 counties map and start to defend them as the -- as  
7 Commissioner Herrera just did in his 8a map and take  
8 them piece by piece about how the connective tissue  
9 works in the constitutional criteria.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I would note that  
11 the bagel map that was created yesterday started  
12 with whole counties 6d. It didn't start from  
13 anything like a grid map that we didn't already --  
14 that he we had rejected. It was whole county 6d was  
15 the start of that bagel map.

16 And again, there are many adjustments  
17 that need to be made. And I would be happy to work  
18 through with Mr. Herrera what needs to be adjusted  
19 in his mind to make it a more palatable map.

20 But Mr. Stertz said it correctly, I was  
21 trying to bring both together -- we've all talked  
22 about the importance of communities of interest and  
23 we've tried to preserve those in 6d.

24 We also kept the tribal nations whole.  
25 The Navajo Nation proposal is part of this bagel

1 map, so is the river district, so is the concept of  
2 three border districts that's been raised.

3 And again, there's a lot to still be done  
4 in the middle and that's where I would like us to  
5 focus.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I know you say you  
9 based your -- the bagel map or donut map -- we  
10 should pick a --

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Churro.

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Churro.

13 But in looking at it last night and early  
14 into the morning, I mean, there are -- as you say,  
15 there are elements of the river district map that  
16 end up getting incorporated into it. You even had  
17 one of the -- a third district touch the border, so  
18 it even touches upon the concept that Commissioner  
19 Stertz was advancing.

20 And in looking at it, it certainly  
21 presents a whole new array of trade-offs that with  
22 the development of the whole counties map, you know,  
23 the one thing I liked about it, and perhaps I was  
24 getting attached to my map, is that as a difficulty  
25 arose, there seemed to be sort of elegant fit to

1 resolve it.

2 That's not to say that won't happen with  
3 this map, because like you say, there's lots of  
4 maneuvering room in Maricopa County to do that.

5 So if we are going to try to work  
6 together on a consensus map, I do think we should --  
7 no one is getting exactly what they want on that  
8 one, except for perhaps the chair --

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Exactly.

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- to move forward  
11 on the churro map.

12 So I did put some time in to try to see  
13 if we could repopulate CD 4, which was missing  
14 210,000 and then see what we could do. This was  
15 done, like I said, in the wee hours of the morning.  
16 So that was my intent based on our hearing  
17 yesterday, was to try to do that.

18 With whole counties, you know, I  
19 eventually got to the point with that map where I  
20 ringed the urban area of Maricopa County with mainly  
21 rural districts except for the Pima County district.  
22 And then what I was having Mr. Desmond go through  
23 and construct in different configurations the  
24 congressional districts in urban Maricopa County.

25 And with compactness in mind, that's

1 constitutional criteria; with trying to keep  
2 municipalities whole or at least minimize splits to  
3 municipalities, that's the constitutional criteria;  
4 communities of interest as well to see what -- if  
5 what the more -- if there was a more competitive  
6 district that would fall out of those various looks.

7           And we had gotten up to the point where  
8 I, for the first time, called out a street to sort  
9 of reorient the map in a north/south configuration  
10 sort of with -- at the center of the area or maybe  
11 slightly east of center, Scottsdale Road.

12           That's where I was going. We can do the  
13 same thing with this churro map, donut map. It  
14 might be worth our while.

15           In developing whole counties, you know,  
16 I -- in approaching this problem, it's a difficult  
17 sort of issue to tackle. You got the whole state,  
18 you got large rural areas, you got concentrated  
19 urban areas. And my thought was, the way to begin  
20 chipping away at that block is just take the  
21 constitutional criteria that calls out a -- that  
22 describes a land area that's of sort the same order  
23 of magnitude as the area of a congressional  
24 district, and that's counties. That is a  
25 constitutional requirement, that we respect

1 counties.

2           So that was the first instruction and  
3 then we kept tribal lands together, we created the  
4 majority-minority districts and went on through that  
5 process. And each direction was to employ a certain  
6 constitutional criteria.

7           And I get somewhat concerned when, you  
8 know, on the river district map, I think the second  
9 iteration of that map was making street-level  
10 changes in urban Maricopa County with no real  
11 discussion or basis being called out for it. And  
12 now we're hearing that there should be -- there must  
13 be four competitive districts.

14           Maybe there should be. The Constitution  
15 requires that we favor the construction of  
16 competitive -- districts that are competitive to the  
17 extent it doesn't cause a substantial detriment to  
18 the other goals. But it doesn't say four, it  
19 doesn't say three, it doesn't say one, it doesn't  
20 say nine.

21           That's something I think we need to look  
22 at how we construct these districts by applying the  
23 constitutional criteria and then see what  
24 configuration works best for competitive districts.

25           That should be the approach we take and

1 that's what I think -- the approach I think we  
2 should take in terms of filling in the hole in this  
3 bagel on your map, Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

7 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would like to go  
8 back to my request that we look at District 6 and 9,  
9 but before we do that, the river district map took a  
10 different approach than the whole counties map  
11 because it was built based on communities of  
12 interest up rather than whole counties down.

13 It considered the constitutional criteria  
14 as well but started from the perspective that  
15 communities should be grouped together, kept  
16 together, grouped together.

17 And I will just say before I leave this  
18 that the end result, when you look at the splits  
19 analysis between the whole counties map and the  
20 river district map, is virtually the same in terms  
21 of communities that -- and counties that are split.

22 So we have a big state. Wave a lot of  
23 criteria to take into account. And however we do  
24 it, we are not going to be following all of the  
25 preexisting lines.

1           But the perspective on the river  
2 district, now I guess slash Navajo Nation proposal,  
3 was to build it from communities up.

4           Having said that, I also spent a lot of  
5 time last night looking at the Phoenix metro area as  
6 the chair requested. And it's -- and I believe it's  
7 the case that when we reconfigure the boundaries as  
8 we have, we eliminate the opportunity to have a  
9 District 9 in the established neighborhoods of  
10 Phoenix -- which I would like to look at now,  
11 Willie.

12           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

13           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: -- that is an --  
14 over time could become the fourth competitive  
15 district. And the reason that I want to look at  
16 that is I just want to understand the -- you know,  
17 the difference in the boundaries.

18           So we can look at -- I believe what we've  
19 done is because of the way we've done the border,  
20 we've kind of had to move the --

21           Because we've done the border district,  
22 we've had to -- in order to satisfy the two voting  
23 rights district, come into -- farther into Phoenix  
24 with the result that we have captured more of the  
25 population from those established neighborhoods that

1 might have been the foundation for 8 and emerging  
2 competitive District 9. And those instead are  
3 pulled back into the majority-minority district.

4 So I think when the chair said yesterday  
5 that she was hoping for at least one or perhaps more  
6 competitive districts within that blank area, I  
7 believe that one can and should be drawn and -- very  
8 much along the lines of the District 6 that would  
9 include --

10 Well, we can go through that, and I think  
11 I've given you an outline of it that you can pull up  
12 when we get to that.

13 But in terms of the District 9, we're  
14 coming too far north with our majority-minority  
15 district, I believe, to make that work. Now, maybe  
16 we could keep trying, but it seemed to me that that  
17 may no longer be practical.

18 So what I did was focus on a competitive  
19 district more like 6 that includes Tempe, Ahwatukee,  
20 South Scottsdale, East Phoenix, Camelback, West  
21 Mesa.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So I guess just  
23 looking at what comprises 9 now?

24 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yeah. I would  
25 like to look at -- what I would like to have in mind

1 is the difference between the north boundary, the  
2 majority-minority district on this map and the  
3 change to that on the comprised map that the chair  
4 offered.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And one of the  
7 things I think that we also talked about doing is  
8 balancing the population a little bit between the  
9 two majority-minority districts on that map. And I  
10 forgot what the numbers of those are. 3 and 7. 7  
11 in Phoenix and 3. So we'll need to be looking at  
12 that in order to do that also --

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: -- at that  
15 boundary.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: So should I bring up the  
17 bagel map, then?

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, I would just  
19 like you to zoom in and show us what the north  
20 boundary on the majority-minority district is on  
21 this map and the south boundary of the central --  
22 District 9 and just show us generally what part of  
23 town that is.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

25 So in this -- let me just zoom out to the

1 statewide to give everyone a reference.

2           The second majority-minority district  
3 besides the one that's in Central Phoenix is this  
4 one that runs from Yuma to Santa Cruz County and  
5 comes up into Maricopa a little bit.

6           And so we'll look first at where that  
7 comes up into Maricopa, I guess.

8           So it comes up into Maricopa on the  
9 western edge, takes a good portion of Goodyear,  
10 Buckeye --

11           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Where is Buckeye?  
12 Would you please --

13           WILLIE DESMOND: Buckeye is this shape on  
14 the edge.

15           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I just want people  
16 to see where that is because we'll get back to that.

17           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18           So it takes, you know, the lower half of  
19 Buckeye and Gila Bend and Goodyear and then going in  
20 a little further, it takes in Avondale, by and  
21 large, and then just a little portion of -- I think  
22 that's Glendale but it might be Phoenix. Those two  
23 colors always come out nearly the same just by the  
24 way the computer assigns the random colors. So it  
25 takes a little portion of Glendale or Phoenix right

1 here.

2           And then District 9 touches in that  
3 little area of I think is Phoenix but may be  
4 Glendale and then takes kind of the western part of  
5 Glendale, El Mirage, the southern portion of Peoria,  
6 Northern Glendale, kind of Central -- this part of  
7 Phoenix -- I don't know if that would be considered  
8 Central where those lines are drawn -- and follows  
9 basically as has been discussed, the 101 this way  
10 and then it follows along the border of Scottsdale,  
11 along the border of Paradise Valley, and then again  
12 through Phoenix.

13           I can zoom in closer and see where this  
14 goes through Phoenix if you would like.

15           So it follows -- once it leaves Paradise  
16 Valley, it follows Lincoln Drive.

17           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I don't think we  
18 need actual street level, but I just wanted people  
19 to have a sense of the part of -- where in the  
20 world -- what we are talking about.

21           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Then did you want  
22 to look at District 6, too?

23           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yes, just  
24 generally.

25           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So then District

1 6 comprises the other parts of Phoenix that are  
2 incorporated in the Hispanic Coalition's district.  
3 It takes all of Tempe, South Scottsdale, Ahwatukee.  
4 It doesn't include Guadalupe. North of Chandler and  
5 then kind of West Mesa, is District 6.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. So can we  
7 look at the compromised map?

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Do we want to take a  
9 ten-minute break and come back and we'll discuss  
10 that comprised map? That will allow Buck to begin  
11 streaming the meeting.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Great.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: The time is 10:51.  
14 We'll take a ten-minute break.

15 Thank you.

16 (A recess was taken from 10:51 a.m. to  
17 11:15 a.m.)

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well enter back into  
19 public session. Recess is over. The time is 11:15,  
20 and we are on agenda item 3 working on the  
21 congressional map.

22 And just finished looking at some river  
23 district version 8a, and I believe the next item was  
24 going to be bringing up the bagel map.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Quick question for  
3 Mr. Desmond.

4 In an effort to expedite the concept of  
5 moving forward certain districts that may work well,  
6 that may be integrated into a variety of different  
7 maps now -- I'll take, for example, the river  
8 district. Just the one -- the west border.

9 Do you have those in a configuration that  
10 you can extract that district within and by itself?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Not -- no. I think  
12 that's something I could do, but I don't have that,  
13 like, just on the fly, do it right away. If there  
14 was some that you wanted me to work on over lunch  
15 going forward, I could probably get them so it will  
16 turn on, turn off. But I need to play around with  
17 it a little bit.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, that  
19 might be a recommendation that I might like to  
20 pursue, that as we develop districts that we feel  
21 have got strong merit, that as we are working  
22 through these iterations, we are able to drop those  
23 that do make sense that have met the constitutional  
24 criteria in its baseline design so that he could  
25 look at those and say drop this district here, drop

1 the next one next to it, find out how the lines over  
2 touch each other and then make those subtle  
3 adjustments going forward.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, if that's  
5 possible to do, I think that would make some sense.  
6 Like a puzzle piece and then we put that into the  
7 bagel map. But I'm biased.

8 So are we finished with this one? Was  
9 there anything else you needed?

10 WILLIE DESMOND: I think Commissioner  
11 McNulty still was curious to look and see how this  
12 map stacked up with the bagel map, just to see  
13 where -- because District 3 in the bagel map was the  
14 second majority-minority, comes into Maricopa a  
15 little more, just to look and see where that differs  
16 from the Hispanic Coalition -- or this map.

17 So I got that ready over the break. I  
18 can turn that layer on.

19 So right now, the dark blue layer is the  
20 river district 8a's line. And this District 7 is  
21 the river district's District 7. And that's taken  
22 from the Hispanic Coalition's map, I think nearly  
23 verbatim.

24 When I turn on the bagel map, you can see  
25 that it does take some of the Hispanic population

1 from that District 7.

2 Commissioner McNulty, is there specific  
3 things you wanted to look at there or is that --

4 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: No, I think that's  
5 good. I think I understand.

6 What I would like to do is look at the  
7 donut hole. In the interest of time, I had -- I  
8 worked on two things and I would like to just share  
9 those and then I think Commissioner Freeman worked  
10 on some things. Let him share his.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And can I just  
12 briefly say a few things about this map?

13 We introduced it yesterday. This is what  
14 I'm calling the bagel map. There's a number of  
15 names, donuts, churros, but we started with whole  
16 county 6d version and then adjusted CD 1 to capture  
17 some tribes in the northland, kept Coconino County  
18 whole and then adjusted CD 2 downward to the border  
19 to create a third border district.

20 And the idea behind all of this was to  
21 try to bring the two versions together. We've  
22 talked about three border districts, we've talked  
23 about two rural, so I was trying to make all of that  
24 happen on one map. And, of course, keeping Indian  
25 communities whole, respecting majority-minority two

1 benchmark districts, and then leaving this hole in  
2 the middle to kind of work with all of Maricopa  
3 County in a way that made sense.

4           So it allowed for a lot of flexibility  
5 there. And the map is not complete by any stretch  
6 of the imagination, but at least it tries to bring  
7 these different versions and concepts we've all been  
8 talking about together.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: So here is the -- here  
10 it's called the congressional 3 border churro 1  
11 donut version 1a from -- going forward, I'm just  
12 going to call it bagel.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah. It's the  
14 everything bagel.

15           WILLIE DESMOND: Everything bagel.

16           Now, Commissioner McNulty, did you want  
17 to look at the file that you had given me?

18           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yes.

19           I gave Mr. Desmond two files. One is  
20 what I view as the Tempe -- I'll call it the Tempe  
21 competitive district for shorthand and I think it  
22 would fit into the -- pretty much in the same area.

23           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So just as a  
24 point of clarification for everyone, I loaded this  
25 one today and from now on I will refer to your like

1 fork of the bagel maps as "b." So this is  
2 congressional bagel version 2b. I'll leave you with  
3 "a" and then whoever else has other ones, we can  
4 have "a," "b," and "c" to kind of keep track of  
5 different splits in this, if that makes sense.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. Sounds  
7 good.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: So this is version 2  
9 since it was built off of version 1 and it's "b"  
10 because it's the one you had submitted.

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: All right. I'll  
12 try and remember that.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: I can help remind you.  
14 I think I can keep that all straight.

15 So here the blue line is the county line.  
16 Kind of the black line is your lines, Chairwoman  
17 Mathis, and the red line is Commissioner McNulty's.

18 I'll make this line solid and see if that  
19 makes --

20 So I guess there's some areas of  
21 diversions here in District Number 7 and District  
22 Number 3 that you just showed me.

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Let's get to that  
24 later.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

1           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  Let's look at the  
2 red line that is east of 7 right now.

3           WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.  Should I turn on  
4 the census place, then?

5           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  Sure.

6           WILLIE DESMOND:  How do you want to do  
7 this?

8           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  Census places are  
9 good, especially those fancy colors that you do.

10           So now I can't see it anymore, but  
11 essentially what this does is it takes Ahwatukee --  
12 could you show where that is?

13           So we have South Mountain, which is a  
14 landmark that everyone knows at this point I think.  
15 We have Ahwatukee, North Chandler, South Tempe, West  
16 Mesa, which is kind of that -- that area along the  
17 light rail, we have ASU, we have Mesa Community  
18 College, South Scottsdale, which is a different kind  
19 of socioeconomic area than North Scottsdale and then  
20 we have some of East Phoenix in East Camelback  
21 together.

22           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:  What's the border in  
23 Scottsdale?

24           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  The border in  
25 Scottsdale I think is Chaparral Road.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So Ahwatukee would  
3 be grouped with North Chandler and South Tempe and  
4 that comprises the Kyrene school district. That's a  
5 legislative district now I believe and  
6 demographically and socioeconomically they are very  
7 similar.

8 And as I said Tempe and West Mesa, they  
9 share the light rail along Apache Boulevard in Tempe  
10 and Main Street in Mesa. And the new economic  
11 development along that area kinds of ties them  
12 together. Mesa Riverview and Tempe Marketplace are  
13 both in that area.

14 And as we've talked about quite a bit  
15 already, West Mesa is quite different from East  
16 Mesa. In West Mesa there's a growing Latino  
17 community and it's more aligned I think with the  
18 areas of Tempe and Phoenix than East Mesa and  
19 Gilbert and Queen Creek.

20 Then we have the South Scottsdale, Tempe,  
21 Arcadia area that Mr. Herrera is very familiar with,  
22 has talked a lot about. That area is similar to  
23 North Tempe, and the Arcadia area of Phoenix,  
24 includes Papago Park that borders -- touches Tempe,  
25 Phoenix, and Scottsdale and then moving kind of

1 northwest we have Arcadia, Central Phoenix, and  
2 Camelback east, includes much of the Urban Village  
3 of Camelback east, Arcadia and East Phoenix.

4 So the census places are Tempe,  
5 Ahwatukee, part of North Chandler, West Mesa, South  
6 Scottsdale, and East and Central Phoenix.

7 So that -- and that is similar to the  
8 same area that was in the river district but it  
9 excludes Paradise Valley and includes some of the  
10 areas in East Phoenix that I talked about.

11 Then we also looked at balancing  
12 yesterday -- or we talked about balancing the HVAP  
13 between District 7 and 3.

14 And my understanding from Ms. O'Grady is  
15 that we can do that on a statewide basis, but  
16 nevertheless, I've made a couple of suggestions  
17 about how we would do that that I gave to  
18 Mr. Desmond that would take in some of the more  
19 heavily Hispanic areas around the core of --

20 Is that 7, the one in Phoenix 7 -- and  
21 then balance out the population in 3 by pulling in  
22 some of the more heavily Hispanic areas in Buckeye.  
23 And I think we achieve a closer balance in HVAP and  
24 we also balance the population, at least pretty  
25 closely.

1           So I think Chair Mathis had said that she  
2 was hoping to see a truly competitive district,  
3 which is to say a district Metropolitan Phoenix,  
4 that could be won by either party, where either a  
5 Democrat or a Republican could win, where we could  
6 have a good, balanced race, and I think this would  
7 achieve that.

8           I know you haven't had a chance to run  
9 the numbers on that yet. We could look at the  
10 numbers on the river district map because I think  
11 they would be similar, but my hope would be that we  
12 would include this in the bagel hole and run the  
13 numbers on that.

14           And I guess I would just say as a final  
15 comment that I really do prefer the river district  
16 map. You know, I'm from Tucson and although my  
17 personal -- what I personally think has very little  
18 bearing on this, I guess I get to make -- I get to  
19 at least comment that I feel an affinity to Cochise  
20 County and East Tucson and I think it makes a lot  
21 more sense to have them together than to have  
22 Cochise County tied in an Eastern rural district.

23           But I also recognize that there are five  
24 of us here, and in the interest of trying to work  
25 off one map, this would be my -- and I also think we

1 are missing a real -- an important opportunity by  
2 not focusing on that District 9 and giving the  
3 people of Maricopa County the opportunity to have  
4 two competitive districts.

5 I think that would -- it would be a same  
6 to let that go. But again, I'm one of five, and if  
7 this is the direction that we are going to go in, I  
8 would request that we include this competitive  
9 district in the bagel hole and that we adjust the  
10 population in the two minority-majority districts --  
11 majority-minority districts and then we would ask  
12 our counsel to take a close look at the  
13 majority-minority districts and do the analysis.

14 Once we have something you can actually  
15 start to analyze. And that's one good thing about  
16 arriving at one map is you can start to do the  
17 analysis.

18 That's all I've got.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Again, I'm going to  
23 echo the comments made by Commissioner McNulty that  
24 I would prefer the river district 8a -- version 8a  
25 to go forward, but since we are talking about

1 this -- the donut hole map, the issue of the border  
2 district that is going from the northern part of  
3 Arizona all the way down to the southern part is a  
4 big issue.

5 I think people in Flagstaff, Coconino  
6 County, and the Navajo Nation will have a say on  
7 this. Having a border that covers those rural areas  
8 going to the border will mean that the people in the  
9 northern part will be -- the border issue will  
10 probably dominate that particular district, border  
11 issues.

12 There's no -- we all understand what  
13 happened from SB 1070 and the polarization that's  
14 going on around the state. So I would be very  
15 concerned alienating those people in that community,  
16 Flagstaff, Coconino County and the Navajo Nation.

17 So I would propose that when we move  
18 forward with this particular map that we eliminate  
19 that third border district or at least for it not to  
20 go all the way down to the border. Because again, I  
21 think the people in Flagstaff, Coconino County, and  
22 the Native tribes will have a major wish with that  
23 and we need to respect the communities of interest  
24 and their opinion because they are a pretty  
25 decent-sized population there.

1           So that's one of my major concerns with  
2 that particular map, but I have more, but that's one  
3 that I wanted to address now.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I don't have  
5 the Navajo Nation's two proposals in front of me,  
6 the hard copies. Is there a way to pull those two  
7 up? I would be curious to see what that is for  
8 District 1 with an overlay.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So the blue line  
10 is counties. This pink line, this whole area, that  
11 is Navajo Nation.

12          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So doesn't that have  
13 a border?

14          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think they created  
15 two different versions. Indian 1, from what I've  
16 understood is their -- which one is this?

17          WILLIE DESMOND: The blue one is NN1.  
18 I'll turn on this one.

19          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think they had  
20 said they referred NN2.

21          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:

22          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: NN2.

23          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So NN2 stops at the  
24 Cochise County line. But it's the one that reaches  
25 in and grabs Oro Valley, right?

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So it doesn't touch  
3 that.

4 I'm wondering which map I'm thinking of  
5 where District 1 includes Oro Valley and --

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: River district.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, it's river  
8 district. Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: But, again, I think  
10 this would be their preferred map. But I don't want  
11 to speak on behalf of the Native American tribes.  
12 We have representatives here. I prefer that we hear  
13 from them.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So the other  
15 comment is what Ms. McNulty said about the second  
16 border district and feeling an affinity towards  
17 Cochise County.

18 There's a way to adjust the District 2 so  
19 that -- you know, can grab parts of Cochise County  
20 for sure. I don't know if you could grab more than  
21 that, but you could go into Sierra Vista and get  
22 some of that. It all just depends on the numbers  
23 and how we want to do it.

24 But again, I do think three border  
25 districts can make some sense. It's a 389-mile

1 border and I think border issues are a big deal in  
2 this state, no matter where you fall on the  
3 political spectrum, and having a third voice in  
4 Washington I do think does add some heft to the  
5 discussion.

6 So --

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And it's not that  
9 representatives from other parts of the state  
10 wouldn't represent the border well or don't care  
11 about it just because they aren't touching the  
12 border, but I do think there is some gravitas when  
13 your district touches the border, even if it's a  
14 piece of it.

15 Mr. Herrera.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, and I spoke  
17 about that yesterday when I asked Mr. Desmond how  
18 many people were in that particular -- in that Santa  
19 Cruz area, and there's 5,000 people that are  
20 touching the border.

21 And I really -- as I said before, I  
22 really feel that was just created for the sake of  
23 creating a border district when we could have easily  
24 absorbed it and worked around that.

25 Again, the issue of the borders is an

1 important one, but it's something that we all deal  
2 with, whether you live in Phoenix, whether you live  
3 in Washington State.

4 I think all representatives, federal --  
5 U.S. and senators I think care about the border.  
6 That's an issue that we all care about, not just if  
7 we create three congressional districts on the  
8 border, that's not their problem, it's the -- a  
9 federal issue.

10 So why -- if that's the case, why not  
11 create four border districts. I mean, based on your  
12 logic, if it's really that important, then we should  
13 be creating more border districts for more  
14 representation. And that logic doesn't seem to be  
15 working.

16 According to me, that really isn't a good  
17 logic to follow. Having two representatives like it  
18 is now, I think that works. And the three, again,  
19 it does not make sense to me.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

21 Others?

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just on that point,  
25 Madame Chair, going back to the public comment and

1 constitutional criteria, Santa Cruz County is split  
2 by a pretty significant geographic feature, and I  
3 think your lines that you drew kind of followed at  
4 least one of those features, and that would I think  
5 in terms of weighing the criteria, splitting a  
6 county, we also have to consider geographic  
7 features, and I think that would give some  
8 justification for that.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can you explain that  
10 again, the geographic feature?

11 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, one of the  
12 constitutional criteria that we are to follow is to  
13 follow geographic features. In Santa Cruz County,  
14 when we were down in Nogales, we heard people  
15 talking about it that people on the other side of  
16 the mountain are really separate from people on the  
17 west side.

18 And so in creating that third border  
19 district, you split Santa Cruz County, but I  
20 believe, although I'm not sure, that we'll find the  
21 census tracts sort of line up on the geographic  
22 feature. I was just supplying a constitutional  
23 basis for the way those lines were drawn.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, thank you, that  
25 is true. I was trying to follow -- do this

1 urban/rural split in Santa Cruz because we did hear  
2 some input that they are different and tried to keep  
3 those apart. And I used census tracts at the border  
4 going up and then over to I-19 and then essentially  
5 up and hitting I-10 and then following I-10 up to  
6 the northern border.

7           You know, other thoughts? If people are  
8 feeling like they like river district version 8a --  
9 I know Mr. Stertz said he would have a lot of  
10 changes that he would want to make to that in order  
11 to make it more to his interest and maybe he would  
12 like to talk about some of those.

13           But I'm flexible. If we want -- I just  
14 want to work on one map. That's I guess my goal.  
15 If people like the donut hole or bagel hole concept,  
16 we can do that. If it's going to be better to work  
17 off river district version 8a, we can do that. But  
18 I would like to choose one.

19           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

21           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just a quick  
22 comment.

23           I think I agree with you that we should  
24 choose just one. The only problem with that  
25 particular map you're proposing is it's not

1 complete. It is not a complete map.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's right.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And we've been  
4 working on river district 7a since we started  
5 proposing -- well, since we came up with a grid map.  
6 So we've been working on that particular map. It's  
7 been a while now and we've gone through different  
8 changes of it and we'll continue to make changes to  
9 it.

10 I understand that Mr. Freeman and Stertz  
11 have issues with it, and I understand that, and they  
12 should. And we will -- we can work with them on  
13 those changes.

14 I don't think that that -- this  
15 particular version of this map is that far off. I  
16 don't see it that way. I think the changes that  
17 they want to make or proposing, we can work on them.

18 But I think that's a more workable map.  
19 It's complete and with all due respect to your map,  
20 it is not complete.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. And that was  
22 intentional.

23 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: So to me, if we are  
24 going to work on one map, which is something I would  
25 propose and I would agree with you, is that we move

1 forward with river district 8a and start making the  
2 changes. It will be -- even if we adopt it as a  
3 first draft, it's a first draft.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's right.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: After we come out  
6 with public comment, we will make additional changes  
7 to it.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

9 Comments from others?

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: There are, I think  
13 that someone said earlier, 41 complete maps that we  
14 have. So whatever the number is, we've got lots of  
15 maps that are complete.

16 You have been -- Commissioner Herrera has  
17 been working specifically on the river district map  
18 and been doing a series of tweaks based on criteria  
19 that he feels is important in achieving the goals  
20 that he's desiring to achieve. I can recognize and  
21 appreciate that. I can appreciate all of the hard  
22 work that's been put in.

23 I think that when we are starting to look  
24 at our core communities of interest, then we're  
25 saying it's the first nations' desire to have

1 continuity and continuousness among all of the  
2 Native lands, that's a community of interest.

3 A community of interest is going to be --  
4 I mean, we've right now received one proposal from  
5 the Hispanic Coalition regarding the districts that  
6 are now numbered 2 -- the old 7, the old 4,  
7 essentially.

8 We've received one submittal  
9 legislatively from the Arizona Minority Coalition,  
10 which took actually four legislative districts and  
11 brought them down to three.

12 So there is a -- there are lot of other  
13 -- there's a lot of other testimony that we have  
14 received from groups that haven't come forward as  
15 coalition that have provided maps to us besides the  
16 maps that we have been creating ourselves.

17 So I'm all in favor of moving forward  
18 with a starting point, and that's the reason why I  
19 suggested to Mr. Desmond if we can have some areas  
20 where we say, okay, I'm okay with -- there's been  
21 sufficient testimony that Flagstaff wants to remain  
22 in one district or Flagstaff wants to remain in  
23 another district.

24 We have had conflicting testimony now  
25 from the Board of Supervisors from Mohave Country,

1 one that Bullhead City wants to -- that the river  
2 district be created and now they've come forward  
3 with a request to not have any connection with any  
4 large municipality and to remain independent.

5 So we've got conflicting testimony coming  
6 from conflicting groups. It's going to be incumbent  
7 on the five of us here to be able to come up with  
8 the best shot that we've got.

9 I've got more issues with -- there's  
10 certain areas of the river district map that I can  
11 absolutely live with. There's areas in it that I  
12 am -- we're polar opposites and will never come to a  
13 consensus on.

14 There are some other maps I have got a  
15 lot of appreciation for. For example, the original  
16 river district 3 border combo map, it actually  
17 created a ninth congressional district which  
18 absorbed the area where we had the largest amount of  
19 population, which was the south sign, San Tan  
20 Valley, and Casa Grande.

21 It met the requirements, it meets the  
22 design as Mr. Desmond just put up for the first  
23 nations' designs for the northeast corner. It had  
24 some adjustments that would need to be made  
25 regarding the Hispanic Coalition's map, but it did

1 meet criteria for preclearance process.

2           So I've got a lot of things out of that  
3 map that I think have got great appeal to it. So I  
4 think what the chair, if I can understand you  
5 clearly, that you're trying to get to one of those  
6 blocks of this puzzle that we can all agree with and  
7 then move forward and fill in the blanks in between?

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, that's true,  
9 but what I was trying to do is bring everybody's  
10 ideas into one map. And so that's why the three  
11 border two rural concept came about.

12           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

14           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Now, Commissioner  
15 Stertz has mentioned that he has some particular  
16 issues with this particular map, river district  
17 version 8a, but I haven't seen those, he hasn't sent  
18 anything to me, not that I'm aware of. And I would  
19 like for him to put his thoughts together in writing  
20 and send them to us and then for to us to start  
21 working on those changes.

22           Again, he has issues with it, he's  
23 already expressed the, but I would like for him to  
24 send me those issues so I can work on them.

25           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, I'm

1 not sure if that's the appropriate protocol for what  
2 you're attempting to achieve here.

3 Is it your desire to have the Republicans  
4 and the Democrats go off in a corner somewhere and  
5 to compare notes and then come back to you? I don't  
6 think that's --

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I didn't say go off  
8 in a corner. As I said before, I think we are all  
9 pretty clear when we send any changes, we send them  
10 to Mr. Bladine and then Mr. Bladine sends them to  
11 all of us.

12 I'm not asking you to meet with me in  
13 secret. But what I'm asking you is you have issues  
14 with this particular map. I want to hear them. I  
15 want to hear what these issues are and let's work on  
16 those issues. That's all I'm asking.

17 Because I think this is a workable map.  
18 And if we want to go -- and go forward with one map,  
19 I think this is the map to go forward with and make  
20 those changes or recommend those changes you're  
21 proposing and let's see what we can do.

22 You keep saying that there are -- that we  
23 won't be able to meet eye to eye, but I have no idea  
24 what your changes are. So I don't understand how  
25 you can automatically discount that we can't meet in

1 the middle without first proposing them to me and  
2 then we can go forward.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So, Madame Chair,  
4 am I correct that I'm to make a proposal of changes  
5 to Commissioner Herrera to accept my changes?

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I don't understand  
7 why you're asking the chair. I'm asking --

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm just wondering  
9 if there's been a protocol change that I'm unaware  
10 of here.

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I don't understand  
12 the protocol change.

13 You were -- there's some issues on this  
14 map that you like, there's some areas that you like,  
15 there's some areas that you don't like. So let's  
16 work on the areas you don't like and fix them.

17 I don't understand why there is a change  
18 in protocol when I'm asking to work with you and  
19 let's work together on making a map that we can  
20 both -- all five of us can live with.

21 I don't see that as a change of protocol.  
22 I'm asking for your input because there's five of us  
23 and we all, at least three of us, have to vote on  
24 this map -- on a map.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. That's why I

1 would really like to work off of the map I created  
2 yesterday --

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I would prefer not  
4 to.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: -- because I think  
6 it brings both sides together in a way that -- you  
7 know, we can work from one and then adjust it  
8 accordingly. So that's my view.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair, I  
10 don't see it that way.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I know how you feel.  
12 I know you don't.

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: You exercised some  
16 leadership yesterday and over the weekend in  
17 developing a map that you would like us all to work  
18 on.

19 Is -- I think it borrows some from the  
20 whole counties approach, but it's not the whole  
21 counties approach, at least in my thought process.  
22 It has a lot in common with the river district map.  
23 There's -- the differences are not too significant.

24 And you're one of five commissioners, so  
25 you get to have your say and input, too. The rest

1 of us have been developing these maps and you're the  
2 one to bring some balance and move us forward  
3 together.

4 So I would like to go ahead and give it a  
5 shot and see if we can work on filling in the donut  
6 hole together so we can get this one finished.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

8 I would, too, but I would like all five  
9 commissioners to feel like they have input into this  
10 and can -- that's the whole reason for, you know,  
11 this big open area in the middle of the state that  
12 we can work on together.

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair, as I  
14 said before, I don't feel like I'm having any input  
15 on this. I feel like you based this map off  
16 Commissioner Freeman's map and you said so numerous  
17 times.

18 So to me, I feel like we're already in a  
19 disadvantage when you have created your version of  
20 that map based on Republicans on the Republican map  
21 and I feel like you're trying to appease them way  
22 too much. And.

23 As a Democrat, two -- you have two  
24 Democrats on this Commission and because we haven't  
25 been boisterous and trying to intimidate you, I

1 really do feel like -- to me, that that's -- I will  
2 not be ignored.

3           So I don't want to be ignored, and so I  
4 feel that -- but that's how I'm feeling. I'm  
5 feeling like our thoughts -- at least my thoughts  
6 aren't being considered.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And I will not be  
8 intimidated.

9           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And I don't want you  
10 to.

11           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And that's not the  
12 situation at all. I'm trying to bring together the  
13 two maps -- two kind of versions, those whole  
14 counties version and the river district together.  
15 The River district on my map looks like a lot like  
16 the river district on your map, at least it should  
17 be -- you know, it's that part that we don't have  
18 the actual interface into Maricopa County yet. I  
19 was just leaving that flexible so that Maricopa is  
20 white and we can -- you know, we can move those  
21 lines in to match exactly your river district and we  
22 can also adjust -- there's some changes in the  
23 Flagstaff area with maybe Verde Valley that probably  
24 need to be looked at going into the 3 border 2  
25 rural.

1           The big difference is, obviously, the  
2 three border and trying to make that third border  
3 district. And how we do that, whether we take in  
4 parts of Cochise into that border, which means  
5 splitting that county up in some way, carving some  
6 piece out of it to make a longer piece there, if it  
7 made sense -- I don't know that it does, but I think  
8 having -- again, I think three border district makes  
9 sense. But I would like to hear from anybody else,  
10 too.

11           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

12           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

13           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, what  
14 is your time frame in breaking up -- if we give you  
15 a list of the -- of certain districts that we want  
16 to you extract out to create as sort of design  
17 puzzle pieces, what would be the time frame be for  
18 you to do so? Let's just say that there's 10 or 15  
19 different blocks that we could overlay on top of  
20 each other.

21           WILLIE DESMOND: I think I could have --  
22 I'm not sure how to suppress all of the other lines  
23 right away. What I could do is make one -- you  
24 know, the one district you care about like a filled  
25 in -- but somehow transparent and that would be the

1 only one so it would kind of easy to see that one  
2 sticking off from the others. And I can do that  
3 right now on the fly.

4 If you give me a list, I bet you I could  
5 get a lot of that done over lunch or something. But  
6 I haven't gone through that process, so I'm not  
7 totally sure.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, in an  
9 effort of time, based on schedule today, we've got a  
10 natural break coming at 1 o'clock.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Is it -- what is  
13 your -- what are your thoughts on taking public  
14 comment at this time? I know there's many things  
15 out of order but there is a natural break that may  
16 cause us to -- and I'm wondering whether or not  
17 there's some homework that we could give in the  
18 short term to Mr. Desmond to create these blocks.

19 Because I think that what -- again, I'm  
20 hearing is that there's certain blocks that  
21 everybody is very comfortable with moving forward  
22 with that could probably be comfort among all five  
23 of the commissioners and there's others that are  
24 less comfortable that would want to create some --  
25 that may have enough similarity if we overlay them

1 that we could really drill down to what those  
2 similarities are to an agreement and then to discuss  
3 how we get to bridge that to a place of compromise.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I don't know how  
5 long that kind of thing will take. We've got about  
6 an hour and ten minutes before 1 o'clock when we'll  
7 need to break and we've got a number of public  
8 comment sheets.

9 And it sounds like there isn't really  
10 going to be talk on legislative maps today because  
11 we really haven't had time to analyze the changes  
12 from yesterday.

13 So -- go ahead.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: I could try doing what  
15 Commissioner Stertz asked for right now if there's a  
16 particular district you want to see.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I think it would be  
18 more than that. I think that I would like to -- the  
19 chair's comment on the thought of public comment,  
20 we've got a lot of public here today. And I can  
21 give you a list of all of the districts based on  
22 each map and say, for example, on -- just as an  
23 example, I'll give you congressional 3 border  
24 version -- I'm not sure with the version is.  
25 Version 2 -- hold on. Let me pull it up. Pick

1 out -- create blocks for Districts 9, 8, 5, 7, and 6.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: I mean, I can --

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I could be wrong,  
6 but I think one of the things we are trying to do is  
7 arrive at one map, not ten more maps. I'm not sure  
8 that there's any -- I mean, if what we are trying to  
9 do is reach agreement among the five of us on one  
10 map to move forward with so we move on and work on  
11 the legislative maps, I just don't think that's  
12 going to work because we are not going to come to a  
13 consensus if we start breaking it apart.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I agree.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Having said that,  
16 I guess I have three or four thoughts.

17 I would like to use the river district  
18 map. I think it's the best integration of the ideas  
19 that I have. If -- but, you know, I think there  
20 are -- if there are only two votes for that here,  
21 then we're going to need to move on to another  
22 possibility.

23 If the other possibility is the bagel  
24 hole map, then I would like to see Mr. Freeman plug  
25 in his thoughts on the bagel hole map because I

1 think he gave us thoughts -- or he developed  
2 thoughts and I also think it's really important all  
3 of these folks have come out to talk to us and I  
4 know we're going to take a rather long break and I  
5 would like them to have the opportunity to talk to  
6 us and not have to come back.

7           So my suggestion would be public comment,  
8 break, Mr. Freeman's perspective on the donut hole  
9 and further discussion among the commissioners about  
10 what to do next, is my thought.

11           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

12           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

13           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Commissioner  
14 McNulty, one of the reasons why I picked the blocks  
15 that I had chosen were because they appeared to fit  
16 almost naturally into the -- into certain spaces as  
17 they occur in the bagel map.

18           So I was trying to actually shortcut some  
19 of the process by creating districts that would  
20 actually fit.

21           But I'll leave the discretion to the  
22 chair as to what the next --

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, I agree with  
24 Commissioner McNulty on that, that creating more --  
25 the block ideas is an interesting one and -- but I

1 think it's going to just add a lot of time to the  
2 process that -- I think we really actually do have  
3 things that are very similar between the river  
4 district 8a and 3 border 2 rural. Granted, it's not  
5 a complete map that's clear, but that's clear. But  
6 the whole idea is for us to complete it in the  
7 middle.

8           And if, you know, we want to use the  
9 river district 8a 4 and 5 exactly as they are and  
10 get those into the 3 border 2 rural to see what that  
11 looks like, except on 5, you know, cutting it at  
12 Cochise because I still say that it should come all  
13 the way down to the border.

14           I also agree we should get through public  
15 comment because we are going to be breaking at 1:00  
16 and we've got a number of sheets in front of us.

17           So do commissioners -- what is your  
18 pleasure? Would you like to vote on one of these  
19 maps to move forward with? Do we need to do that?

20           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would like to  
21 see what Mr. Freeman has in mind before I vote on  
22 it.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

24           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: In terms of the

1 concept, though, of us filling in the middle  
2 together, that's what the vote would be on. Whether  
3 we are trying to make the bagel map work and move  
4 forward with it and all work on that together or we  
5 do river district 8a.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So you're just  
7 proposing that we would start with the bagel hole  
8 map -- I really think we need a different name. I'm  
9 sorry.

10 We would start with that map not as -- we  
11 would not be voting on that to be our draft map, we  
12 would be agreeing that we would focus our efforts on  
13 that map?

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, that's correct.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think you're  
16 telling us that you're not -- Mr. Freeman's -- I  
17 would make a motion that we use the river district  
18 version "a" map.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second that.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: All of my  
22 discussion has already been.

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Mine as well.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Mine, too.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All in favor?

1 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Aye.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any opposed.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Nay.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Nay.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Nay.

7 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Having done

8 that --

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I will propose that  
12 we -- I'll rename the bagel map to the reality map.

13 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I object. It's a  
14 compromise map.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: The compromise map  
16 or how about the moving forward map or the -- you  
17 can name it whatever you would like. I was being a  
18 bit factitious.

19 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Let's give it an  
20 objective name to be determined later.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: To be determined  
22 later.

23 I would move to approve the congressional  
24 3 border 2 rural, one bagel as it's described -- or  
25 3 border 2 rural district map affectionately known

1 as the bagel/churro map to be used as our baseline  
2 design map to move forward.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would request  
4 that we -- Mr. Stertz to revise his motion to say  
5 that we would focus our efforts on that map as  
6 our -- as a working draft. I don't want to suggest  
7 that that is, in fact, going to be the baseline  
8 draft.

9 That we focus our efforts in an effort to  
10 develop it into the draft that we release.

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I agree.

12 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And I'll leave it  
13 to you to figure out what I just said and say it  
14 more succinctly. No, I'm going to leave it to  
15 Mr. Freeman to see if he can --

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: No, I know what you  
17 are getting at because we are going to need to have  
18 some flexible, particularly with the population  
19 deficit in CD 4 to make that -- to bring that up to  
20 the 710,000.

21 We can't lock ourselves in to where the  
22 lines are right now. There may need to be some  
23 fine-tuning on that.

24 But I think -- you know, I don't want to  
25 play the grievance game here. I know Commissioners

1 Herrera and McNulty worked very hard on developing  
2 their map, I worked hard on developing the whole  
3 counties map.

4 I think we were all warned a long time  
5 ago, don't get wetted to a particular map that you  
6 might be working on, and I was a little guilty of  
7 that.

8 So I don't think I'm certainly getting  
9 everything I wanted, but I'm willing, so we can move  
10 forward together, to focus on that map. And that's  
11 what I'm trying to do and that's what I intended to  
12 do coming into today's hearing, was focus on trying  
13 to work with that map. I think that's what we  
14 should do.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Given that,  
16 is there any other discussion?

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: There's no second  
18 to the motion.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm sorry, what is  
20 this -- can we repeat that?

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Can you revise it?

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'll revise the  
23 motion to read that we utilize the congressional 3  
24 border 2 rural district map affectionately known as  
25 the bagel map to use as our --

1 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Working draft.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: -- working draft  
3 criteria for adjustment to come to resolution which  
4 will be then published after the adjustments as the  
5 congressional district draft map.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would request  
7 that we end that after "working draft." Working  
8 draft, period. And if Mr. Stertz is agreeable to  
9 that, I would second his motion.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: No, I'm not  
11 agreeable to that. "Working draft" is too vague and  
12 it reeks that we are going to go backwards again and  
13 I don't want to do that.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: If we're looking for  
17 a compromise, I think -- again, if I vote, I think  
18 Commissioner McNulty's recommendations are right on.  
19 We have two commissioners here who are making -- at  
20 least one commissioner who is making a simple  
21 recommendation, and I would agree with her. And  
22 again, if you want to go forward with this map,  
23 which I'm okay with, with certain exceptions, we at  
24 a minimum should at least have a motion that we can  
25 all agree on.

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN:  Madame Chair, I  
2 don't think we should get too hung up on a motion on  
3 this.  I think we should just -- if we all agree  
4 that we're going to go forward and focus our efforts  
5 on working and developing this map, then let's do  
6 that.

7           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  If that's a  
8 motion, Mr. Freeman, I would second it.

9           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN:  Let it be a motion.

10          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:  Second.

11          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:  Any discussion?

12          VICE CHAIR HERRERA:  Madame Chair.

13          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:  I would be -- I'm  
14 going to be voting in favor of this particular  
15 draft.  But again, I would like to voice my concerns  
16 about this map being based on the whole counties  
17 version, I think it was 6a.  So there's some things  
18 I feel like we're already in a disadvantage, so I  
19 wanted to make those comments again for the record  
20 and go forward.

21                 Okay.  Thank you.

22                 Any other discussion?

23                 All in favor?

24                 ("Aye.")

25          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:  Any opposed?

1           Okay. So we'll focus our energies,  
2 efforts on this bagel map and get to work on that  
3 center part especially. And as I said, I'm happy to  
4 adopt from the river district "a" any of  
5 Mr. Herrera's suggestions for that border between 1  
6 and 4 and anywhere else on the map, too, that he  
7 wants to talk about or Ms. McNulty.

8           So I would like us all to come together  
9 and work on one, and I think this will be a good way  
10 to do it.

11           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

12           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

13           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: First, I want to  
14 commend you on your leadership in taking this to  
15 this next level. And I'm looking forward to working  
16 together with all of the commissioners to bring this  
17 draft map design to a close.

18           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Me, too.

19           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

21           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I don't have -- I  
22 haven't had a chance to -- even though I examined  
23 the map to come up with any --

24           (Interruption by the court reporter.)

25           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

1 I will be reviewing the map in a little  
2 more detail today and I would like to see if -- I  
3 know Commissioner Freeman has his own ideas and I  
4 don't know if Commissioner McNulty does, but I don't  
5 as of yet. So what I would like to do is propose  
6 some changes for tomorrow's meeting for this  
7 particular map. So that's what I plan on doing.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I've already  
10 proposed my changes for this map, and I'll say right  
11 now it's the only way I'll support this map, is if  
12 there's -- a competitive district -- if that  
13 competitive district is part of it.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. And you have  
15 the directions on that competitive district that she  
16 drew?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: I do.

18 Just so I understand, I guess, going  
19 forward, are we going to have different versions of  
20 this that everyone is kind of working independently  
21 or is every change going to happen together?

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's a -- what are  
23 your thoughts on that?

24 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: My thoughts -- I  
25 would like to see the changes that Mr. Freeman has

1 proposed, and I would like to see that today, and I  
2 would like that to be built into the map with the  
3 changes I've proposed that we can look at.

4 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And that might be  
5 difficult to do because if my proposal -- and keep  
6 in mind, this is just a first crack that I worked on  
7 last night and this morning. But if my conflicts  
8 with yours, how do we address that? I think we  
9 got -- unfortunately, we go to keep track of these  
10 various proposals.

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think we should  
12 talk about that today, then, because if we can't  
13 reach agreement on that -- if we can't reach  
14 agreement on that issue, then we are not going to  
15 reach agreement. So we don't need to go through 12  
16 iterations. I know right now that that's how I feel  
17 about that issue.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm wondering if we  
19 can do this, you know, in session where  
20 Mr. Freeman's proposal for his center is presented,  
21 given to Willie and he can get it into the map and  
22 then it's presented for all of us to see.

23 I don't know if he's -- if you would be  
24 willing to work with what Ms. McNulty already  
25 submitted as one piece of your center.

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just at first blush,  
2 that would change my map. So I would have to  
3 redesign it to accommodate that, and I would have to  
4 take a look, which is I wouldn't mind seeing this  
5 map with the -- that portion of the donut filled in  
6 to see how it impacts what I did last night.

7           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair, I  
8 would ask that we ask Mr. Desmond to do that, that  
9 we include the changes to balance the two  
10 majority-minority districts and that we include that  
11 Tempe area.

12           WILLIE DESMOND: What I can do is take  
13 what you gave me and make that into, like, just a  
14 layout like we have been doing.

15           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would like you  
16 to include it in the map.

17           WILLIE DESMOND: Include it in the map  
18 going forward on all --

19           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yeah, yes, I  
20 would.

21           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

22           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

23           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I just want some  
24 clarification. When Commissioner McNulty is  
25 proposing her changes, which I agree with, that will

1 be -- what version will that be?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: That's what I'm trying  
3 to I guess figure out here.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And I want to make  
5 sure that when Commissioner Freeman makes his  
6 changes, is that going to be a different version?  
7 Because then we're back to square one.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: What I was  
10 requesting was that Mr. Freeman build this district  
11 into his changes and work around it.

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I would support  
13 that.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So it's basically  
15 take it or leave it?

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I think we are  
19 getting to the place where we should -- we need to  
20 track changes from this base map that we have just  
21 approved as our base design map and those changes  
22 are going to have a series of compromise that we  
23 should work out in public.

24 And if you're saying instead of looking  
25 at the blocks, as I was trying to do, let's start

1 giving direction to Mr. Desmond and say I want this  
2 line to work this line. And if it's an  
3 uncompromising place for any of the commissioners  
4 that they are locked into a place, then that's why  
5 you are in this seat. You are the tiebreaker. So  
6 if we've got two districts that don't marry well  
7 together, then Commissioner Freeman is right, it  
8 becomes a take it or leave it.

9 But who is going to make that decision is  
10 going to be based on -- and I'm hoping that we can  
11 have more of an active discussion here rather than a  
12 drop it into mine, work out all of your stuff around  
13 it approach, that we could be a little more  
14 proactive than that.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair, I  
16 didn't mean to suggest that -- use that phrase in a  
17 pejorative sense.

18 I would like to look at it and study it.  
19 And my map -- what I did last night, I did not  
20 attempt to balance the majority-minority districts,  
21 so that's an issue I still have to address.

22 I'll also tell you in trying to  
23 repopulate CD 4, I couldn't get to balance. I got  
24 it to within 14,000. I figured that was in striking  
25 distance and I stopped because it was pretty late.

1           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I understand the  
2 problem. That's why I would ask that we build in my  
3 changes, then I would request that Mr. Freeman look  
4 at them in the interest of compromise that he would  
5 work around them.

6           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I would be happy to  
7 look at them.

8           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And what I have  
9 done is I have -- as I said earlier, I have not  
10 attempted, because I don't think it can be done, to  
11 build a second competitive district in Phoenix in  
12 this configuration.

13           I have, however, put together what I  
14 believe to be responsive to what the chair  
15 requested, which is a truly competitive district in  
16 that Tempe area, and I believe it to be in a place  
17 that makes a great deal of sense that we have looked  
18 at really for the past month as we've gone through  
19 this process.

20           And I'm not trying to say take it or  
21 leave it, but I am trying to save us some time and  
22 say that if we don't have a truly competitive  
23 district in Phoenix, and I believe that that's where  
24 and how it makes sense, that I can't support this.

25           Now, I'm just one commissioner, and I

1 understand that, so that's not a threat, it's not  
2 anything other than a statement of fact. But to me,  
3 that's absolutely essential.

4           And what I would like to see is for us to  
5 -- and I think there's a great deal of flexibility  
6 in the rest of the hole for a compromise to be  
7 achieved to address the issues from your  
8 perspective.

9           I know you've talked a lot about going  
10 north/south, that you were concerned about the 101  
11 issue, that you don't see those the same way I do.  
12 And what I'm saying is, okay, I'll work with you on  
13 those, but what I want is a truly competitive  
14 district for the citizens of Phoenix and I would  
15 like to start -- I would like the map to show that  
16 and to build around it.

17           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

18           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

19           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I agree with  
20 Commissioner McNulty, but what I would disagree with  
21 her on is that we can create -- we should try to  
22 create two competitive districts in Maricopa County  
23 for a total of four competitive districts, and I  
24 think we can do it.

25           We're going to have to make some changes,

1 but I think we can create two in Maricopa County  
2 with some minor changes. Well, maybe not minor, but  
3 we can definitely try it. I don't think we should  
4 give up on that idea.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, I think that  
6 would be great if you can figure out how to do that.

7 What I wouldn't want to do is dilute this  
8 one because I want them -- I want it to be a real  
9 competitive district. I don't want it to be the  
10 situation where we have two districts that aren't  
11 truly competitive.

12 So if there's a way to build one in  
13 Phoenix that -- in addition to the Tempe district,  
14 I'm all for it. But the way I look at that  
15 district, it's a 50/50 district. It really is what  
16 -- it defines -- it is what competitiveness is.

17 We could have two -- if we have two good  
18 qualified candidates there, Republican and Democrat  
19 we could have -- you know, we could have the kind of  
20 race that people deserve, the kind of race that we  
21 are trying to draw these lines so that people have  
22 and that's what I want.

23 So I know we want to get to public  
24 comment. I'm tempted, you know, to keep talking  
25 about this and actually make a motion, but I'm not

1 going to do that.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, what I think I  
3 heard is some compromise with Mr. Freeman and you to  
4 work together, at least in terms if he would look at  
5 what you created on that competitive district and  
6 see how that might work with the rest of the open  
7 area.

8 Is that correct, Mr. Freeman?

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I'm happy to look at  
10 it. And I think we do need to consider how it fits  
11 in with the rest of the map because to favor the  
12 competitive district, we have to be able to make a  
13 determination that it doesn't do substantial  
14 detriment -- cause a substantial detriment to the  
15 other five goals we need to follow.

16 So we need to sort of -- I would  
17 definitely consider it and see how we can build  
18 around it and to see if we can go forward with that  
19 district.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

21 And just to reiterate what I said  
22 yesterday, I would like to see a competitive  
23 district, at least one, in the Metro Phoenix area  
24 and I think we've got one in Metro Tucson on this  
25 map and we've got a competitive district in the

1 rural area. And I think, you know, having at least  
2 three competitive districts in the state is  
3 warranted. And if more can be created great, as  
4 long as it's not to the significant detriment of  
5 other goals and to the extent practicable, I'm all  
6 for it because as we have talked about, we are to  
7 oversee the mapping of fair and competitive  
8 congressional and legislative districts. That's  
9 straight from the Constitution and we should all  
10 remember that.

11           So with that, I think if we have some  
12 agreement to move forward with those changes where  
13 Mr. Freeman is going to have some ideas for the --  
14 filling in the center and he'll look at what  
15 Ms. McNulty suggested and see if that can be  
16 incorporated into one idea, I would like it if we  
17 could all then make adjustments to one map. I think  
18 it would be simpler for the public, for all of us,  
19 and for our mapping consultant.

20           So I really appreciate everyone in your  
21 comments today. They are all listened to and  
22 considered, and I don't want anyone to feel like  
23 they don't have a voice on this Commission.

24           So with that, let's move forward.

25           Mr. Desmond.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm just -- so what do I  
2 need to have for tomorrow?

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: You need to  
4 prepare a map that includes -- you need to give  
5 Mr. Freeman, which means you need to give all of us,  
6 the donut hole map with the two changes I made built  
7 in.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So --

9 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And you can call  
10 that v2b, you could call it whatever you like --

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: -- as long as we  
13 all have it.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: I will prepare the block  
15 equivalency, give you all of that before you leave.  
16 I will work on the packet for that, including that  
17 district, and try to e-mail that to you today or  
18 tonight and have that for you tomorrow.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That would be great.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: And then if there is --  
21 so you guys can all examine Commissioner McNulty's  
22 changes and then perhaps tomorrow, if you guys want  
23 to come to consensus on whether or not that's  
24 included or not, we can go forward from there and  
25 include that in future ones or we can keep playing

1 around for whatever needs to be done.

2 But just for tomorrow, that's all you  
3 guys need, correct?

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: The sooner the  
6 better.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I have a list of  
8 donut hole adjustments as well --

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: -- that goes so far  
11 as to include some modifications in Cochise County  
12 and the Santa Cruz district as well as inside  
13 Maricopa County.

14 So how do you want me to convey those?  
15 Do you want me to convey those to Mr. Bladine so  
16 those are included --

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, what I'm  
18 thinking is it might be good to start with one  
19 option and maybe we work in public in a meeting as  
20 opposed to each trying to create the best ways to  
21 fill that in. Because otherwise I think we end up  
22 with different variations again.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So we're starting  
24 with Commissioner McNulty's or Commissioner  
25 Freeman's?

1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Kind of both.  
2 Mr. Freeman, I guess, has some ideas for filling  
3 his -- complete ideas for that center. Ms. McNulty  
4 suggested one particular district and he was willing  
5 to look at how that might be worked into his  
6 complete center. And we'd talk about that tomorrow  
7 once we see what that all looks like.

8           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

10          VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think it would  
11 make sense -- I think that you had mentioned that we  
12 have one commission making changes one at a time. I  
13 think if we all start to make changes it might get a  
14 little confusing and if we have to -- I would assume  
15 it will come to a point where maybe Commissioner  
16 McNulty makes or recommends some changes where  
17 there's two or three commissioners that don't agree  
18 with those changes, that maybe we should vote on  
19 those particular changes.

20                 We are going to have to do that  
21 eventually. I think that's probably the quickest  
22 way to move forward. That's just my recommendation.

23          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, I tend to  
24 think a consecutive approach might be best now that  
25 we are in this phase.

1           Would you be willing to --

2           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm going to say  
3 this here: I agree with Commissioner Herrera.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, great.

5           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Wise man. Wise man.

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Desmond.

7           WILLIE DESMOND: I just wanted to throw  
8 in the possibility that if Commissioner Stertz has  
9 changes he would like to see, one thing we could do  
10 if we have time this afternoon would be to make  
11 those changes and then you could go home with both  
12 those changes and Commissioner McNulty's changes,  
13 look at those tonight and then make a decision.

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, we'd need to  
15 talk about them -- if you have them ready to go  
16 after when we come back at 3 o'clock or something,  
17 we could do something like that.

18           WILLIE DESMOND: I could put them  
19 together so that you guys would have both to  
20 evaluate tonight, just to say save us a day --

21           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure.

22           WILLIE DESMOND: -- from, you know,  
23 another carryover night or something like that. I'm  
24 trying to speed this long.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That would be good.

1 Anything to move this along.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just to -- I want a  
5 clarification.

6 You said there would be two versions of  
7 this map. One would be Commissioner McNulty's  
8 changes and one would be with Commissioner Stertz's  
9 recommendations?

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair, I  
11 thought what we were trying to do was stick with one  
12 map. And the first step would be -- I believe that  
13 Commissioner Freeman agreed to look at the changes  
14 he made in an effort to build those around the  
15 competitive district changes and we could see  
16 whether we could reach consensus on that.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That's right.

18 I also want to think about the nature of  
19 that district as well. I know Commissioner Herrera  
20 and I live in that area. I'm also from that area  
21 and I know we've heard some public comment going all  
22 around that area going different directions. So I  
23 have to think about that as well. But the simple  
24 answer to your question is, yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

1           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Again, I would not  
2 want two different versions of this map out. Again,  
3 if we are going to be doing that, let's go back to  
4 river district version 8a.

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, I don't  
6 either.

7           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: It's a good idea.

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So we are going to  
9 move forward with those two for now. Is that okay,  
10 and then at 3 o'clock we'll come back.

11           Do you have time to do that while we're  
12 away?

13           WILLIE DESMOND: Do what, exactly?

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: What if Mr. Freeman  
15 has conceived of, including Ms. McNulty's, seeing if  
16 that can be worked into his --

17           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I don't think he's  
18 conceived of it yet.

19           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: It's not --

20           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I haven't -- I could  
21 walk through what I did last night and this morning  
22 to show you the approach I took to try to make up  
23 that population deficit, but obviously -- like I  
24 said, I didn't make the changes to the two voting  
25 rights districts that need to be made and I didn't

1 have this particular district built into mine, which  
2 means that affects everything basically that I did.

3 So I really need -- I need those files  
4 and I need to go think about them and play around on  
5 Maptitude and come back tomorrow or whenever and see  
6 if we can slog through it.

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think it would  
10 make sense if the changes that Commissioner McNulty  
11 is proposing are made first, since I think she's  
12 ready to make those changes, and then we look at  
13 those changes and agree or disagree to those  
14 changes. And then whomever is next makes -- if we  
15 approve those changes, then we make additional  
16 changes.

17 But I think having two people make  
18 changes at a time, to me I find that confusing.  
19 Again, let's just do -- Commissioner McNulty has her  
20 changes, which she has already given to Mr. Desmond,  
21 let him make those changes, let him give us that map  
22 with those changes and then let's see if we want to  
23 move forward with those changes or not.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can those changes be  
25 made today before the 3 o'clock or no?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: I can hand them out  
2 today over lunch, you can play with them. I don't  
3 know if that's enough time for everyone to evaluate  
4 them.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: No, it wouldn't be  
6 but we could talk about it at 3:00, like, just  
7 having what she gave you in the map and seeing what  
8 that's looking like.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: I mean, we could do that  
10 right now.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, I  
12 just want to bridge a piece of caution and then I  
13 think we should just jump off this topic and move on  
14 to public comment, that the  
15 whoever-gets-there-first, vote on it,  
16 try-to-vote-it-in, I don't think that that's what  
17 you're suggesting, Commissioner Herrera, but we want  
18 to walk cautiously down that path, that it's  
19 incumbent upon us that there are multiple ways of  
20 getting to district design that meet with all of the  
21 six criteria.

22 We've already talked about this ad  
23 nauseam. I don't want to revisit it again, but I  
24 certainly do not want to create a -- the design of a  
25 particular district that meets the opportunity for

1 competitiveness that we have to back into the  
2 criteria of how we got there in the other designs.

3 And I don't want -- I know that you are  
4 not suggesting, Commissioner McNulty or Herrera, so  
5 I don't want to have any reason to debate that. I  
6 want to just caution us as we go down the let's-pick  
7 one, whoever-got-there-first vote on it and then  
8 work around it process.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: If you don't want to  
12 do the let's-pick-on-whomever-got-there-first, again,  
13 let me remind you that this particular map was based  
14 on the whole counties. Not river district, the  
15 whole counties.

16 So you're already at an advantage. So  
17 all we are asking is for -- Commissioner McNulty has  
18 put some thought into it. She already has those  
19 changed. Let's see what they look like.

20 I'm not asking for those changes to be  
21 approved. All I'm asking is for changes to be made  
22 and for us to look at them. That's it.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I have no issue  
24 with that.

25 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: That's all I'm

1 asking.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Put them on paper  
3 and let's look at them and let's start fleshing them  
4 out.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think we need to  
6 do this in session. I do not see the ability of us  
7 to give you directions and then come back the next  
8 day and then we talk about it. I think we are just  
9 going to have to hammer it out all in one -- in  
10 session.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Correct.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So I think at 3  
13 o'clock we come back and try to see what we can  
14 figure out.

15 But in the meantime, we'll do some public  
16 comment, as much as we can get through, until 1:00  
17 and then have a break until 3:00 and then come back  
18 and then just start pounding away.

19 And I apologize, public, we have a lot of  
20 public comment today. I really appreciate everybody  
21 coming out. I know all of the commissioners do.

22 It's 12:25 p.m. and we'll just start  
23 moving through these as best we can and we'll do as  
24 many as we can until 1:00.

25 Let's try to limit comment, if we can, to

1 three minutes each and it will maximize the number  
2 of people we can get through.

3 Our first speaker is Richard Elias,  
4 co-chair for Hispanic Coalition for Good Government.

5 RICHARD ELIAS: Good morning,  
6 commissioners, and I appreciate all of the work that  
7 you do and I know it's been difficult, at best.  
8 Personally I would call it the (speaking in native  
9 tongue) but it's a little hard to say, so I'm going  
10 to leave it alone.

11 For starters, I would like to make note  
12 of a letter that was sent to the Commission from  
13 three elected officials in Yuma. And since that  
14 time, there's been more than 500 letters submitted  
15 to the Commission regarding Yuma and splitting Yuma  
16 in a realistic way that would give Latino  
17 populations a chance to elect somebody that reflects  
18 their particular perspective. I think that's very  
19 important.

20 I have the letter here. For the sake of  
21 time, I'm just going to go ahead and submit it and  
22 ask that you all take a -- read it. I was going to  
23 try and read it into the record, but I think it's  
24 better if we just submit it and make sure that you  
25 all get a chance to read it.

1           We continue to ask you to support the  
2 maps that were submitted to you for the two Latino  
3 districts here in the state of Arizona that are  
4 currently protected by the Voting Rights Act.

5           My family has been here in Arizona seven  
6 generations. We've lived in Tucson for five  
7 generations. We entered what is now the United  
8 States through Nogales, came up here.

9           My first relative in Tucson was in the  
10 first attachment of soldiers that was sent to the  
11 Presidio. We then moved out to a ranch in Solbury,  
12 which is north and west of Amado and ended up coming  
13 back into Tucson after losing the water rights. The  
14 typical story of a Chicano family in the Southwest.

15           Along that way, we've come to learn that  
16 the core of Tucson, older Tucson, really makes up a  
17 community of interest and it extends over to the  
18 university and out to the west far past Tucson  
19 Mountain Park.

20           The map that you are considering right  
21 now disenfranchises that community completely. And  
22 that's a tragedy.

23           The people in the city of South Tucson  
24 have very little in common with the Catalina  
25 Foothills. That is not a community of interest.

1           Whereas the people who surround the  
2 University of Arizona have a much closer  
3 relationship with people on the south side due to  
4 relationships with Sunny Side School District, with  
5 Tucson Unified School District, with Kino Hospital,  
6 with the biosciences center that's being built on  
7 36th and Kino. Those are real communities of  
8 interest, not arbitrary ones. We need to stay in  
9 that realm of what is real.

10           The map that you are considering right  
11 now also splits the Pascua Yaqui people in terrible  
12 ways. The people who are Yaqui in South Tucson,  
13 Marana, Old Pascua and the New Pascua Reservation  
14 would all be divided.

15           Seems to me that that is not one of the  
16 goals that we have, but the Yaqui people are a  
17 little hard to understand because they live in a  
18 more urban kind of setting. They are not folks who  
19 live typically out on the reservation. Very  
20 different kind of population.

21           The affected voting-age populations get  
22 changed around dramatically in these two Voting  
23 Rights Acts districts. The Southern Arizona  
24 district, the HVAP then becomes too high, frankly,  
25 and has the effect of putting too many people and

1 cutting out a large group of people who have voted  
2 typically with the majority there in what is now CD  
3 7. That's a problem.

4 In Phoenix, the number goes down from the  
5 threshold that they have for the district up there  
6 in Central Phoenix right now. Those are both errors  
7 that I think need to be fixed.

8 The issue of the three border districts  
9 continues to be problematic, and I think  
10 Commissioner Herrera is absolutely right, it's  
11 arbitrary.

12 Just in today's Arizona Daily Star, there  
13 was an editorial that was first published in the  
14 Washington Post that talks about the border control  
15 being the best it's been since the Richard Nixon  
16 administration.

17 I think that says that people, and  
18 particularly people in the majority party of  
19 Congress right now have had a say-so, because that's  
20 all they've wanted to talk about is border security.  
21 They have not talked about resolving the problems of  
22 the people who live in this country and hide in the  
23 shadows. That is yet to be resolved. It will be  
24 resolved. They are here. They are not going  
25 anywhere. Those are difficult, difficult problems.

1           But along that same line with the border,  
2 you look at our border communities and they are  
3 heavily Hispanic populated. To split them up  
4 further disenfranchises them and puts them in a  
5 position where it's going to be more difficult to  
6 elect people who can truly represent them.

7           I think those are the most important  
8 things that I have to say to you right now. I am  
9 concerned about the direction that we are going. I  
10 had hoped that we would continue to work together  
11 with the Hispanic Coalition for Good Government and  
12 the maps that we submitted.

13           That does not appear to be happening at  
14 this particular juncture. I'm sure you're going to  
15 hear from a lot of people today who want to see us  
16 move in that direction, and I'm sure that those 500  
17 letters from Yuma also represent that as well.

18           So I appreciate all of the work that  
19 you've done, but I hope we can make these kinds of  
20 corrections to any map that is eventually agreed  
21 upon because we are putting ourselves at risk for  
22 preclearance by the Justice Department.

23           Thank you very much.

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

25           Our next speaker is Representative David

1 Patterson, State Rep from LD 29.

2 DANIEL PATTERSON: Daniel.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, I'm sorry,  
4 Daniel.

5 DANIEL PATTERSON: Thank you, Madame  
6 Chair and commissioners.

7 I am Representative Daniel Patterson from  
8 here in Tucson, the current District 29.

9 I want to start by sincerely thanking you  
10 and the staff for an incredibly difficult, complex,  
11 and thankless task. So I recognize that you've been  
12 working literally around the clock on this thing.

13 So on behalf of the people of Arizona, I  
14 think you all deserve a sincere thank you for doing  
15 a very, very tough job.

16 I want to talk today just briefly in very  
17 general terms about what competitiveness or a lack  
18 of competitiveness, what is the real-world effect of  
19 that at places like the capitol, either the U.S.  
20 Capitol in Washington or our state capitol here in  
21 Phoenix.

22 And your work here is critical. The work  
23 that this Commission does, and whatever gets  
24 approved eventually, is going to make it or break it  
25 for fair and competitive elections in this state

1 through the year 2020, at least. That is -- I  
2 cannot overstate the importance of that.

3 In addition to having to clearly comply  
4 with the Voting Rights Act, which is a very big  
5 issue here in Pima County and other parts of the  
6 state, I think that clearly has to be your number  
7 one responsibility, to comply with Voting Rights  
8 Act.

9 Closely behind that, though, I think the  
10 will of the people is for competitive districts, and  
11 not just where they are convenient, not just where  
12 you can find consensus to agree on competitive  
13 districts. This is something you may have to  
14 disagree on.

15 It's always a great goal to strive for  
16 consensus on a board like this, but it may not  
17 always be achievable. And you're going to have to  
18 find a solid majority for competitiveness.

19 That is what I hear over and over and  
20 over again from my constituents. And it would be  
21 easy for me to ignore them because I currently do  
22 not represent a competitive district. I would like  
23 to.

24 A lack of competition, at least at the  
25 state level where I'm familiar and serving in the

1 State House of Representatives, it harms the public  
2 interest. It allows -- number one, it limits who  
3 may run. So you can have good candidates who are  
4 going to choose not to run simply because they live  
5 in a district where they think it's unobtainable to  
6 even win an election based on the makeup of their  
7 district, but more importantly it allows elected  
8 officials to ignore far too many of their  
9 constituents, to serve only a very narrow set of  
10 primary voters. And I see that all the time at the  
11 state capitol. All the time.

12 A lack of competitive districts in  
13 Arizona, which is what we have now by and large, it  
14 leads to a lack of competitive ideas at the capitol.

15 And what I do specifically mean by that  
16 really? You will have members who will be elected,  
17 get into chairmanship roles on committees, bills  
18 that are very important or very good ideas may not  
19 even be considered simply because of that elected  
20 official's somewhat callous concern for that  
21 majority of their people.

22 So I just want to impress upon you that  
23 competitiveness is what the people want. That's why  
24 this Commission was created. And I think that has  
25 to be -- I think that has to be your number one

1 goal.

2           And there are very really world effects  
3 on what gets done. If people of Arizona like what's  
4 going at the state legislature now -- I don't think  
5 they do. I don't hear very much approval for the  
6 Arizona legislature which hurts a little bit since I  
7 serve there, but lack of competitiveness is the  
8 reason for that.

9           Finally, I want to just quickly agree  
10 with my friend, Richard Elias, who I think addresses  
11 some very important factors on the Voting Rights  
12 Act. And even though most of my comments here are  
13 aimed at the makeup and the effectiveness of the  
14 legislature, which could be improved through  
15 competitive districts, I don't see a good reason for  
16 this third border district. I'm concerned about  
17 what that can do to the voting power of communities  
18 here in Southern Arizona.

19           It appears it was created for these  
20 purely political reasons, and obviously, this is a  
21 political activity here. But I really just -- I was  
22 looking for a good reason for this third border  
23 district, and I so far haven't heard it.

24           So I would encourage you guys to continue  
25 to work on those congressional maps, to think long

1 and hard about whether that's the best place to draw  
2 a new congressional district in Arizona.

3 So, again, I thank you for doing the hard  
4 work here. I want to communicate that  
5 competitiveness is key, and I hope there can be a  
6 least a three-member majority on this Commission  
7 that will stick to what the people want, which is  
8 competitive districts.

9 Thank you very much.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

11 Out next speaker is Linda Horowitz,  
12 representing self from Pima County.

13 May not be here.

14 Our next speaker is Mohur Sidhwa,  
15 representing self.

16 MOHUR SIDHWA: I've been following the  
17 Commission in earnest ever since that fateful day at  
18 Pima Community College when -- after those colorful  
19 characters had made their statements, I went to the  
20 chair and told her how proud I was of her, although  
21 I didn't know her from Adam, that she took it and  
22 kept her dignity intact. I'm not sure I would have  
23 been able to. And I thank you for that, both as a  
24 woman and as somebody who lives in our country.

25 I am concerned about the three border

1 districts. I see cracking. I've been concerned  
2 about packing, now I'm seeing cracking of the  
3 Hispanic population along the three districts.

4 If you only have, say, 5,000 people near  
5 the border, you're not really going to pay attention  
6 to them. I know you're not. But just a thought.

7 And this donut hole map is too new for us  
8 to really look into and examine what may come out of  
9 it. And so we've gone through hearings -- I've gone  
10 to most of the hearings that I could, not just the  
11 meetings, and I feel like it's -- this is cynicism  
12 of putting us through it because we haven't had much  
13 time to really examine this current map.

14 There are two major communities of  
15 interest in Arizona, major, and I'm not talking  
16 about bridge clubs and where you go to worship. One  
17 of them is the first nations and the other is the  
18 Hispanic community.

19 And this donut hole map really does kind  
20 of tear into what they had wanted for their map. It  
21 does address some of it, but not entirely. Pascua  
22 Yaqui is one them. Just a thought. You may want to  
23 reconsider that a little bit.

24 Seems like we have lost the river  
25 district. So be it. But let us not get so bogged

1 down by finding a compromise that we let go of some  
2 very basic principles.

3           So that's kind of what I wanted to say.  
4 Let's not get bogged down by the concept of  
5 compromise to the extent of really giving away the  
6 store.

7           Thank you very much.

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

9           Our next speaker is William Sobeck from  
10 Corona de Tucson.

11           WILLIAM SOBECK: Madame Chair, I had my  
12 speech before.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you.

14           Tom McConnell, representing self from  
15 Pima.

16           TOM MCCONNELL: It's McConnell, M-c-c-o,  
17 double n, e, double l.

18           Just wanted to, again, thank you -- that  
19 was quick.

20           Thank you again for your service. I  
21 think we hear a lot about public service and we see  
22 now what service really means.

23           I wanted to comment, first of all, on the  
24 criteria in competitive districts. I think that is  
25 clearly something that you should be maximizing to

1 the extent you can do so. I recognize that it's a  
2 difficult set of trade-offs that have to be made.

3 And as a confession, I'm a former -- or  
4 recovering GIS consultant, so I'm sympathetic with  
5 what Mr. Desmond is going through these days.

6 I think perhaps we are not paying enough  
7 attention to the criteria that counties should be  
8 maintained intact wherever possible. And this came  
9 up in particular -- I was at a meeting at the Marana  
10 Library and showed some of the maps that had LDs and  
11 CDs that crossed -- that essentially took Marana and  
12 folded into a Pinal County center district.

13 I just wanted to say that out of 30  
14 responses, it's 30 zip in favor of not doing that.  
15 Most of us who live in Marana feel that we are not  
16 really part of Oro Valley. I rarely go there. I  
17 have never been to Saddlebrooke. I'm sure it's a  
18 lovely community, but I have no need to go there.

19 I-10 is essentially our Main Street, and  
20 almost all of our economic activity is focused on  
21 Tucson. We travel to Tucson for almost all of our  
22 activities. We are involved in economic development  
23 in Pima County and we pay taxes in Pima County and  
24 would prefer to remain part of that county.

25 Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

2 Our next speaker is Hyatt Simpson,  
3 representing self from Tucson.

4 HYATT SIMPSON: Thank you for this  
5 opportunity, and thank you all for the work that you  
6 are doing. And it's got to be incredibly hard and  
7 you probably wonder often why you signed up for it.

8 I live on the east side of Tucson metro  
9 area, and I'm retired and I vote --

10 And I'm sorry, I didn't give you my  
11 name. Hyatt, H-y-a-t-t, Simpson, S-i-m-p-s-o-n.

12 In the legislative district that I am in,  
13 I feel discouraged when I vote because I do not feel  
14 that my vote counts for much, as the district seems  
15 to be strongly skewed towards one party.

16 And so it's, therefore, important to me  
17 that when you redraw voting districts, that they be  
18 competitive. And I would argue that they be  
19 competitive on the basis of performance rather than  
20 just registration. And then I feel that there's a  
21 chance that everyone's vote will count.

22 And I had a few more things that I wanted  
23 to say about my feelings about the Tucson area and  
24 where I live and how important Central Tucson is and  
25 so forth, but to keep this short -- this is my first

1 meeting and it's a lot to try to grasp in a very  
2 little bit of time. But the map that I saw today  
3 was a three-border district, are really unacceptable  
4 on all of the points that I wrote on my green sheet  
5 that I wanted to speak about, and that was  
6 communities of interest and competitiveness and  
7 compactness and the geographic features.

8 All of these points, the competitiveness,  
9 that if you have three border -- three-border  
10 districts, it's going to dilute the clout of the  
11 border communities.

12 The communities of interest -- I used to  
13 live in Northern Arizona. I worked for Northern  
14 Arizona Council of Governments and I was also a city  
15 council member in Flagstaff. And I can tell you  
16 that that area that you have drawn, which is  
17 essentially geographically half of the state or  
18 more, is impossible to try to cover in any kind of  
19 their way. And I can tell you that when I lived in  
20 Flagstaff, I didn't think much about this part of  
21 state. And now that I am down here, I can see how  
22 incredibly different it is culturally,  
23 environmentally, just so many different ways.

24 We have this fabulous desert and up there  
25 we had the wonderful forests and the mountains and

1 the Grand Canyon.

2 And then compactness -- well, again, just  
3 try and cover that whole area is -- I mean, it's  
4 absurd to think about one person doing that.

5 So I just would urge you to rethink that  
6 whole area that you put together and what kind of  
7 sense it really makes.

8 And I know that you are having a hard  
9 time balancing all of the things that you need to  
10 consider, but look at that area and think about  
11 trying to travel it.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

14 Our next speaker is Rebecca Spann,  
15 representing self from Pima.

16 I do not see her.

17 Johnny Williams.

18 Okay. Tim Sultan, vice president of the  
19 SAB Negotiation Group.

20 Sheila Tobias, representing self from  
21 Pima.

22 Keith Bagwell, representing self from  
23 Pima.

24 Roger Salzgeber -- sorry if I'm messing  
25 that up. I probably am -- representing self from

1 Tucson.

2 ROGER SALZGEBER: Do you want me to spell  
3 it?

4 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, please.

5 ROGER SALZGEBER: Roger, R-o-g-e-r,  
6 S-a-l-z-g-e-b-e-r.

7 I'm not really used to speaking in  
8 public, but I came here today because I want to  
9 support the creation of competitive districts.

10 When Arizona passed Proposition 106 to  
11 form the Independent Redistricting Commission, you  
12 guys, and take control away from legislators  
13 concerned with creating their own safe districts for  
14 reelection, a major objective in my mind was the  
15 prevention of gerrymandering and to form as many  
16 competitive districts as possible.

17 And to be honest, I think you guys have  
18 fallen a little short. In my mind, only two of the  
19 nine districts exhibit competitiveness, and that's  
20 only about 22 percent and I think you could do  
21 better.

22 Creating as many districts as you can  
23 with the same communities of interest, in my mind,  
24 is another way of saying safe partisan districts.  
25 When what we really need is more elected officials

1 who can compete for the votes of the entire  
2 community rather than a narrow interest of a small  
3 group.

4 I believe the problems of intense  
5 partisanship and gridlock can only be overcome when  
6 more competition is introduced into our elections.  
7 After all, isn't competition the cornerstone of the  
8 American way of life?

9 So I thank you for listening to me and  
10 allowing me the opportunity to speak.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 Our next speaker is Dr. Ray Graap,  
14 representing self from Pima.

15 Okay. Linda H. Greene, representing self  
16 from Pima.

17 LINDA GREENE: Is this on?

18 Okay. It was difficult back there to  
19 hear some of the speakers, so I just wanted to be  
20 sure that people can hear me.

21 Thank you all for offering the public an  
22 opportunity to comment.

23 I was very impressed with what Richard  
24 Elias had to say about Tucson's communities of  
25 interest. I couldn't say it better. I don't think

1 there's anything more important for you in terms of  
2 being in touch with reality as you do this than to  
3 take seriously what Richard Elias had to say about  
4 what the current plan might do to dividing up some  
5 of these natural communities of interest that Tucson  
6 represents.

7 I also came to speak in support of more  
8 competitive districts. I do not understand why  
9 there's talk about -- it seems like you're settling  
10 for three competitive districts. That seems  
11 extremely arbitrary to me when, again, I think  
12 there's been some things very eloquently stated  
13 about what the problems that currently exist in the  
14 state of Arizona because of lack of competition. So  
15 I don't need to say it again.

16 But I would like to say all the research  
17 that is done by the League of Women Voters and by  
18 others who look at voting patterns say that the  
19 biggest reason for voter apathy is lack of  
20 competition in districts. If people, again, don't  
21 think their vote counts, if they think their  
22 district is heavily tilted towards one party, they  
23 don't bother getting involved.

24 And I think that is one of the reasons  
25 that Arizona is now in a race to the bottom. All

1 the statistics coming out of the state of Arizona  
2 are extremely depressing. We are compared with the  
3 most poverty-ridden states in the Union. We are  
4 compared with only the states that do not have  
5 competitive, educational programs and with dollars  
6 spent per child on education. We know this is true.

7 We know that Arizona, according to what I  
8 have read lately, is the only western state that is  
9 losing ground now coming out of economic recovery.  
10 The other states around us have been pulling ahead  
11 of us. Why is that? Why does Arizona keep getting  
12 in this race to the bottom?

13 Well, I think it's because we have lack  
14 of competition in our legislative districts,  
15 particularly, and also in our congressional  
16 districts.

17 And so the people don't get involved.  
18 Community leaders are not able to stir up people's  
19 interest in the major issues that we should all be  
20 concerned of.

21 So I think it should be, however you turn  
22 this map, if there should be many more than just  
23 three of our districts competitiveness.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1 Our next speaker is Andrea Dalessandro.

2 ANDREA DALESSANDRO: I'll spell it.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

4 Representing self from Sahuarita.

5 ANDREA DALESSANDRO: It's Andrea

6 Dalessandro. D-a-l-e-s-s-a-n-d-r-o.

7 I want to thank the commissioners and  
8 their staff for -- because your task is daunting,  
9 and I do appreciate your service.

10 I want to talk about communities of  
11 interest first. The people in the Green  
12 Valley/Sahuarita area live there because of its  
13 proximity to Tucson.

14 We are actually a bedroom community -- I  
15 should say communities to Tucson. Our hospitals are  
16 in Tucson. Just this morning I visited my dentist  
17 on -- in Tucson on Swan and my specialist, my  
18 periodontist, my endocrinologist, and my  
19 gynecologist are in Tucson. My husband, Marine  
20 Corps veteran, goes to the V.A. in Tucson as well as  
21 to some of his specialists.

22 I have a Green Valley address but I am a  
23 resident of Sahuarita. Sahuarita is one of the few  
24 incorporated areas in Southern Arizona, and I think  
25 it's best to keep the town of Sahuarita together in

1 any map that you consider for them to have a  
2 stronger voice and have legislators or Congress  
3 people be accountable to them.

4 As a region, we operate very closely with  
5 Green Valley. And I do say sometimes I'm from Green  
6 Valley and sometimes from Sahuarita. In fact, we  
7 are very aligned with charitable organizations as  
8 well as the business community. In fact, the name  
9 of our business community is the Chamber of Commerce  
10 of Green Valley and Sahuarita. And I had to look to  
11 make sure I was putting the right town first.

12 More is not always better. I favor two  
13 districts on the border. In Sahuarita, we wanted to  
14 have our own library a couple of years ago and we  
15 had to go to three different supervisors on the  
16 County Board of Supervisors, and it was really hard  
17 to lobby three people. I think two stronger voices  
18 are much better.

19 I feel that divide and conquer might be  
20 the rule rather than -- I think it's better to have  
21 two districts on the border and have them be  
22 accountable. This also affects the military. I  
23 feel strongly that both Davis-Monthan and Fort  
24 Huachuca should be in the same district to give us a  
25 strong accountable voice to the Armed Services

1 Commission.

2 I also feel that there are other issues  
3 that pertain, especially to Southern Arizona,  
4 whether it's the military and security, border  
5 issues, and water, and I do feel very strongly to  
6 have two -- so not to have diluted voices.

7 Please follow the Constitution, but in  
8 closing, please give serious -- very serious concern  
9 for competitiveness because I think Arizona deserves  
10 better than what we have now.

11 Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 Our next speaker is Roger White,  
14 representing self from Tucson.

15 ROGER WHITE: Roger White, just like it's  
16 spelled. Just like it sounds.

17 Madame Chair and commissioners, first of  
18 all, I would like to thank you all for the public  
19 service you are doing here today. Too often that  
20 goes unsaid. I know how difficult your task is, so  
21 thank you.

22 I had hoped to address this Commission  
23 before today regarding your -- what you've referred  
24 to as your donut hole map that you introduced  
25 yesterday for the first time very late in the

1 process.

2 I had hoped to comment on that prior to  
3 this Commission taking any action on that map.  
4 Clearly that's too late now.

5 I would like to address the reasons why.

6 First of all, I'm an attorney. I'm not  
7 here in any representative capacity, other than  
8 myself. But in my career over more than 20 years,  
9 there was a time I did a substantial amount of  
10 election law cases, including Voting Rights Act  
11 compliance. So I know what you are dealing with  
12 trying to come up with these maps.

13 Now, Madame Commissioner, I've heard you  
14 describe several times this morning that your donut  
15 hole map was an attempt to fuse together the various  
16 incompatible maps into something that is a  
17 compromise.

18 As someone who has done a substantial  
19 number of mediations and settlement conversations  
20 over the years I can tell you that's a critical  
21 thought process error that can't be done to bring  
22 people together into a compromise.

23 I know that's a natural inclination for  
24 people to do, but it always results in a flawed  
25 process. In fact, I was thinking about it when you

1 were describing it. It reminded me of the creation  
2 story where after God got finished done making all  
3 of the creatures of the world he had some parts left  
4 over so he threw them all together and made the  
5 platypus. So if you are looking for a name to call  
6 your map, I would suggest the platypus map.

7           It's not going to work. Based upon my  
8 past experience and knowledge in this area, even  
9 without the Phoenix area being filled in, I would  
10 suggest to you that your District 1 on your map is  
11 fatally flawed just looking at it without even  
12 seeing the details on it. Anybody doing compliance  
13 work would look at that and tell you that's a big  
14 red flag.

15           There was discussion this morning from, I  
16 believe it's the competitive districts group that  
17 was here this morning, describing how Cochise County  
18 should not be included with the Northern Arizona  
19 tribal lands. And even though we come from  
20 different sides of the political spectrum, I totally  
21 with their testimony this morning. They are  
22 correct, those are different communities of  
23 interest. They should not be combined like that.

24           The discussion of the map this morning, I  
25 believe it was -- it's been renamed now, hasn't it.

1 The map 8a which you're now calling the river  
2 district Navajo Nation map I believe is correct,  
3 that map actually comes very close to where you  
4 should be working from. It needs some tweaks for  
5 jurisdictional boundaries.

6 As somebody who has reviewed these maps  
7 in the past a number of times, that map, you can --  
8 if you're working from that map, you can come very  
9 close to where you need to be making the minor  
10 tweaks you need to make to comply with DOJ  
11 compliance for the congressional maps. And I hope  
12 you get to the legislative maps eventually.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker, and it's -- let me get  
16 the time. It's 12:58, so we're going to have to end  
17 this at 1:00. I still have a number of request to  
18 speak forms, so if you're willing to come back at 3  
19 p.m., we'll be on to -- continuing our work with the  
20 congressional adjustments. So public comment will  
21 be coming at the end of the day. So I apologize  
22 that we can't get through everybody right now, but  
23 we have time for one more.

24 Wanda Pike, Common Sense Redistricting,  
25 representing self.

1           Okay she's not here.

2           Camy Juarez, representing self from  
3 Tucson.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Steve Arnquist,  
5 representing -- oh, I'm sorry.

6           CAMY JUAREZ: I'm kind of short but I'm  
7 here.

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm sorry. I should  
9 have looked up.

10          CAMY JUAREZ: Madame Chair,  
11 commissioners, good morning.

12           First and foremost, as everyone else  
13 before me, I would also like to thank you for the  
14 work that you are doing, and I would like to  
15 acknowledge the difficulty of reaching some of this  
16 consensus, like a lot of other people before me, but  
17 I would also acknowledge the time constraint that  
18 you are working with. I know that you have kind of  
19 a broad window, but it is shorter than we all think.

20           To that, I would like to speak to first  
21 and foremost who I am and where I come from.

22           I am at a unique position in that I have  
23 been in Pima County and Tucson for the last 20  
24 years. The 20 years before that I spent in South  
25 Yuma County, in San Luis, Arizona, and that's where

1 my family is still. Our roots are there. My  
2 parents were Mexican immigrant farm workers all of  
3 their lives, and our roots are there. I say that  
4 again. Simply because these are members of these  
5 communities of interest that keep popping up in  
6 these conversations and these comments and these are  
7 folks that slowly but surely we've become a bit more  
8 empowered and more enfranchised, if you will.

9           These maps that we are talking about, the  
10 donut map, the bagel map, whatever you want to call  
11 it -- I'm calling it a pizza map just because of all  
12 of the different divisions and pieces of pie that  
13 everyone is looking to get.

14           And I simply address that not to be  
15 disrespectful, but to bring up the point that there  
16 was -- Supervisor Elias mentioned the many letters  
17 that you have received. Mine is still probably  
18 sitting on my desk ready to be mailed to you as well  
19 as a few others that I've managed to secure, but  
20 primarily, there is a lot of voices that are not  
21 here that have not made the call to the audience,  
22 and these voices I also assume will be heard or will  
23 be read, at least in the form of a letter.

24           And these voices are my brothers and  
25 sisters -- literally my brothers and sisters. I

1 don't mean that like in the cultural concept, but  
2 also other members of the community that aren't  
3 typically heard that are margin lines, that are --

4 I mean, my background is in urban  
5 planning, regional planning, and community  
6 development. And working in that field, I can tell  
7 you, and I'm sure you all know, that the  
8 participating -- public participation in forums  
9 likes this -- just looking around the room, you're  
10 going to see that there are fewer faces from the  
11 minority groups here than there are the majority.

12 This is the state of Arizona, and this is  
13 the task that you have all have signed, is to try to  
14 divide that even, equally.

15 And by looking at these maps, by looking  
16 at these maps that you have now settled on I guess  
17 since yesterday and moving on into today -- I was a  
18 bit confused as to the motion process that happened  
19 earlier, but it was explained to me that -- it seems  
20 like it was a fair and rational thing.

21 Wow, that was three minutes?

22 Since I'm the last one, I guess I'll go  
23 a little longer, if you don't mind.

24 But these dividing these communities of  
25 interest does a few things, and I'll close with

1 that. It divides the natural or jurisdictional  
2 boundaries. People talked about living in  
3 Sahuarita, in Nogales, in Santa Cruz County, Yuma  
4 County north and south, Yuma County -- dividing  
5 those along -- creating divisions along those  
6 boundary lines, it divides those communities of  
7 interest.

8           It also dilutes the efforts of a  
9 developing population. A population that has slowly  
10 come to -- my family before me, my brothers and  
11 sisters, of the seven -- of nine of us, seven of us  
12 have college degrees. The generation before that  
13 did not have that.

14           And so slowly but surely you have  
15 populations like my population, Mexican/American  
16 population, that is slowly coming into a situation  
17 where it's equitable, where we have determined our  
18 own destinies, if you will, just like everyone else  
19 in the American history.

20           So yes, the history of America is based  
21 on competitiveness but it's also based on trying to  
22 support the little guy or the little gal, if you  
23 want to be politically correct.

24           So the last two things I'll mention here  
25 as well as dividing communities of interest, you are

1 ignoring -- and I don't mean that in an accusatory  
2 fashion, I want to state this. You are ignoring the  
3 future potential of other up-and-coming minority  
4 populations.

5 I say that because I want to move away  
6 from the political realm of it, although I'm sure  
7 that it's political as well. But I also want you to  
8 keep in mind that you are not just dealing with  
9 legislative districts and congressional districts,  
10 you're dealing with people. People that want to be  
11 empowered, people that want to move up the ranks, if  
12 you will, to try to get to a place where they can  
13 also achieve the American dream.

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16 The time is 1:04 p.m., and unfortunately,  
17 we are going to have to go to recess now. We'll be  
18 back at 3 p.m.

19 And thank you all for coming today. We  
20 really appreciate it. We still have those want to  
21 speak, you can come back later this afternoon.

22 Thank you.

23 (A recess was taken from 1:04 p.m. to  
24 3:24 p.m.)

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Recess is

1 over. We'll enter back into public session. The  
2 time is 3:24 p.m.

3 An we were in the midst of taking public  
4 comment up until the recess in the first half of the  
5 day but now we're back onto agenda item 3 because we  
6 thought we could work through maybe some of these  
7 adjustments to the bagel map together, that that  
8 would probably make the most sense as to opposed to  
9 them coming up with different versions that everyone  
10 has to track and follow.

11 So if it's possible, I would love it if  
12 any commissioners -- and I think Mr. Freeman maybe  
13 had some ideas. I don't know if he's ready to talk  
14 about any of those now. And I know Ms. McNulty did,  
15 but I thought we could at least start with those and  
16 see if we wanted to address the inner circle area  
17 first. Or if others have other ideas, I'm happy to  
18 entertain them.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I would be happy to  
22 walk -- sort of walk through my thought processes  
23 last night as to how to approach filling in the  
24 hole.

25 Obviously, what I did has now been

1 affected by what Commissioner McNulty has done, so  
2 I'll have to reconsider, but I think the principal  
3 challenge is that CD 4, that river district, is  
4 short 210,000. So it's a matter of getting that  
5 population and how that's done. And if that --  
6 perhaps it might be useful to have that up on the  
7 screen as we're talking about it.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: It would. And one  
9 of the ideas would be to follow the river district  
10 version 8a, the boundary between 4 and 5 on that map  
11 and have it at least match -- I would be open to  
12 having those match as far down as you want to take  
13 it, because as I said earlier, there's that -- I  
14 think that area around Flagstaff/Verde Valley that  
15 might be different between those -- the two maps as  
16 they currently stand.

17 And if you want to make -- if we would  
18 all agree that maybe river district 8a boundary, we  
19 could take that down as far as we want.

20 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I'm not sure if  
21 that's going to do it for us.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, it won't -- it  
23 won't be 210,000 people for sure. I don't know what  
24 it would do population wise.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Maybe if you could,

1 Willie, back out a little bit.

2 All right. So here is the area of  
3 Western Maricopa County that's right now unassigned.  
4 And this area is really lightly populated, rural  
5 agrarian. And so to try to recapture -- this is CD  
6 4 up here, which is a congressional district that  
7 goes to the westward to the Colorado River, and that  
8 was the starting point for one of the what-if  
9 scenario maps, is identifying that river community  
10 as a community of interest.

11 And then that obviously doesn't comprise  
12 710,000 people for congressional district, padding  
13 adjacent territory to the east that is essentially  
14 rural in nature to comprise the so-called river  
15 district.

16 So this is the district that's short  
17 210,000 people. So if we take this boundary of  
18 unassigned and move it east, and I think I, at first  
19 cut, moved it right up here to the -- where I'm  
20 moving the laser pointer that takes it to the  
21 eastern edge of Goodyear, western edge of Goodyear  
22 and sort of north/south. And I don't know if all of  
23 this is going to work as we go through it live, but  
24 I think you're looking at adding -- doing that maybe  
25 40, 45,000 people is all. You don't -- not quite

1 close to getting there. But Mr. Desmond will tell  
2 us.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So with that selection  
4 right there, the areas that are in red, if that were  
5 to go to District 4, it would be 51,505.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. A little  
7 more.

8 Another thing I did is sort of cleaned up  
9 this issue here with this little loop down that gets  
10 all of -- Goodyear is not -- the city of Goodyear is  
11 split -- maybe scan down a little bit because I  
12 thought it was split. Part of it is split off.

13 So Goodyear is split. So because it's  
14 being split once, I figured let's split --  
15 originally I thought maybe we could do it along the  
16 Salt River or State Route -- I forget the number --  
17 85, perhaps, that goes along there and then bring  
18 this up as well for something -- this is going to be  
19 a next step down the road to try to capture more  
20 territory for CD 4.

21 So if we were to add -- I'm not going to  
22 be able to re-create every step here on the fly, but  
23 that's going to add some more territory.

24 Then if you look on Google earth, this  
25 area right here, this is Citrus Park, this purple

1 square and this white area, it's all farming,  
2 agrarian land. It really extends -- it's rural in  
3 nature. Extends almost to the 101.

4 In fact, if you've ever driven north on  
5 the 101 to the Cardinal's stadium or to see the  
6 Coyotes, you'll see farmland on both sides of the  
7 101, even, but I did not go as far as the 101, but  
8 sort of captured this sort of cut-out here to get  
9 some more population but not going into Surprise, at  
10 least not yet.

11 Then I think this blue -- this brown  
12 patch is a part of Glendale that's actually Luke Air  
13 Force Base and there's some -- I think some homes  
14 over here. So I basically took all of that as well,  
15 once again, trying to grab as much population as  
16 possible but also keep the essence of this sort of  
17 low population rural or agrarian in nature.

18 So I don't know what that potential  
19 change brings us up to.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Right there we're up to  
21 76. If we take a little bit more of Buckeye -- go  
22 up a little bit more.

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, well, we  
24 haven't even got into where I was going split  
25 Goodyear. That's going give us some more -- you

1 might just take a rough cut there and add -- if you  
2 were to follow my pointer just straight across here.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm just going to accept  
4 this one change. We can always go back.

5 Does that look right?

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It's not going to  
7 match what I have, but why don't we go ahead and  
8 accept it to see how much population that adds.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. That added about  
10 90,000 people making District 4 now about 46,000  
11 people short.

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Well, I end  
13 up giving some of it back in the version I have, but  
14 we're getting closer.

15 Goodyear, I've been through there  
16 recently. It's an agrarian area as well. So it's  
17 not really like adding dense, urban population to  
18 this essentially rural district.

19 So that was sort of the first cut at  
20 trying to grab more population, but we're still  
21 short almost 50,000. So if you zoom out, the other  
22 grab we could do is take the rural -- or take Gila  
23 County, the nonreservation portions of Gila County  
24 and add that into CD 4 and we could also take -- as  
25 in I think the -- well, not whole counties but maybe

1 in the river district version, this portion of  
2 basically unoccupied Maricopa County, sort of square  
3 that off and clean it up.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So if we do Gila County,  
5 that's 40,000.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. So now we're  
7 really close.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Now we're down to a  
9 difference of 5,252.

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: But, of course, now  
11 we've depopulated this Eastern Arizona district by  
12 that amount and we've got to reclaim that.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So that's where --  
15 if you go -- I went south to Pinal County to reclaim  
16 that and reclaimed that from the nonreservation  
17 portions of Pinal County.

18 And then this area up here where San Tan  
19 Valley is included in the Phoenix metro unassigned  
20 area, I didn't go into that census place, but I sort  
21 of -- there's not a lot of population there, but I  
22 kind of -- I think I ended up having to put Gold  
23 Canyon into the eastern district and sort of cleaned  
24 up that line.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: So having moved that

1 kind of rural part of Northeast Maricopa, you're now  
2 down 612,000 -- or 612 people deviation. So you're  
3 just about right there on 4. Moving Gila County,  
4 you're now 40,000 short on District Number 1. So  
5 if --

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So this has a ripple  
7 effect because we're going to get -- I got that back  
8 in Pinal County, then, of course, that affected the  
9 minority-majority district. So I had to go back and  
10 adjust that boundary between CD 3 and CD 4, in that  
11 Buckeye/Goodyear area to even out the population.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: So with that, taking  
13 some of San Tan, some of Apache Junction, all of  
14 Gold Canyon, very rough here, that's about 27,600.  
15 So you would still need to make up about 14,000  
16 somewhere else.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. I don't know  
18 if I -- well, I don't have that map up, but I took  
19 it from -- if you pull back on Pinal County --

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh, I see.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I took it from down  
22 here.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That's the  
25 nonreservation portion down there and kind of

1 brought it back to the county line, to extent  
2 practicable.

3           So then this left -- this District 3  
4 depopulated but we could get that back by adding  
5 part of South Goodyear and pushing this line in  
6 Buckeye up closer to the I-10 as a boundary.

7           And when I went through all of those  
8 steps -- I might have missed one -- I eventually --  
9 I actually did better right now than I did last  
10 night, but CD 4 that was depopulated by -- it was  
11 210,000 underpopulated, I got it to within 14,000,  
12 which I figured was within striking distance and  
13 essentially kept it rural in nature, rural agrarian.  
14 Very little of Phoenix metro of any significance  
15 included in that.

16           WILLIE DESMOND: So if I was able to then  
17 take this area, I guess, of Eloy and stuff, do that,  
18 I think we're going to be somewhere around 7,000  
19 short, 8,000 short still and then that will be short  
20 in District 1 and then District 3 again is 32,000.  
21 So that does have, like you described, the ripple  
22 effect.

23           So District 1 needs to grab some people  
24 from somewhere. That's possible to take kind of the  
25 area maybe that's next to San Tan Valley, not on the

1 incorporated areas, but also possible, you know,  
2 other places taking some population from City of  
3 Maricopa or something.

4           Then District 3 -- if I just -- District  
5 3 is then about 32,000. Not many people down here  
6 in Buckeye, but that adds about 10,000, then you  
7 have to take some in Maricopa somewhere.

8           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Or you can push this  
9 up in Buckeye up towards the I-10.

10           WILLIE DESMOND: So then, again, you're  
11 going to be taking some from 4 again, so 4 has to go  
12 back up.

13           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Right, and you  
14 probably end up 14,000 short like I did.

15           But, of course, we could find ways to go  
16 in or just accept the fact that we're going to need  
17 14,000 people from the Phoenix metro area and go  
18 into that CD 4.

19           It's just -- that was the approach I took  
20 to try to repopulate CD 4 and try to keep it's  
21 essential character the same.

22           WILLIE DESMOND: The best way to think of  
23 it is the unassigned area is going to have to give  
24 210,000 to some district, whether or not that's  
25 given partly to District 3, which is the

1 majority-minority coalition -- or the  
2 minority-majority district or 4 or 1, the two rural  
3 districts. I guess that's the hard part for you  
4 guys.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So I'm wondering on  
6 river district version 8a, if the eastern  
7 boundary -- or just we'll call it the boundary  
8 between 4 and 5 on that map can be replicated to  
9 match on the other map and seeing what that does to  
10 any numbers, whether it's population or -- it seems  
11 like we should follow that line. It mostly does  
12 already from -- it sits around that Verde Valley  
13 area.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: So maybe I need to go  
15 back to where we were. But the river district 8a,  
16 the places where that makes up the population -- I  
17 mean, it takes a lot of the rural part of Maricopa  
18 but then it also goes in and -- let's just see, it  
19 takes portions here of Phoenix and Peoria. I think  
20 that accounts for some of the -- its population and  
21 it comes in on Surprise, takes some of Goodyear kind  
22 of like I'm doing now.

23 We could take that --

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can we just follow  
25 that same line between --

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And just replicate  
3 it on to the other or not.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure. Sure.

5 I'm not sure how you guys -- just  
6 practically speaking, how you want me to be doing  
7 this. I created a new bagel version 2c to give  
8 Commissioner Freeman the "c" designation for his.  
9 And I'm not sure if this should go back to "a,"  
10 because that's the one you're playing with. If we  
11 want to keep one that's -- I don't know how to like  
12 -- that all agreed upon. You know, one that there's  
13 no disputes and then the other side ones are ones  
14 where you're playing around with it.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's a good point.  
16 What do people think about that?

17 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair, I  
18 had understood that what we were doing was we were  
19 going to take the map that you created and we were  
20 going to, without adjusting the other districts,  
21 propose ways to complete the hole -- to complete the  
22 donut hole. And I think that would include -- I  
23 guess it would include bringing 4 down into Maricopa  
24 County at some point.

25 But I did not understand that we were

1 each going to be doing separate maps adjusting all  
2 of the boundaries. I thought the next exercise was  
3 to attempt to reach agreement on how that empty area  
4 was going to be completed.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, I wasn't  
6 planning on having different versions either. I was  
7 hoping that that's why we were all working in  
8 concert at the same time in real time so that we  
9 could maybe just deal with one version at a time.

10 But -- so to me, I would like to see the  
11 line replicated from 8a -- river district version 8a  
12 to the bagel map so that at least that boundary is  
13 the same as it is on that down at least to, you  
14 know, this -- you can see the exact area on the two  
15 maps. There's a very similar notch coming out. So  
16 -- and then start to adjust around this border of  
17 Maricopa County.

18 But I don't see how we do this separate,  
19 like individually with different versions outside of  
20 this room.

21 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I don't either.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So I think we have  
23 to power through this, as painful as it may be.

24 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: My only point is  
25 that I had understood the exercise to be that we

1 were going to fill in the hole, rather than we were  
2 going to adjust all of the boundaries.

3 I mean, I don't have any problem. It  
4 seems like -- don't you have the ability to just  
5 show us those two lines on top of one another?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, they are right  
7 now.

8 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, that's not  
10 entirely true. Right now what we have is the  
11 changes that we just went through with Commissioner  
12 Freeman and the blue line is the river 8a. That  
13 might not show up great.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So would anyone be  
15 opposed to us just copying that same boundary at  
16 least, you know, up until --

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: The difficulty that  
20 presents, though, is that sort of locks us in,  
21 because in adopting the boundary in the river  
22 district map, CD 4 is shedding I believe even more  
23 population. And so that means to bring CD 4 up to  
24 710,000, we're really going to have to take a lot of  
25 population out of Phoenix and put it in the district

1 with, like, Havasu City and Bullhead City. And I  
2 mean, I've got some concerns there, given what we've  
3 heard and how it would change the character of that  
4 district.

5 That's the problem. That's why I worked  
6 through that in that clock-like way to try to get --  
7 keep CD 4 as rural as possible.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So -- but how far  
9 down on the river district version map do you see  
10 agreement, at least in terms of being able to follow  
11 that line? How far south?

12 Could we at least get to a point where  
13 they are more similar? Because they look pretty  
14 similar up until one little area.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think maybe if  
16 we move the Verde Valley from one to the other, then  
17 we would need to make another trade-off perhaps  
18 somewhere in Gila County to bring population back  
19 in.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: So currently in that  
21 area -- that's another area of divergence right  
22 here. The donut/bagel/churro map follows just right  
23 along the county line and the river district 8a dips  
24 into Yavapai County, grabs Sedona, Oak Creek, and  
25 Cornville.

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: What's wrong with  
4 following that line? I don't think Commissioner  
5 Freeman makes the decisions in all of this. We all  
6 have an equal vote on this.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's right.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Commissioner Freeman  
9 may disagree. I disagree with him. So eventually,  
10 as I said before, we're going to have to start  
11 making decisions and it might not always be 5-0 and  
12 we're going to have to move forward.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I agree.

14 Can you explain that, that dip in your  
15 river district version 8a took and why, that  
16 particular --

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Are you talking to  
18 me?

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah. The dotted  
20 line is your --

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

22 Can you zoom in a little closer?

23 I think the --

24 Is that Oak Creek and Cornville.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, and Sedona.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And if it was just  
2 for population balancing reasons or just to make up  
3 population?

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: No. I think in the  
5 changes -- this has been a while ago, so let me go  
6 back to when we moved it and I gave --

7 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's the orange  
8 census tract, I'm sorry, up in the right-hand  
9 corner.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Right up here?

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Uh-huh.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Munds Park.

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: We talked about  
14 moving two towns whole within District 5. I think  
15 they were split and Cornville and Oak Creek should  
16 be together, and that's why we ended up doing it  
17 that way, trying to keep them whole in the same  
18 district.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: And I think what  
20 happened originally was there a population imbalance  
21 between those two. Sedona had asked to be with  
22 Flagstaff. Sort of the natural place to fix that,  
23 but then it did split Cornville and Oak Creek, and  
24 that was corrected in the latest iteration.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So is there

1 an issue with following the river district line on  
2 that to keep those two communities whole.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I have no issue.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I wanted to have a  
7 clarification of that.

8 As we were moving lines on the  
9 donut/bagel/churro district map, as we move one  
10 line, all of the lines are going to come into play.

11 So Commissioner McNulty had said that we  
12 were only going to be looking at filling in the  
13 blank. And I think that that's -- we're really  
14 looking to make adjustments. We're going to end up  
15 making adjustments everywhere.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. And so  
17 that's where I kind of felt like to the extent we  
18 can follow the river district line down, I would say  
19 we do that.

20 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: To Maricopa -- to  
21 the border of Maricopa County makes perfect sense.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. And so if  
23 we're willing to go that far, if everyone agrees,  
24 and then from there we'll have to see what we want  
25 to do.

1           So at least could that line be mimicked  
2 from river district 8a to the churro map all the way  
3 down to Maricopa County line?

4           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: If that's the only  
5 difference right there, what we're looking at.

6           WILLIE DESMOND: That's the only  
7 difference.

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's it.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: That's it.

10          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Well, that  
11 was easy.

12          WILLIE DESMOND: Just a -- I still just  
13 want to make sure.

14                 Is there one map that we are all working  
15 on together that that's the one that I edit and  
16 that's kind of a change we've all agreed on at that  
17 point?

18          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think we need to  
19 get to one map. You know, we're on one map now but  
20 now we need to move forward on one version. And if  
21 people end up, you know, going home and thinking  
22 about this and they are working at home and they  
23 think, oh, I've come up with another solution, we  
24 can certainly present it in session when we are all  
25 together. But I would rather not have 6 -- 3a, 3b,

1 3c for each commissioner.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: The changes that  
5 Mr. -- Commissioner Freeman proposed, I haven't had  
6 a chance to review them. So I don't know if I agree  
7 with them or not. So I would not agree with making  
8 those changes until we actually look at what they  
9 look like.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I agree. None of  
11 us -- we can't -- this has to be approached  
12 holistically because everything effects everything  
13 else. And so -- and we haven't done analysis on it,  
14 but if we could start -- if we could fill in the  
15 rest of the map and then see where we are and what  
16 we want to do from there, I think that's the best  
17 way to go forward.

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: But what you're  
19 saying is you would like to start by just cleaning  
20 up that one line on your map?

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I wanted to get that  
22 done. And now we can work on Maricopa County.

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. I don't  
24 have any problem with it at all. My only question  
25 is -- and I don't think we need to deal with this

1 right now, is if we have a resulting population  
2 imbalance, then at some point we'll need to address  
3 that. But I don't know see any need to do that  
4 right this second, why we can't just flag it.  
5 Doesn't look like it's going to be huge in any  
6 event.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Well, it's  
8 good to know that the only difference between 8a and  
9 the churro map is that one little corner that we  
10 just took care of.

11 So now that line is exactly the same on  
12 those two versions down to the Maricopa County line.  
13 I just want to point that out for everybody.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Herrera.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Did you say the only  
17 difference?

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: On this -- on the  
19 difference between -- they are different numbers on  
20 the two maps. Between 4 and 5 on the river district  
21 and 1 and 4 on the churro district -- churro map.

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Okay. Thank you for  
23 clarifying.

24 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Does anyone have  
25 an extra copy of the churro map? It's the same

1 person who took my glasses earlier.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: There you go.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Thank you.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So just so I'm  
5 completely -- I want to make sure I've got this all  
6 clear.

7 I went back now, so I went to -- I  
8 created a new map. It's called congressional bagel  
9 version 2a.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: This is kind of the  
12 master one that we are working on, and we will just  
13 continue working on this one. And then should we  
14 need to split, we could do that at this point.

15 Commissioner McNulty has a 2b she asked  
16 to look at and you guys -- I'll have stuff presented  
17 on that tomorrow, but that's not been incorporated  
18 at this time.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

20 Mr. Stertz.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay. I'm now  
22 confused. We are doing individual commission --

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, that's what I'm  
24 trying to see.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: He's trying to get

1 that out of us.

2 I would say no, I would not want to do  
3 that.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So then do you guys want  
5 to decide on those changes now or is that something  
6 you want to wait and decide on --

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think we should --  
8 we have to put the pieces together and then see --  
9 run the numbers, see what's, you know, wrong, what's  
10 right and see what we can agree on. Because I don't  
11 -- unless somebody has a better method for doing  
12 this, I don't think it's helpful to come up with a  
13 bunch of versions.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I don't have a  
17 problem with coming up with different versions if we  
18 decide to look at them individually and vote on  
19 them. If Commissioner McNulty has some changes that  
20 she is proposing that will fix this void and we look  
21 at it tomorrow -- let's just say we get the draft  
22 tomorrow, Willie presents it to us, we should be  
23 able to vote on it and say, you know what, I approve  
24 it, no, we don't, and take a vote and then go to the  
25 next one. The next one is the same thing. That

1 would be Commissioner Freeman. If Commissioner  
2 Freeman is proposing changes, he has his own  
3 version. If we approve it, then those changes would  
4 go to the main map.

5 I think that would be the way to work it.  
6 I don't see any other way it will work. I think  
7 this would be the best way.

8 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: As I understood  
9 where we were, you had asked us to propose changes  
10 for the interior of the hole. And so I proposed the  
11 competitive district in a way to rebalance the two  
12 majority-minority districts and we were going to put  
13 that on -- put that into the map so that  
14 Commissioner Freeman could take that away and  
15 consider that when he -- which he agreed to do in  
16 building the rest of his proposal around it.

17 So that's -- I thought that was what we  
18 had come to this morning. I would be more than  
19 happy to propose what I laid out earlier right now  
20 and go through it, but I thought we were going to  
21 follow it -- the procedure we had talked about a  
22 little earlier.

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I agree. It's just

1 in terms of filling that -- the donut hole, when I  
2 approached the problem last night, I felt that I  
3 needed to make adjustments outside of it to capture  
4 enough rural population to do that. So that's what  
5 I did.

6 And just for this afternoon's purposes, I  
7 just want to sort of walk through the rationale, the  
8 approach, to sort of recapture that 210,000.

9 Now, as Commissioner McNulty said, she's  
10 got a proposal -- well, she's made an adjustment to  
11 the minority-majority districts, which we now all  
12 have and she's got a proposal for one of the urban  
13 districts, which we all have.

14 So I would like to go back and look at  
15 filling that donut hole. But to do that, what I  
16 might end up doing is doing a similar approach to  
17 keep that CD 4 rural.

18 And, you know, I think Mr. Desmond should  
19 keep a master, sort of the working map, singular,  
20 one map that we are working from, but I think that  
21 -- you know, the problem is every time we make a  
22 change, it affects the rest of the map.

23 So there may be commissioners who come  
24 back at a hearing and have a proposal or have a map.  
25 If I have time, I'll try to do the map. I might

1 not. I might just be giving instruction.

2 So that might be sort of a subversion  
3 that is looked at and either adopted or not adopted  
4 or we go back to it three steps down the road or  
5 something like that.

6 But I think one master map, you should  
7 keep that and that's sort of the agreed-upon map as  
8 it goes forward or backwards.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I've been thinking  
13 about what's transpired today to try to understand  
14 how we got to this process that you presented  
15 yesterday and approved today.

16 I sort of looked at the last -- the  
17 process that we've gone through not only learning  
18 about the state, learning about the districts,  
19 learning about the areas, collecting a tremendous  
20 amount of community input, letters, testimony,  
21 knowledge of the maps, knowledge of map making,  
22 street-level understanding that we've gone through  
23 an incredible learning process to get to a variety  
24 of different maps that have been presented.

25 And that your goal of creating this bagel

1 map was to say -- was not to have us start back at  
2 zero, but to take some of the most tangible things  
3 that we have learned from and start to work  
4 ourselves from what we know and we agree upon to a  
5 sensible and logical conclusion.

6           And the sensible and logical conclusion  
7 I'm seeing -- and please correct me if I'm wrong --  
8 I'm thinking that you're wanting to -- for the  
9 public and the Commission, to be in the sausage  
10 factory together, sort of watching this sausage  
11 being made. And that it might be a messy process  
12 and there's going to be some pluses or minuses as  
13 we're going, but if we're going to take what we've  
14 all learned and put it into actual practice, that's  
15 the only way --

16           And I think there's going to be a series  
17 of maps that are going to go up on the screen that  
18 are going to be just looked at, analyzed, and  
19 summarily disposed of and then some of them  
20 integrated.

21           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's true. I  
22 don't feel like we can get to done unless all five  
23 of us are sitting at the table working with the  
24 mapping consultant to get this to closure.

25           So I -- it is a messy process, but I

1 don't see a good way around it. And if there are  
2 better, more efficient ways of doing it, I'm open to  
3 that. I just -- I don't really see how we ever  
4 actually get to approval of a draft map if we keep  
5 going down different paths. Because if each of us  
6 comes up with a different version for filling the  
7 hole, then we're going to -- I guess we could do a  
8 vote on each of the five or something like that, but  
9 it seems like this is going to be some give and take  
10 throughout this process and I think it has to be  
11 done in person.

12           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And, Madame Chair,  
13 I think -- personally I think it would be very  
14 healthy for us to have that sort of dialog because  
15 it goes back to my discussion last Thursday which  
16 was as we come up with a district that we  
17 particularly like, as you have along this border  
18 line, that there is justification for it, we have  
19 logical reason behind it. We -- it has merit. It  
20 has -- it's met constitutional testing, as we are  
21 understanding it to be. And it's going to make it  
22 easier for us to quickly get to an agreement of how  
23 we want to move forward on these.

24           And I think that all of the state is  
25 going to go -- is going to be touched by this

1 process. And I think that if we just do it openly  
2 and fluidly with the things that we've got --  
3 there's areas that there's passion about. There's  
4 areas that very easy to discuss, like the discussion  
5 that you just had.

6 We'll passionately come to a conclusion.  
7 We'll passionately lay out our debate about what we  
8 feel. And then if there are areas that we cannot  
9 come to a general consensus, then we'll go to a  
10 technical vote.

11 I think that way we can move the ball  
12 down the field or else we're just going to keep  
13 going back and forth over the 50-yard line and we  
14 are not going to be able to get to the end zone.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair, I  
16 think that's a good way to describe it.

17 I had understood that what we were doing  
18 here was following your lead in taking some of the  
19 best aspects of the other maps and that we were  
20 going to complete the donut hole, that that was  
21 going to be our focus.

22 And that -- and the reason that I agreed  
23 to go ahead with that was because of the attributes  
24 that you had collected here, the two  
25 minority-majority districts, which are not the

1 districts that were proposed by the Hispanic  
2 Coalition for Good Government, but which,  
3 nevertheless, at least appear worthy of analysis for  
4 preclearance purposes.

5           The competitive district on the east side  
6 of the state, a truly competitive district, a rural  
7 district on the west side of the state that  
8 addresses the issues that we heard in public comment  
9 that was the basis for the start of the map, a truly  
10 competitive district in Southern Arizona, a  
11 competitive district in urban Phoenix, and then the  
12 rest of Phoenix built out around it with a view  
13 towards reaching consensus on this in the very near  
14 term and moving on to the legislative maps.

15           I would not support -- I don't think we  
16 have time for a process where we go back and forth  
17 across the 50-yard line on all of these lines all  
18 over the state. I think that we're going to -- we  
19 need to finalize a draft map. We need to send it  
20 out for public comment.

21           And I know we're going to get a huge  
22 amount of public comment on the error of our ways,  
23 which I think is what Mr. Freeman had said, and we  
24 will keep working on it.

25           But for the time being, I had understood

1 what you were asking us was, as I said, to follow  
2 your lead on the broad brush of this map to focus on  
3 the white part and to fill that in. That's what I  
4 signed on for and that's what I would like to do.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. That's -- you  
6 summarized that very well, Commissioner McNulty.  
7 That is what I had in mind.

8 The question is how do we move forward on  
9 filling that white area in, whether we can all do  
10 that in public together or not. And that's where  
11 I'm looking for input.

12 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, I've done my  
13 proposal. And I'm willing, just from my own  
14 perspective, to do a couple of things. To let  
15 Mr. Freeman work around it and to bring back his  
16 ideas and whoever else wants to bring back their  
17 ideas on the donut hole and then work them through  
18 here or, you know, I can just walk through what I  
19 proposed right now I guess.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think that would  
21 actually be helpful if you would do that and then  
22 Mr. Freeman will have a good sense of where your  
23 thinking was in creating that and then that will  
24 allow him to work around it, if he can, and see  
25 where the pressure points are.

1 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. All right.  
2 Would you put that up Mr. Desmond?

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I would just note, I  
4 don't think we have any legislative map discussion,  
5 correct? So this is why we're spending so much time  
6 on congressional.

7 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I have notes  
8 everywhere.

9 Should we do the majority-minority  
10 tweaking first?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

12 Did you want to start with District  
13 Number 7 or District Number 3?

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I want to start  
15 with the one in Maricopa County -- well, in Central  
16 Phoenix.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. District 7.

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. For some  
19 reason, I can't keep all of these numbers straight.

20 Okay. So we're going to take in -- we're  
21 going to go to 75th Avenue, which is kind of on the  
22 northwest side. You can see that, the deviation  
23 between the brown and the red lines.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: This is the  
25 majority-minority district?

1           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: This is the  
2 Phoenix -- the South Phoenix minority-majority  
3 district.

4           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So this 75th?

5           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yes.

6           WILLIE DESMOND: That is where --

7           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So we're going to  
8 increase the HVAP a little bit in 1 and decrease it  
9 in another and even out the population.

10           And again, I understand from counsel that  
11 we don't actually have to engage in this exercise  
12 right now because it's a statewide analysis, but I  
13 think it makes sense to do it anyway, at least a  
14 start, so we are as close as we can get for purpose  
15 of doing all of the racially polarized voting  
16 analysis and so forth.

17           MARY O'GRADY: That's a good idea.

18           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So in the donut  
19 map, grid 7, which is the Phoenix grid, has an HVAP  
20 of 56.64 percent and the congressional district has  
21 a benchmark of 57.45 percent.

22           On grid 3 in the donut map, we have an  
23 HVAP of 56.43 percent and a benchmark of  
24 50.23 percent. So what we're doing is bringing  
25 those a little closer together and adjusting for

1 population.

2           So having said that, the boundary is  
3 moved west from 75th Street, which is the  
4 north/south brown line there just parallel to the  
5 red line to 83rd -- not street, 75th Avenue to 83rd  
6 Avenue between Van Buren and Camelback. And those  
7 census tracts are in the low 70s of HVAP.

8           And then we go up to the corner there,  
9 the northwest corner at 91st Avenue and we take that  
10 border up to Northern, which is the red line and we  
11 bring -- we follow it all the way across to 7th  
12 Avenue and then we take 7th down to Indian school  
13 east to Central and south to Thomas.

14           So once we've done that -- actually,  
15 before you do, that just kind of follows along.

16           So now what we've done is we've got a  
17 population imbalance with some in Arizona majority  
18 district by virtue of what we've done here. So to  
19 fix that, we're going to go to Buckeye along I-10  
20 and we're going to move that area, which is actually  
21 fairly high HVAP into 3, which balances out the  
22 population and it increases -- let me see. I typed  
23 out -- it increases the HVAP in 7 to pretty close to  
24 the benchmark and then it decreases the HVAP in 3.  
25 I think it's down to 55.74.

1           And this is -- you know, this is going to  
2 take a lot of analysis and a lot of public comment,  
3 but I think that at least evens those out a little  
4 bit.

5           Then on -- so that's all in that area.

6           And then the other proposal is in the  
7 Tempe area. If we go to South Mountain, Ahwatukee  
8 -- so this area essentially comprises three  
9 legislative districts: 11, 17, and 20, I think  
10 which are fairly competitive legislative districts  
11 now and includes Ahwatukee, which is the brown,  
12 moving east, North Chandler and South Tempe.

13           And the boundaries of that are all, you  
14 know, natural and geographic boundaries. There's  
15 South Mountain kind of on the northwest, there is  
16 the Gila Indian River -- Gila River Indian Community  
17 on the south, there's I-10 Chandler on the east  
18 side. Together these areas comprise the Kyrene  
19 School District and they have, you know, kind of  
20 common economic issues.

21           Then moving a little bit north from there  
22 in the same area, we have Tempe and West Mesa, which  
23 we've talked a lot about. And there they -- one of  
24 the many things they have in common is that they are  
25 along that portion of the light rail, which is, you

1 know, promoting economic development and they share  
2 that in common.

3 Arizona State University and Mesa  
4 Community College are both in that area. Not only  
5 are there students in that area but there are people  
6 just like in the area I live in who work at the  
7 universities and who live in surrounding parts of  
8 town.

9 And as we've also talked about quite a  
10 bit and gotten public comment on, West Mesa is quite  
11 different from East Mesa. It's increasingly a  
12 Latino community. It has more in common with Tempe  
13 than it does with East Mesa.

14 Then moving a little bit north, it  
15 includes South Scottsdale, Tempe proper and Arcadia,  
16 it includes Paradise Valley and the areas just south  
17 of Paradise Valley that are very similar to Paradise  
18 Valley.

19 As I think I said earlier, this Papago  
20 Park is -- actually, that's northwest of there.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So the boundary in  
22 Scottsdale is Chaparral?

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: The boundary in  
24 Scottsdale is Chaparral to the southeast corner of  
25 Paradise Valley and then it dips south just a little

1 bit to take in an area -- what is that area called?  
2 I know it has a name. Don't you have a name for  
3 that?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: It's along Camelback.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: It's like Paradise  
6 Valley.

7 Then it goes back up and it follows the  
8 boundary of Paradise Valley and it takes in a  
9 portion of Camelback east, all of Arcadia, and all  
10 of East Phoenix. Areas again, I think where people  
11 who work at ASU and Mesa Community College live and  
12 commute back and forth to --

13 I think it would create a truly  
14 competitive district. It wouldn't be a leaning  
15 one-way-or-the-other district. We can look at that.  
16 But I think the performance in the legislative  
17 districts that exist there would bear that out and  
18 suggest that that would be the case.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And if you were all  
20 open to this concept of -- and I had said this  
21 yesterday, again, if we can create a competitive  
22 district, at least one in Metro Phoenix, I think  
23 that's desirable and worth exploring.

24 I propose we call that CD 9 because we  
25 were correcting a new district in this go-round.

1 And to me, why not have one that's -- where either  
2 major party has an inherent built-in advantage.

3 So to me, 9 should be that competitive  
4 district. If one were to be able to be created  
5 without -- you know, a detriment to the other goals  
6 that we'll have to consider.

7 So I would propose calling that 9, if  
8 that's what you're saying is the competitive  
9 district in your concept.

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. I can stop  
11 calling it something longer. I'll just call it 9.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: The other thing I was  
13 thinking might be useful for you guys -- I'm trying  
14 to cause as little confusion as possible.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Good.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Everyone who has been  
17 following along is probably used to these numbers  
18 now, but for the second round of hearings, we might  
19 want to switch to letters when we introduce these.  
20 When we finally do have a draft map, use letters  
21 instead of numbers so people that haven't been  
22 watching this closely. Just one thing to consider.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: What about that one?  
24 I know the last Commission, I think did do something  
25 like that where they used letters instead of numbers

1 just so people weren't tied and getting confused  
2 with their current congressional number. But --

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: What happens with  
6 the changes proposed by Commissioner McNulty?

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So are you finished,  
8 Ms. McNulty? So you've talked about 7 and 9.

9 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yeah.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Was there more?

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: No, that's all I  
12 had, and I was hoping we could incorporate these in  
13 a map so that the group could work on filling in the  
14 rest of the donut hole in a way that is  
15 complimentary to.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

18 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: You guys spoke about  
19 the creating at a minimum one competitive district  
20 in that area. And it seems the way this map is  
21 configured, I think that would be the only option, I  
22 think. I could be wrong.

23 So why don't we document those changes,  
24 put them in the map you created and then go again --  
25 adopt those changes that Commissioner McNulty made

1 in your version of the map and then go forward with  
2 the rest of the changes.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We can do that but I  
4 want Mr. Freeman to have the opportunity to see if  
5 he can then work around that -- those lines. So I  
6 think they sort of --

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That was my  
8 understanding of what we were going to do. And I  
9 want to look at this district and the adjustments to  
10 the minority-majority districts, make sure they meet  
11 the constitutional criteria and also see if, you  
12 know, we can build in the other district.

13 I am -- the one thing that concerns me in  
14 terms of filling in the donut hole, there was  
15 reference made to the rural CD 4. And if we're  
16 strictly tying our hands to only limit ourselves to  
17 the donut hole, CD 4 isn't rural, it's got a big  
18 chunk of urban population in there with the rive  
19 district.

20 So that's something I think that we need  
21 to grapple with.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So would it  
23 be possible for Mr. Desmond to, using the changes  
24 that Ms. McNulty just proposed, provide versions of  
25 that to all of us so that then I guess Mr. Freeman

1 can --

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I've got it. He's  
3 loaded it on my machine.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Great.  
5 Wonderful.

6 Do we want to talk about that now, your  
7 changes, or is there more that you need to do first  
8 on your own?

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I would prefer to  
10 take a look at it either tonight or tomorrow. And,  
11 you know, I did walk through the rationale of what I  
12 did last night and basically kind of -- I think we  
13 added this district, if this district is added, that  
14 kind of changes perhaps the analysis. I would  
15 rather take a look at that tonight.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So do each of  
17 the commissioners want to get at least the version  
18 that has Ms. McNulty's changes on their computers in  
19 case they want to do their own analysis, too?

20 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I do.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So can we get that  
22 loaded on to our -- I do as well.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Is it your --

1 you've outlined your idea about having one  
2 competitive district in the Metro Phoenix area and  
3 Commissioner McNulty has created a particular  
4 design, which we are going to review in private; is  
5 that correct? Is that what we're --

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, and in public  
7 tomorrow.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Is there a reason  
9 why we can't talk about what we're going to do with  
10 the rest of the donut hole?

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Not at all.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: All right. Which  
13 may or may not fit into Commissioner McNulty's  
14 scheme, but I would like to -- I would like it start  
15 to outline some of the areas for filling in as well  
16 as outlining some discussion that may or may not  
17 fall into play with Commissioner McNulty's concept  
18 of only looking at the donut hole but also looking  
19 at the discussion points that took place earlier  
20 today regarding the I-10 corridor on the west side  
21 of the Tucson metro district and also the commentary  
22 that we had heard this morning regarding Cochise  
23 County being inclusive in the eastern district.

24 So that's my view that all of that is --  
25 my understanding is that all of that, as we start to

1 move these lines around and we start to aggregate,  
2 this information is all going to be applied.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I don't know if I  
4 would like to agree with that because I just feel  
5 like -- I mean, of course, it's -- we're open to the  
6 ideas and discussion, but I do feel like the way the  
7 donut map was created was starting at 1 and moving  
8 around in a clockwise manner to complete those. So  
9 they are all sort of balanced and tied the way they  
10 were.

11 The -- in 2 -- and I'm not sure where  
12 you're referring to and maybe we'd need to go into  
13 great deal on to exactly on what those lines are and  
14 have Mr. Desmond go through what's what, but there  
15 was some, you know, thought following the census  
16 tracts and I-10 essentially out to the freeway and  
17 then including the community of interest of  
18 Saddlebrooke in that.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

20 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, I didn't think  
23 we were going to make those kinds of changes.  
24 Because if we are, if that is on the table, then I  
25 would like to make my own changes to the border as

1 well. And my changes would be following the  
2 recommendations of the Hispanic groups that have  
3 approached us.

4 And you had mentioned on numerous  
5 occasions that you want to meet preclearance on the  
6 first try.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Correct.

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And the last thing  
9 we want to be doing is alienating the individuals  
10 that may have a gripe with us in front of the  
11 Department of Justice because of Section 5 and some  
12 of the issues that they disagree with us on.

13 So I have big issues with the way we  
14 designed the three border districts. So if we're  
15 going to start doing that, making changes to the  
16 border district as we have approved them, then I  
17 also want to make my own changes.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So, yeah, I  
19 would prefer if we could, to the extent possible,  
20 the extent practicable, we keep that the way it is  
21 for now.

22 And, obviously, this is a draft map and  
23 we're going to get tons of public comment on this  
24 and hear from people, what they like and dislike  
25 about the map.

1           And so I think I would prefer if we focus  
2 on the center of that donut hole area first and then  
3 try to get that done. And then if there's tweaks  
4 elsewhere that makes some sense based on some public  
5 input we've received, we can talk about those, but  
6 for now we can focus on the center.

7           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

9           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think the logical  
10 next step would be for Commissioner Freeman to load  
11 the changes that Commissioner McNulty had proposed  
12 and then make his own changes.

13           For to us start making when we haven't  
14 even -- I haven't seen the map at all. I don't have  
15 a version of that map on my computer. So I can only  
16 visualize what she has spoken of. So I think the  
17 next step would be, again, for Commissioner Freeman  
18 either tonight or tomorrow work on his changes based  
19 on the changes that Commissioner McNulty had  
20 proposed.

21           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I agree with that.  
22 And I think that's the plan. Mr. Freeman is going  
23 to come tomorrow hopefully -- sorry to give you --

24           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, tomorrow might  
25 be another issue for me. But I suppose we'll get to

1 that later with future meetings and agenda items.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So Mr. Desmond, can  
3 you give us copies of at least what we've done so  
4 far on the bagel map so we can each put that on to  
5 our computers?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

7 Just, again, I hate to -- right now the  
8 District 4 as it is, is currently 229,000  
9 underpopulated and that's result of this one change  
10 up in Yavapai County.

11 I just want to make sure that that change  
12 will be reflected in all future maps. Is that  
13 something you guys are all comfortable with?

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I'm comfortable  
15 with that. We can address that later. I'm fine.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Then I will get  
17 this map and Commissioner McNulty -- the changes  
18 Commissioner McNulty asked to look at uploaded onto  
19 your computers.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good. Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So, Madame Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

23 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I understand -- and  
24 honestly, Commissioner Freeman, I would welcome an  
25 open debate about discussing the southern border and

1 Hispanic Coalition deliverables that we have seen on  
2 the southern border. I'm concerned -- I'm concerned  
3 if we're going down the path that we are fixing  
4 these border districts as they are currently  
5 outlined and we're not going to approach those  
6 before we go to draft, that we're only going to fill  
7 in the donut hole, that we have certainly not met  
8 this significant amount of our constitutional  
9 requirements in one and deliberations and  
10 discussion, and I'm assuming that that's not the  
11 chair's intent.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: No, it's not. And I  
13 would think that once the center is filled, that we  
14 would need to go through each of the districts to  
15 talk about the constitutional criteria for each and  
16 ensure that we have met those for the districts as  
17 drawn and adjust as needed.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So if I'm correct  
19 again, that there are multiple ways of getting to a  
20 competitive district in Maricopa County and Greater  
21 Phoenix area.

22 Is there -- right now we're only doing  
23 the review of one commission's submittal.

24 Is that the best approach at this time?

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm not sure I know

1 what you're talking about.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Well, what we're  
3 doing is we're -- Commissioner McNulty has put forth  
4 a recommendation for one competitive district as a  
5 design as designed -- just outlined which is going  
6 to be distributed for review tonight.

7 Commissioner Herrera is recommending that  
8 after we review it and if it is acceptable, that we  
9 vote on it and move forward, that those lines become  
10 fixed and that we work the rest of the map around  
11 it.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, and I would  
13 not -- if that's what Mr. Herrera is suggesting, I'm  
14 not sure, but I would say that it has to be done  
15 holistically. And we need to look at what  
16 Mr. Freeman can do around what Ms. McNulty just  
17 suggested and see if we can make that center fill in  
18 and work and make decisions as we go if it's not  
19 working.

20 So I wouldn't propose locking us in in  
21 any way to -- just based on one district alone. I  
22 don't think we can do that. It's not the way the  
23 map works.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And following up on  
25 that, I don't want to give the appearance that this

1 is an outcome-based approach where we have designed  
2 a competitive district that we are going to vote on  
3 and then to design the rest of map around.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's correct.  
5 It's not an outcome-based approach, but I did  
6 express the goal that -- personal goal that as a  
7 Commission we should try to -- to the extent  
8 practicable and not to the detriment of the other  
9 goals --

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That's target of  
11 our constitutional --

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: -- create at least  
13 one competitive district. I think competitive  
14 districts are very important and that it's not a bad  
15 goal to have.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

18 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: May I remind the  
19 commissioners that it was Commissioner McNulty and  
20 myself who were not in favor of this map.  
21 Commissioner Freeman and Stertz were very happy with  
22 this map and very eager to vote for it and  
23 Commissioner -- Chair Mathis voted along with  
24 Republicans.

25 So this -- nothing is -- this is

1 something that us -- we -- I think it was yesterday  
2 was the first day we have seen this. This map took  
3 me by surprise. I was not aware of this map.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: So we're trying to  
6 do everything we can to complete this uncompleted  
7 map. I chose not -- I chose to go along because I  
8 thought that we could fill in that particular donut  
9 hole with at least one competitive -- for us to get  
10 something we want -- that the Democrats want, which  
11 is competition. And I hope that's still the case.

12 I just wanted to make that clear, that  
13 Commissioner McNulty and I were -- this was not our  
14 map.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would just like  
16 to add that this District 9 that we're calling it  
17 now is based on community. It is a competitive  
18 district but that's because of the way the  
19 communities are. So it's not at all result  
20 oriented. It makes perfect sense whether or not  
21 competitiveness was one of our criteria. It just  
22 makes fundamental sense.

23 It's also the case that there are myriad  
24 ways to do this in Phoenix and we have eliminated  
25 one of them by virtue of the way we have adjusted

1 the majority-minority district.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: This isn't my map  
6 either and I voted with the chair to get us to work  
7 on it because I thought it would be in the best for  
8 the Commission to start working on one map. And it  
9 doesn't have some of the features that my map did.

10 And I think we need to complete the map  
11 using the six constitutional criteria, and I'm going  
12 to look at the districts Commissioner McNulty has  
13 proposed and see if we can fit together this map in  
14 a way that Arizona fits together and meeting the  
15 constitutional criteria and if that district doesn't  
16 cause a substantial -- if it actually meets with the  
17 constitutional criteria, recognize communities of  
18 interest, and doesn't cause a substantial detriment  
19 to the other goals, then the Constitution will  
20 require us to favor that district.

21 So I would like to take a look at it and  
22 I think that should be our next step.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I agree. Any  
24 other comments on this?

25 Do you have anything you need from us?

1           You're going to give us copies of how it  
2 exists so far?

3           WILLIE DESMOND:   Yes.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Okay.

5           WILLIE DESMOND:   And then I guess I would  
6 just say that tomorrow we can play through any  
7 things you want to look at and hopefully reach some  
8 agreement on a few of them and keep moving forward.

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   That would be great.  
10 And -- yeah.

11           Any other comments on congressional.

12           VICE CHAIR HERRERA:   Madame Chair.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Mr. Herrera.

14           VICE CHAIR HERRERA:   My only concern is  
15 that I've been talking about the issue with the  
16 Hispanic Coalition not agreeing with the way this  
17 map was drawn out, and I want to see if our legal  
18 team can work Strategic and also the -- anyone that  
19 needed to work on -- make sure that we are doing  
20 with this particular map isn't going to cause any  
21 type of issue with the Department of Justice. That  
22 worries me and I want to make sure we address this  
23 now.

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Well, it's the  
25 number one thing we have to comply with, so it

1 worries me as well. It's my number one to goal, to  
2 achieve preclearance on the first try.

3 So in crafting these, I certainly was not  
4 trying to do anything that would harm those in any  
5 way and try to preserve those two minority-majority  
6 districts.

7 We followed the Yuma split, which was the  
8 Hispanic Coalition for Good Government proposal.  
9 And so we'll have to see, you know, overall once we  
10 get all of these districts in place, what we need to  
11 do to adjust them to ensure that we are not in a  
12 Section 5 violation territory at all.

13 So -- but I would think that that  
14 analysis would occur after we at least get the full  
15 map to a state where we think the lines are  
16 somewhat, you know, set and we can then ask legal  
17 counsel to give us that analysis.

18 Any other thoughts?

19 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Desmond, for  
20 getting that done for us.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair,  
22 before we go on to the next agenda item, may I ask  
23 how you see tomorrow based on that it's 4:30 today  
24 and we've got -- the starting block is 9 o'clock  
25 tomorrow morning.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. Well, I  
2 wanted to talk about that because we have the  
3 executive director's report. I want to hear what  
4 the issue is with tomorrow's meeting that we might  
5 have.

6 I'm not sure there's any update on the  
7 Attorney General investigation.

8 There will be.

9 I'm just trying to get --

10 JOE KANEFIELD: Sorry, Madame Chair.  
11 This evening or tomorrow?

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Today.

13 JOE KANEFIELD: Just a very short update.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So we will be  
15 having that. We still have some public comment  
16 forms to go through.

17 So let's talk about -- is there anything  
18 on the executive director's report? I don't know,  
19 Mr. Bladine.

20 There you go. Sorry, I didn't see you.

21 RAY BLADINE: I was hiding back there. I  
22 just have a quick couple of things.

23 And you're right. We're fine for  
24 tomorrow for our start time. I think maybe got  
25 the -- notice got posted about 9:11, so we wouldn't

1 be able to start tomorrow until 9:11.

2 Then today we had a real tough problem  
3 with the Internet connection here and I think we got  
4 it posted about 9:25. So Thursday and Friday, both  
5 of those meetings are posted at 9:25.

6 The only other item, which means we would  
7 have to be for Thursday, we would have to be 9:25.  
8 Friday we'll be all right because we're a day ahead  
9 to get the 48-hour notice.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. You're going  
11 to have to start from the beginning because I'm  
12 confused.

13 So tomorrow, Wednesday, is up in Phoenix,  
14 Fiesta Inn?

15 RAY BLADINE: Is in Phoenix, Fiesta Inn  
16 in Tempe. And we show the meeting from 9:00 to  
17 5:00. Actual start time would have to be 9:11.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. And then the  
19 next day?

20 RAY BLADINE: The next day is also in  
21 Phoenix at Tempe. Again, 9:00 to 5:00, and we were  
22 only able to post from here at 9:25. So that's  
23 closer to a 9:30 start.

24 And then if I'm thinking right, Friday  
25 also at Tempe Fiesta Inn. We posted it for 9

1 o'clock, and I think we have more than 48 hours, so  
2 we could start at 9 o'clock on Friday.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

4 RAY BLADINE: And other than that, we are  
5 updating the spreadsheet with the times you've  
6 provided us and what we have. And I think Anna may  
7 have sent that back out to you today to take a look  
8 at. So we'll have that updated by Thursday for sure  
9 so that we can be looking at dates for the following  
10 week.

11 And Kristina is still working on second  
12 round public hearings. And it sounds like some of  
13 them are falling into place. So that seems to be  
14 going pretty well.

15 And other than that, I don't have  
16 anything to report.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So perhaps we  
18 should talk about tomorrow, the agenda items for  
19 future meetings as part of this.

20 It sounds like there might be something,  
21 Mr. Freeman?

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, what I was  
23 going to propose, Madame Chair, is that we cancel  
24 tomorrow. And the reason is for me to -- when you  
25 proposed this yesterday, I worked almost all night

1 to try and come up with some scheme to make it work.  
2 And it's been -- I know other commissioners have  
3 spent long, hard nights working on developing these  
4 maps.

5 And today we've got something else to  
6 consider and, you know, I'm going to get home to  
7 Phoenix by 8 o'clock. My head is going to hit the  
8 pillow and we have another hearing.

9 So I would certainly benefit from a day  
10 to take a step back and look at this map in a way  
11 that -- to finalize it in a realistic way. It would  
12 also give me a chance to look at what Mr. Desmond  
13 prepared on legislative maps as well, which I  
14 haven't had time to look at.

15 I know Commissioner McNulty and I both  
16 developed the dueling maps again, but we want to try  
17 to come together on one map. And I think both of  
18 our maps had some issues in terms of certain  
19 districts being out of round, so to speak, and both  
20 of us have lacked minority-majority district. Those  
21 are issues we both got to tackle.

22 So that's kind of hard to do on the fly,  
23 particularly on the legislative when it's a very  
24 complicated 30-piece puzzle.

25 So that would be my suggestion, that we

1 take tomorrow as sort of a work study day and then  
2 come back on Thursday.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other comments from  
4 other commissioners?

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would agree with  
6 that. I keep promising to pull together all of my  
7 thoughts on the legislative map. And if I had the  
8 day tomorrow to do that, that would be extremely  
9 helpful. If we come in tomorrow, I'm not going to  
10 have much time, again, tonight to do that.

11 What I would like to do is pull together  
12 those thoughts, look at the changes that have been  
13 made based on Mr. Freeman's map, see if we have any  
14 areas in common ground, see where we don't, and then  
15 be in a position to have some discussion about how  
16 we get to some common ground on those maps.

17 And I think we need to do that in fairly  
18 short order. I think the only way I can get myself  
19 ready to do that is to have a good solid block of  
20 quiet time studying and finalizing my thoughts on  
21 those maps and my thoughts on the maps that  
22 Mr. Freeman has proposed. I expect we all might all  
23 benefit.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any thoughts?

25 Commissioner Stertz.

1           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Ditto. This would  
2 be a situation tomorrow that if I don't have enough  
3 adequate time to prepare, it doesn't matter how good  
4 the maps may or may not look or how researched they  
5 may or may not be, I've got to vote against them  
6 because I'm not going to be able to do the research  
7 to say that I can support it.

8           So I need -- we need some downtime for  
9 ourselves -- as a Commission, we need some downtime  
10 to be able to review this stuff.

11           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So we already  
12 have a majority. There's three and Mr. Herrera is  
13 out of the room, but he probably agrees as well that  
14 he would like time to review, but we can ask him  
15 when he comes back.

16           So what would that mean, Mr. Bladine, if  
17 we -- and I guess legal counsel. I don't know how  
18 canceling a meeting works, if we did something like  
19 that and if you have reservations or not.

20           RAY BLADINE: My past experience in  
21 canceling a meeting is you send a notice out and say  
22 that the meeting is canceled and probably would be  
23 good to post at the location of the meeting that the  
24 meeting has been canceled. We would, of course,  
25 send it out to everybody on our list and issue a

1 press release as soon as we can. Maybe the legal  
2 staff has other -- but that's been in the past what  
3 I'm familiar with.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Was there anyone  
5 planning to give a map presentation tomorrow?

6 RAY BLADINE: I believe there was one  
7 person, but I would think we could get it  
8 rescheduled to Thursday. It was an individual. I  
9 don't remember a group presentation for tomorrow.

10 And we can certainly -- we think someone  
11 would understand that in doing the mapping, you have  
12 to have time to do the mapping and would understand  
13 if we put it off until Thursday.

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair,  
15 particularly we will be in Phoenix Thursday also, so  
16 it won't require any travel that wasn't --

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera, while  
18 you were away, we were talking about possibly  
19 canceling tomorrow's meeting.

20 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Commissioner Stertz  
21 told me already, and I'm going to agree with  
22 whatever he says.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Wow, I wish it was  
24 always that easy.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Four border

1 districts?

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: No, six.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So legal counsel, is  
4 that okay? Is there anything from your end that we  
5 needed to be covering tomorrow?

6 JOE KANEFIELD: Madame Chair, we don't  
7 believe there's any legal issue that would prevent  
8 from you canceling the meeting.

9 The only issue that we would perceive,  
10 one that Mr. Bladine has already raised, is that the  
11 noticed meeting -- getting notice to the public that  
12 it's canceled. But I'm sure that Ray will do his  
13 best to get that notice out there. But there's  
14 always a chance that folks will plan to show up at  
15 the meeting.

16 It's not really a legal issue. It's  
17 something -- other than trying to contact everyone,  
18 get it on the list -- or get it posted on the  
19 website and posted at the actual location.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: The other idea I  
21 guess would be to meet for just part of the day, if  
22 we wanted to do that half day or something.

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would rather  
24 work on the draft.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Half day, might as

1 well be a full day. Full day is going to be --  
2 Madame Chair, I guess you're looking at -- you're  
3 looking to the left and right. It's a bunch of very  
4 tired people who have got a lot of work in front of  
5 them to be able to get prepared. We're going to be  
6 much more efficient if we take tomorrow off, get our  
7 act together and then move through this.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair, I  
10 think it's settled. We'll be off tomorrow.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Mr. Desmond.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Just -- if any of the  
13 commissioners have things, I'm not going to call it  
14 a "what-if" they would like to see on the bagel map,  
15 but any scenarios they would like to see that I can  
16 get that to you guys tomorrow so that it will be  
17 fully researched and hopefully added to Thursday,  
18 just feel free to send anything to Mr. Bladine and  
19 just so we can keep the progress going, I guess.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, that would be  
21 good to do.

22 Okay.

23 RAY BLADINE: We'll, go ahead and proceed  
24 to make notifications and plan on posting at the  
25 location tomorrow.

1           And I did forget one thing. I do want to  
2 introduce Karen Rod Herman who just joined our  
3 staff. Karen will be helping us through the public  
4 hearing process as we go into round two and has been  
5 helping us today greet the public and hand out forms  
6 and we're really glad to have her part of our staff.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great. Thanks,  
8 Karen. Welcome. Thanks for helping us.

9           RAY BLADINE: And thank you very much and  
10 I will get to work.

11          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great. Thanks.

12          So our goal on Thursday, then, will be to  
13 talk about both congressional and legislative.

14          Do you think we'll be in a position to do  
15 that, Commissioners? I'm really asking  
16 commissioners more than I am the mapping consultant.

17          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I would think  
18 congressional. We shall see on legislative.

19          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. If we could  
20 strive for trying to move some of that legislative  
21 forward, that would be great, too. But I agree, I  
22 would like to get congressional put to bed, if we  
23 can. So let's try to focus our attention and effort  
24 there while we're on this work study period. And  
25 then whatever time is left over, spend on the

1 legislative and not with your families.

2           Okay. Next item on the agenda is the  
3 Attorney General inquiry, but we'll skip that and go  
4 to public comment so that the public doesn't have to  
5 wait for any executive session that might transpire.

6           So I'll start with where I was before.  
7 And if any of these folks are gone, we'll just move  
8 through them. And to remind the public to please  
9 come up to the microphone and speak directly into  
10 the microphone and spell your name so that our court  
11 reporter gets an accurate accounting.

12           Should I -- do you need a break first, I  
13 should ask you, Michelle. That might be a more  
14 natural breaking point.

15           So we'll take a ten-minute break and the  
16 time is 4:47 p.m. and we'll come back soon.

17           Thank you.

18           (A recess was taken from 4:47 p.m. to  
19 5 p.m.)

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Recess is over. The  
21 time is 5 p.m., and we'll go back to public comment.

22           We'll start with Keith Bagwell,  
23 representing self from Pima County.

24           KEITH BAGWELL: My name is Keith Bagwell.  
25 It's B-a-g-w-e-l-l.

1 I'm here in support of the Hispanic  
2 Coalition for Good Government map. I think that's  
3 -- it complies with Voting Rights Act and with other  
4 state or pictures on this. And I think it's the  
5 best map I've seen so far.

6 I do want -- what I'm here really to do,  
7 because I've submitted comments online, but I saw  
8 this new map that came out yesterday and I have some  
9 strenuous suggestions to this, and I want to just  
10 deal with a couple of them.

11 First of all, the -- I don't like having  
12 three congressional districts on the border. This  
13 does -- I see no reason for this whatsoever except  
14 to water down the Latino vote power because,  
15 obviously, near the border the population of Latinos  
16 is much greater.

17 So if you divide those into three instead  
18 of two, it waters down their voting power, and  
19 that's not, I think, anything we really want to do,  
20 at least not anything I want to see.

21 The other problem I have with this map  
22 is -- one of the other. I have several, but the  
23 only other one I want to address right now is how it  
24 moves the line over for what is labeled on here as  
25 District 3, which is a -- you know, bulk of what is

1 now district CD 7. And it moves the line in Tucson  
2 very far to the west and that takes out a lot of  
3 people who have, you know, communities of interest  
4 together.

5 A lot of people in Tucson, south side and  
6 around the University of Arizona, have interests in  
7 common with the other people in the rest of that  
8 district that they are being separated from.

9 You know, these people have been in the  
10 same district for a long time and we are able to  
11 elect people that represent us and we want to be  
12 able to continue to that.

13 These people -- there's a lot of  
14 communities of interest involved here in terms of  
15 Latino populations and their families and how they  
16 relate to others in the rest of this district.

17 There's also those of us who are white  
18 folks who live near the university around that area,  
19 or downtown area in historic districts that are very  
20 heavily racially mixed.

21 We have been -- you know, we have a lot  
22 more in common with the people on the south side and  
23 the west side than we do with the people on the east  
24 side of Tucson. We don't have anything in common  
25 with them and would not be served to be in their

1 district.

2 Another aspect of this is -- another  
3 community of interest in this area is the union  
4 density. Union membership density is much greater  
5 in the south and west parts of Tucson.

6 If you put a line in the middle of them  
7 and you put some of them over in one district and  
8 some in the other district, again, this is dividing  
9 a community of interest. It's not a good idea.

10 And the last -- the other thing about  
11 this map is it divides the Southern Arizona, Tucson,  
12 Pima County into three pieces instead of two.  
13 Again, that weakens us. And there's a big shift in  
14 this of clout in the CD 7, or 3, as it's labeled  
15 here, to West Maricopa.

16 And we, you know, would like to have our  
17 voice. We don't have enough -- those of us who live  
18 in Tucson, don't feel we have enough voice at the  
19 state legislature and congress or anything and we  
20 would like to have more, not less. So we see this  
21 as reducing our voice.

22 So I have a real problem with this map.  
23 I don't think it's a good map at all. And if you're  
24 going, you know, to have only one map to work with  
25 in the future, I hope it's a different one from this

1 one.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

4 KEITH BAGWELL: Any questions?

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I should have also  
6 said at the beginning of public comment, we're going  
7 to limit comment time period to three minutes each,  
8 and there's -- Buck will be timing it. And that's  
9 what we did earlier, so that's what's fair to what  
10 happened earlier in the day. I just forgot to say  
11 that at the beginning.

12 Our next speaker is Tim Sultan, vice  
13 president of SAB Negotiation Group, representing  
14 self from Pima.

15 TIM SULTAN: Hello. Thank you for giving  
16 me a chance to talk. My name is Tim Sultan,  
17 S-u-l-t-a-n.

18 And I'm just speaking on behalf of myself  
19 I'm not representing any organization or anything.

20 And you've had a long day, so I won't  
21 take much of your time, but I just wanted to thank  
22 you for your work. You guys are really piling into  
23 a lot of detail as volunteers and I appreciate it,  
24 and I know a lot of us do.

25 Just one thing I wanted to mention as a

1 citizen, one thing that's important to me is having  
2 competitive district. I hope you'll consider that  
3 as more important than one of the last  
4 considerations. Because I think that when you step  
5 back and look at the 30,000-foot view, that's really  
6 what we're all about, is trying to make competitive  
7 districts so that every local representative --  
8 every local citizen might have a chance to represent  
9 us.

10 So that's all I just wanted to say.  
11 Please keep it as competitive as possible.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

14 Our next speaker is Steve Arnquist,  
15 representing self from Pima.

16 Carolyn Campbell, representing self from  
17 Tucson.

18 I'm having trouble reading this, but Matt  
19 Skroch, I'm not sure, representing self from Tucson.

20 Okay. Barbara Tellman, representing self  
21 from Pima.

22 BARBARA TELLMAN: I'm Barbara Tellman,  
23 T-e-l-l-m-a-n.

24 When I walked in this morning and picked  
25 up this map, I looked at it and I said, "This can't

1 be serious." And I showed it to various people and  
2 they said, "Oh, no, that's not a serious map. No  
3 one could take that seriously."

4 And then I found that you had adopted it  
5 as your base map without even having any public  
6 comment ahead of time. I was really disappointed in  
7 that. I think this is really a terrible map.

8 The idea that someone could represent  
9 everyone from Douglas up to Jacobs Lake is  
10 absolutely ridiculous.

11 I heard somebody justify the separation  
12 of Santa Cruz County this morning by saying there's  
13 a geographic barrier between Nogales and Sonoita,  
14 Patagonia area. Yeah, there's some little hills.

15 But really does that geographic barrier  
16 matter nearly as much as assuming that the people in  
17 Patagonia have something that doesn't separate them  
18 from Saddlebrooke? This is ridiculous.

19 It's sort of a farce to say that this is  
20 really three districts along the border because you  
21 only have a few thousand people in a very short  
22 mileage in that border connection.

23 It does make sense to say it's a three  
24 border district if you're just talking about, number  
25 one, its borders are Utah, New Mexico, and Mexico

1 and it touches on Colorado and comes very close to  
2 Nevada. I can't imagine anybody trying to represent  
3 this kind of a district. It's absolutely absurd.

4 And if you were to put -- take Cochise  
5 County out of that district, as some of the other  
6 maps did, and move the line in Pima County west, as  
7 some of the Hispanic groups have suggested, you  
8 could easily adjust the population and not divide  
9 Santa Cruz County and have two border districts that  
10 make a lot more sense and have people feel that they  
11 are really being represented.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker is Maddy Urken,  
16 representing self from Sahuarita.

17 MADDY URKEN: Hi. My name is Maddy  
18 Urken, M-a-d-d-y, U-r-k-e-n, and I from Sahuarita.

19 First, I want to thank you again for all  
20 of the hard work that you guys do. It's absolutely  
21 awesome.

22 I would like to comment on the  
23 possibility of having a congressional district that  
24 extends from the northern -- our northern border to  
25 our border with Mexico that I believe Ms. Tellman, I

1 think that was her name, was commenting on that.

2 I mean, logistics aside, I would hate to  
3 run for office in that district. You would never  
4 get out of your car. It's just totally unrealistic.

5 But more important, the concept of  
6 community of interest becomes almost meaningless in  
7 a district like that. I mean, the district includes  
8 Chinle and Sierra Vista. It just does not make  
9 sense. The community of interest criteria is dealt  
10 such a blow in such a district because the specific  
11 interests of the communities on the Mexican border  
12 will be buried if those folks are in a district that  
13 goes way up to the north.

14 I would also like to address the issue of  
15 competitive CDs statewide.

16 I'm certainly aware that competitiveness  
17 may have to yield to other criteria in some  
18 districts, but the goal of creating only a couple of  
19 competitive districts in the whole state, that's  
20 just not acceptable to somebody who wants to see a  
21 representative functional and effective legislature.  
22 You can't have that with just one or two competitive  
23 districts. It boggles the mind.

24 Finally, from this outsider's point of  
25 view, you seem to have had a very productive session

1 this afternoon. I am concerned about the concern  
2 that Commissioner Herrera expressed regarding  
3 yielding to pressure on the part of the chair to  
4 striving and frequent and constant pressure, and I  
5 know that you know that your job is much too  
6 important to yield to anything but good analysis.

7 And I thank you again for all of your  
8 hard work.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10 Our next speaker is Leonard Gorman,  
11 executive director of Navajo Nation Human Right  
12 Commission.

13 LEONARD GORMAN: Good afternoon. My name  
14 is Leonard Gorman, L-e-o-n-a-r-d, G-o-r-m-a-n, and I  
15 represent the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

16 And good afternoon again, members of the  
17 Commission. It's good to see you down here in the  
18 south part of the state.

19 Navajo Nation just simply wants to go  
20 over its particular maps again, Indian 1 and Indian  
21 2, as it was a part of the discussion this morning.

22 Predominantly, the Navajo Nation's  
23 position is to ensure that there is a robust Native  
24 American population in the district in which the  
25 Navajo Nation is located. That is the primary

1 objective.

2           Competitiveness is not necessarily a part  
3 of the Navajo Nation's objectives in both the  
4 legislative and also the congressional districts,  
5 while we realize that those are some of the aspects  
6 of redistricting.

7           For the J map, as we refer to Indian 1,  
8 we see that we had a 21.54 percent Native American  
9 voting-age population.

10           For Indian 2, we had the opportunity to  
11 look at incorporating the Gila River Indian  
12 Community, which brought us to a 20.83 percent  
13 Native American voting-age population.

14           And we had the opportunity to present  
15 these maps at the last meeting last week in which  
16 there was -- no opposition has been expressed by  
17 leaders of the indigenous nations in the state of  
18 Arizona. So nobody is opposed to these two  
19 proposals.

20           Subsequently, we had the opportunity to  
21 review the map that has been forwarded as 8a as in  
22 contrast to the 7a map in which we also see that  
23 there is a comparable Native American voting-age  
24 population of 20.72 percent. And that's more  
25 comparable to the Indian 2 proposal that the Navajo

1 Nation submitted and certainly there is a lot of  
2 support from the Navajo Nation for both Indian 1 and  
3 Indian 2.

4           So there is a preference in seeing that.  
5 And when you look at the new map that has been drawn  
6 as a donut map, I think there's an opportunity to  
7 look at the possibilities of incorporating the Gila  
8 River Indian Community in the current map, which has  
9 an VAP population of 19.65.

10           So -- and we realize that there's also --  
11 a lot of concern is being expressed by the folks  
12 down here in the southeast corner of the state of  
13 Arizona. As we expressed many times, Navajo Nation  
14 supports the ideas of communities of interest and  
15 certainly if those concerns are being expressed, the  
16 Navajo Nations supports those concerns, too.

17           And finally we also wish to express  
18 concerns about legislative district. Briefly,  
19 there's a map that has been circulated labeled as  
20 version 6b. The Navajo Nation would have a very  
21 hard time supporting that type of map simply because  
22 it reduces the VAP numbers for the Navajo American  
23 voting-age population from the previous threshold to  
24 a 52.65 percent.

25           Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you very much.  
2 Our next speaker is Melanie Nelson,  
3 representing self from Pima.

4 Okay. Our next speaker is Eduardo Delci,  
5 representing self from Nogales.

6 Thank you very much Madame Chair. My  
7 name is Eduardo Delci. Eduardo, E-d-u-a-r-d-o,  
8 Delci, D-e-l-c-i.

9 I'm a fourth generation Arizonan, USA  
10 citizen by birth, and a retired higher education  
11 counselor.

12 Please find the following information,  
13 which I gave to your staff to provide to each one of  
14 commissioners, in the statement that I am about to  
15 read.

16 Santa Cruz County Arizona borderland  
17 region. I would like to stress that Santa Cruz  
18 County should be placed in one complete community of  
19 interest tied to the southern and southwestern area  
20 of Pima County to include the entire southwestern  
21 borderland boundaries along the border with Mexico.

22 This area would maintain the Native  
23 American, Tohono O'odham, Pascua Yaqui and Cocopah  
24 Nations and the Hispanic communities as contiguous  
25 communities and communities of interest within the

1 communities of Santa Cruz River Basin and the  
2 southern borderland region.

3 It also embraces the integrity of the  
4 minority communities' vote, supported by the  
5 Department of Justice. This would adhere to mandate  
6 the Voting Rights Act of the Nation.

7 Santa Cruz County also maintains  
8 contiguous communities along the Santa Cruz River  
9 Basin, which includes populations with a rural to  
10 semi-urban basis of southern and southwestern Pima  
11 County. Splitting this geographic region would be  
12 -- would do extensive harm to the environment --  
13 environmental region impacted by Santa Rita,  
14 Patagonia, Tumacacori and Huachuca Mountain Ranges,  
15 which also feeds into the Santa Cruz River Basin  
16 communities of Rio Rico, Tumacacori, Carmen, Tubac,  
17 Sonoita, Elgin, San Rafael, Patagonia, Patagonia  
18 Lake, Kino Springs, Buena Vista, Guevavi, Calabasas,  
19 Amado, Arivaca, Canoa and Sahuarita. The social,  
20 linguistic, cultural, economic, education and  
21 environmental values are closely tied to the lives  
22 of the citizens and the residents of these same  
23 communities. In addition, I-19 also lends to the  
24 cohesion of the geographic region along the economic  
25 base of the borderland region.

1           Santa Cruz County ties to South and  
2 Southwestern Pima County, would also adhere to the  
3 competitive districts concept, approved by the  
4 Arizona voters, upon the establishment of the AIRC  
5 of 2000. This concept is key to the development of  
6 Arizona's voting districts for the next decade.  
7 This concept would also be reflected with the  
8 current CD 7 and LD 25 delineations, provided that  
9 Santa Cruz County is not divided or split, but  
10 maintained as one whole political entity, separate  
11 from the gerrymandering currently attached with  
12 Cochise County. Maintaining the competitive  
13 district concept provides for greater voter value  
14 when Santa Cruz County is counted as a borderland  
15 region contiguous with Pima and Southern Yuma  
16 Counties along the Arizona/Mexico borderland region.  
17 This would also include the Pima County communities  
18 of Sells, Sasabe, and Ajo. And in South Yuma  
19 County, the communities of San Luis, Somerton,  
20 Gadsden, and South Yuma.

21           Cochise County would also appear to be  
22 more contiguous with Graham and Greenlee counties --  
23 I'm sorry, Graham and Greenlee Counties plus the  
24 other borderland regions. They are also rural and  
25 agricultural communities with similar linguistic and

1 cultural ties, sharing similar geographic mountain  
2 ranges that compliment their development.

3           Upon reviewing the preliminary maps, I  
4 would concur with the Hispanic Coalition for Good  
5 Government's definition of the redistricting maps  
6 submitted for review.

7           I appreciate this opportunity to speak  
8 before the Commission and would also like to take  
9 this opportunity to condemn the efforts of our  
10 Arizona Attorney General and his tea-bagger  
11 extremists in trying to intimidate the Commission  
12 and the valuable work that you are doing for the  
13 state of Arizona.

14           Thank you very much.

15           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you very much.

16           Our next speaker is Angelica Alvarez.

17 Angelica.

18           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

19           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

20           VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think that  
21 particular -- actually, she's here. I'm so sorry.

22           ANGELICA ALVAREZ: Okay. So first off, I  
23 would like to thank you guys for giving us the  
24 opportunity to make public comment about this.

25           My name is Angelica Alvarez. I was born

1 in Tucson at the University of Medical Center. I  
2 was raised in Somerton, and I recently moved back to  
3 Tucson to attend the University of Arizona.

4 Somerton and Tucson -- well, mostly the  
5 University of Arizona and the west and south side of  
6 Tucson are my communities of interest because these  
7 are the places where I was raised and where I'm  
8 currently growing up. And so these are the parts  
9 where me and students from the neighboring towns of  
10 Yuma, which is Gadsden, San Luis, and Somerton are  
11 all coming to get education.

12 It's very different for all of us because  
13 now we have a new community to adjust to, but I have  
14 friends, family, and my school.

15 My mother visits often from Somerton and  
16 we have family and friends throughout Tucson, mostly  
17 in the west and south side. This is my community:  
18 Somerton, U of A, the west and south side of Tucson.  
19 So I would like you to please consider keeping  
20 Somerton, Arizona, and the University of Arizona in  
21 the same congressional district.

22 This is not just my experience. Many  
23 have come before me and many will continue to come.  
24 I'm glad I'm not alone. I actually have a whole  
25 bunch of students and friends and people that I know

1 of who come from Somerton, Gadsden, and San Luis and  
2 Yuma who share the same beliefs, but unfortunately  
3 were not able to make it.

4 So thank you for your consideration.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
8 Jim March, second vice chair, Pima Libertarian  
9 Party.

10 JIM MARCH: Thank you very much.

11 Well, as the Libertarian in the room, I  
12 guess it falls to me to say things that sometimes  
13 make people uncomfortable, and so I'll say these  
14 four words. Russell Pearce is corrupt.

15 Russell Pearce is not a very nice guy.  
16 He's not a guy that can be politically trusted. And  
17 there are people in this room, among them the FAIR  
18 Trust guys, Mr. Mills, who are here at his request,  
19 here to steer this Commission in a direction he  
20 wants and towards his agenda. And what I urge you  
21 to do is be very, very skeptical of that agenda.

22 Mr. Stertz, I'll make a quick remark to  
23 you.

24 You're publically perceived anyway as  
25 being Russell Pearce's personal nominee to the

1 Commission. And I feel for you because I was  
2 exactly where you're at now about nine years ago.

3 I was an activist in California fighting  
4 a situation where sheriffs were selling gun permits  
5 for campaign contributions. Sheriff's had personal  
6 discretion over who got to carry a gun and they were  
7 using that privilege of theirs to squeeze money out  
8 of people.

9 And I was going up and down the state  
10 talking about this. I had a website gathering data  
11 on this. And I was told by the NRA to back off on  
12 the Republican sheriffs. In turn, that was at the  
13 request of the Republican state legislature. I was  
14 being asked to quiet my efforts or go along with  
15 what I perceived to be -- I still perceive to be --  
16 corruption for political gain.

17 And I think someone has put you in that  
18 same situation. And you need to think about whether  
19 that's a good idea for the state in general and  
20 whether that's a good idea for you personally and  
21 for your credibility and the credibility of the  
22 entire Commission.

23 I think there's some very dark agendas  
24 going on in this room. I've said that before. Now  
25 I'll say exactly where it's coming from: Russell

1 Pearce and people around him.

2           And what I urge you to do is not cut a  
3 deal that makes Pearce and his political allies  
4 happy at the request of everyone else in Arizona.  
5 Because if you do, you will be doing this state a  
6 great disservice. You'll be doing the credibility  
7 of this Commission a great disservice.

8           My personal belief is sometime between  
9 two and five or six years ago -- year from now,  
10 somewhere in there, I think Russell Pearce will  
11 probably get convicted of some, probably petty  
12 corruption, but probably less corruption than he's  
13 actually involved in and he'll be discredited.

14           And if it's seen later that this  
15 Commission put in a completely pro-Pearce agenda, or  
16 even mostly pro-Pearce agenda later, then the  
17 actions of this Commission will be discredited along  
18 with him.

19           And you know, that sounds like a really  
20 radical statement, but look at how many governors,  
21 just to name one office in Arizona have been  
22 convicted of crimes either during their leaving  
23 office or after they leave office. The numbers are  
24 really bad.

25           So I ask that you really think about who

1 is pressuring you and their credibility and your  
2 credibility, and I ask that you look at those  
3 pressures with a very skeptical eye.

4 And I know it's not very political to say  
5 it. Most people come up here and say what they  
6 want. I'm telling you what I don't want, a Russell  
7 Pearce-dominated process. And unfortunately, the  
8 events I've seen today seem to point towards that  
9 happening and makes me nervous. Real nervous.

10 I've only been -- I'll say this -- I've  
11 only been in the state since 2006, so I'm not going  
12 to push a particular map on you. Okay? I don't  
13 have the contacts or the knowledge of how this state  
14 works to do so. But I know what not to do, and I  
15 urge you not to do it.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
18 Lynne St. Angelo, but I don't see her.

19 Oh, I'm sorry, you were behind the  
20 podium -- representing self.

21 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: Commissioners, thank  
22 you.

23 St. Angelo, S-t, period, A-n-g-e-l-o, and  
24 I'm going to speak about the map -- the new map and  
25 my little part of the world, which is Saddlebrooke,

1 Oro Valley, and Marana as a community of interest.

2           And I think maybe some of the  
3 commissioners misunderstood what that little  
4 community really is like because South Tucson and  
5 Nogales and Patagonia is not exactly part of what we  
6 would consider our community of interest.

7           Instead, Casa Grande is much more similar  
8 to our community. In fact, I was going to come here  
9 and actually say that I -- a second look, I kind of  
10 liked the river district map 7a, and then I  
11 understand there was one this morning but there's no  
12 map handed out for that river district 7 -- 8a that  
13 then also gave Scottsdale what they had asked for,  
14 which was their community all held together.

15           And that map is actually much better, in  
16 my opinion, for Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley, and Marana  
17 because we are right at the border of Pinal County.  
18 And all of our growth is north along Tangerine. At  
19 the Tangerine is a growth corridor, a business  
20 corridor, where Oro Valley and Marana have joined  
21 together as business partners to make that a really  
22 industrious part of the very northeast side of Pima  
23 County.

24           And it actually -- Marana is a little  
25 tiny bit, I believe already over into Pinal County,

1 and all of the growth is north into Pinal County,  
2 both for Oro Valley, Saddlebrooke, and Marana.

3 Plus, there is a corridor, a  
4 transportation corridor going down I-10 just north  
5 going toward Picacho Peak that is going to be -- I  
6 believe, ground is breaking this fall where there's  
7 going to be another transportation hub, which will  
8 also then develop right along there right into  
9 Marana and right into that edge of Oro Valley.

10 So that is what I see from the map today.  
11 I think the other maps actually represented my  
12 little community of interest much better.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker is Alice Roe,  
16 representing self from Tucson.

17 Our next speaker is Virginia Pesqueira,  
18 representing self from Nogales.

19 Good afternoon. My name is Virginia  
20 Pesqueira, that's V-i-r-g-i-n-i-a,  
21 P-e-s-q-u-e-i-t-a.

22 I am from Nogales, Arizona, although I  
23 was born and raised here in Tucson. Go Wildcats.

24 My comments are similar to those voiced  
25 earlier today regarding the reconfiguration of some

1 of the maps, the earlier maps, I believe.

2 Two southern border districts will  
3 suffice. More than that will reduce the  
4 compactness/contiguous features and especially  
5 communities of interest, which constitute  
6 underrepresented populations.

7 Another item is that Santa Cruz County  
8 should have or should be in only one legislative  
9 district and only one congressional district. It's  
10 a tiny county and we should not be split up.

11 So please consider the changes and secure  
12 a better future for Arizona and it's various  
13 culturally diverse communities.

14 Thank you very much for the work that you  
15 have done, that you are doing, and that you are  
16 charged with and equally goes to the staff members  
17 of this whole entity.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is James Kelley, LD 29,  
21 chairman Pima GOP.

22 JAMES KELLEY: James Kelley, K-e-l-l-e-y.

23 Again, thank you very much for letting me  
24 address the Commission again.

25 First off, I want to commend every single

1 one of you. The work that you did today was  
2 outstanding. You are moving forward. You are  
3 getting down and drilling down to what needs to  
4 happen. I'm just so proud of every single one of  
5 you. And I swear, I am going to write a letter to  
6 the governor and we are going to get every single  
7 one of you a medal. Something, you know. Of  
8 course, the minute you wear it, you may get rocks  
9 thrown at you later on. I want to thank you for the  
10 work that you have done.

11 One of the good things about this  
12 baseline draft proposition is that you are now  
13 moving from the impracticalities that were not  
14 working to something that is practical and is and  
15 will work for you.

16 One of the concepts of competitiveness  
17 that I think everybody has -- not just the  
18 commissioners, but I think the general public is  
19 starting to understand about competitiveness, in  
20 order to maintain the two minority-majority  
21 districts and they not be packed either above where  
22 they are at today or below where they are at. In  
23 other words, we can't pack them and we can't crack  
24 them. We've got to have those two minority-majority  
25 districts, that that is what affects your ability to

1 create competitive districts more than anything  
2 else.

3 I think people are finally coming to the  
4 realization that the populations on the east side of  
5 the state of Arizona are the -- in terms of the  
6 square mileage of that District Number 1 is still  
7 less than the entire state of Wyoming or the entire  
8 state of Montana or the entire state of Alaska and  
9 they only have one representative that somehow  
10 manages to represent that huge square mileage.

11 So the acceptance of that district and  
12 that there's going to be one representative for that  
13 rural district with the rural community of interest  
14 that do extend from the border, the northern border  
15 all the way to the southern border, I think that  
16 acceptance is finally starting to sink in not just  
17 amongst the general public but also amongst the  
18 commissioners themselves.

19 Ideology is not going to solve these  
20 problems. Mathematics is going to solve your  
21 problems. And you have now gotten down to the  
22 actual practicality of the mathematics of our  
23 population, both our first nations' population, our  
24 Hispanic voter-age population, and the manner in  
25 which our population clusters and unclusters in the

1 various parts of our state.

2 We are unique, but we are getting there,  
3 and this map, this base-draft-map concept is going  
4 to move us forward.

5 And I am so very, very proud of the  
6 statesmanship that every single one of you have  
7 exhibited in drilling down, working on getting that  
8 donut hole filled and protecting the two  
9 minority-majority districts, giving representation  
10 to that rural -- large rural area on the eastern  
11 side of Arizona and understanding the need for three  
12 congressional districts on the border and  
13 representation that it will give for us in  
14 Washington and what this will do for Yuma and  
15 hopefully our transportation future in Yuma, Casa  
16 Grande, from the border of Mexico to the Canadian  
17 border, these are all important concepts that are  
18 going to play into the future of Arizona for the  
19 next ten years.

20 Thank you for thinking of Arizona. Thank  
21 you for thinking of the whole state and not just  
22 your own selfish little interest groups.

23 Thank you very much.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

25 Our next speaker is Pete Bengtson,

1 representing self.

2           PETER BENGTON: Good afternoon. My name  
3 is Peter Bengton. That's B-e-n-g-t-o-n. I live  
4 here in the Catalina Foothills, Pima County, and I'm  
5 just speaking for myself.

6           I'm glad that you're concentrating on one  
7 map now rather than the variety of maps.  
8 Unfortunately, I don't like it very much, but that's  
9 what we're here to do, is to work on this whole map  
10 and improve it so that everybody can be satisfied  
11 with it.

12           I wanted to read you one thing. You've  
13 heard this before, but the Proposition 106 starts  
14 out with the purpose -- I'll skip the first part.  
15 But the whole purpose of 106 is relating to ending  
16 the practice of gerrymandering, improve voter and  
17 candidate participation in elections by creating an  
18 independent commission of balanced appointments to  
19 oversee mapping of fair and competitive  
20 congressional and legislative districts.

21           I would also like to mention that people  
22 have got the -- I know the commissioners don't have  
23 that, but the general public has the idea that  
24 competitive districts are, you know, at the bottom  
25 of the list and so that's the last one you need to

1 think about.

2 But I was at one of your meetings up in  
3 Phoenix when Mary O'Grady gave an analysis of the a  
4 legal situation with the past Commission, and I  
5 believe there was Supreme Court decision that said  
6 that those last four goals are equal; the compact  
7 and contiguous, the following state county lines,  
8 and communities of interest have some words like as  
9 far as practicable and communities -- competitive  
10 district is the last one. It says not -- so it  
11 doesn't adversely affect the others.

12 But apparently, the Supreme Court said  
13 they were all equal in value, and I'm a firm  
14 believer in competitive districts. So I urge you to  
15 really work on that.

16 You're putting together one map but we  
17 need to see which of these districts are competitive  
18 districts in addition to equal population, how  
19 competitive.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

22 Our next speaker is Geri Ottoboni,  
23 representing Rancho Vistoso HOA.

24 GERI OTTOBONI: I'm not quite that tall.

25 It's Geri Ottoboni, O-t-t-o-b-o-n-i, and

1 I just want to make one comment about the  
2 Proposition 106.

3 I believe it says along as it didn't have  
4 a detriment against the competitive district -- as  
5 long as it didn't have a detriment against the other  
6 four sections, which includes communities of  
7 interest, even though it's listed at the top.

8 But anyway, my concern is communities of  
9 interest, and the major growth is towards Pinal  
10 County. Oro Valley, Marana, and Saddlebrooke should  
11 be with Casa Grande.

12 Marana is on the border, Arogrande, which  
13 is their building -- and there is going to be a lot  
14 of construction done up in that area -- and also up  
15 on the Pinal County border. Also that train  
16 switching station will be near Picacho Peak, which  
17 will be creating growth and jobs.

18 So we really have no commonality with  
19 Nogales whatsoever.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

22 Our next speaker is Mariana Spier,  
23 representing self from Tucson.

24 MARIANA SPIER: Good afternoon. My name  
25 is Mariana Spier, S-p-i-e-r, and I do represent

1 myself. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm a  
2 little nervous. It's my first time.

3 And thank you for your service.

4 Somebody mentioned earlier that  
5 competition is a way of life in the U.S. I'm an  
6 American citizen by choice, and I don't want to even  
7 start trying to explain what it means to live in a  
8 communist country where your voice cannot be heard.

9 It's very important for me and my voice  
10 to be heard and everybody else's voice to be heard.

11 Following the same train of thought, I  
12 think it's important that our congress people's  
13 voice to be heard in Washington.

14 And I look on this map, the breakfast  
15 map, and I'm looking at District 1, the way it is  
16 here. I see two major issues that face Arizona.  
17 One is the border issue and the other one is the  
18 nations, that I understand that just reinforce their  
19 desire to be together and they want their voice to  
20 be heard.

21 And I worry that one person representing  
22 District 1 may not be able to fight for these two  
23 different -- completely different issues.

24 Also I realize that two major military  
25 bases in Southern Arizona look to me to be in two

1 different districts, 1 and 2.

2           Also I would like that one person from  
3 Arizona to be able to be the voice, a strong voice  
4 for military personnel, veterans, and all of the  
5 economic issues related to these operations.

6           Thank you very much.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

8           Our next speaker is Senator Frank  
9 Antenori, representing self from Pima.

10          FRANK ANTENORI: Thank you, Madame Chair.

11          For the record, Frank Antenori. Last  
12 name is spelled A-n-t-e-n-o-r-i.

13          In the spirit of full disclosure, I am a  
14 state senator from District 30, and I am exploring a  
15 bid for congress. So all that of is in the open.  
16 So everybody knows why I'm here, and I am here for  
17 self.

18          You guys are looking a lot of issues. I  
19 know the numbers kind of get in the way of trying to  
20 concrete the competitiveness and fairness.

21          I have changed my position on  
22 competitiveness by looking at recent migration,  
23 immigration into certain areas of the state. I  
24 think that's a good idea. I think competitive  
25 districts are fine because they change every two to

1 three years anyways because of the economy.

2           So I don't know how you're going to  
3 predict competitiveness for ten years. I think  
4 that's a challenge that's virtually impossible, but  
5 you should strive for it. I think it's something to  
6 look forward to.

7           What I would like to give you is a  
8 perspective I've had as being someone who has run  
9 for office and held office for over four years.

10           There are a lot of issues in Southern  
11 Arizona that both bring Southern Arizona together  
12 and divide Southern Arizona. Probably one of the  
13 biggest ones is water.

14           In the last couple of years at the  
15 legislature, this has been a big issue because you  
16 have the Colorado River as a major water issue, you  
17 have the San Pedro River Basin, and you have the  
18 Santa Cruz River Basin and then you have something  
19 that runs right through the middle of them called  
20 the Central Arizona Project that mucks up all of  
21 them and creates hassles with regard to water  
22 allocation and a hundred-year shared supply that  
23 affects growth and building and the industry and the  
24 economy in the southern part of the state.

25           I would recommend that you look seriously

1 at having as many people as possible both at the  
2 state level and at the federal level representing  
3 those interests because water wars in the next few  
4 years, particularly with regards to our neighbor in  
5 California, are going to be a big issue as we  
6 renegotiate the Colorado River allocation, it's  
7 going to be a big deal to have strong representation  
8 in Washington to defend this state against  
9 California trying to take our water.

10 We also have issues with the border,  
11 obviously, the big issue in Arizona. We technically  
12 have three border sectors, even though there's only  
13 two in the state. You have the Tucson sector, the  
14 Yuma sector and basically what I call the Tohono  
15 O'odham sector which is unique part of the border  
16 where the reservation covers both the Arizona side  
17 and the Mexican side of the border that is a unique  
18 entity. They need special representation, and most  
19 likely having as many people represent them as  
20 possible would help.

21 We have hubs that I call -- you have  
22 education hubs, mainly U of A, ASU, NAU, you have  
23 economic hubs from industry and defense clusters  
24 where you have Boeing up in the Mesa, you have  
25 Raytheon down here, you have GD out in the Sierra

1 Vista area and you have military clusters, you have  
2 the Davis-Monthan/Yuma cluster -- or excuse me, the  
3 Davis-Monthan/Fort Huachuca cluster, you have the  
4 Goldwater/Yuma cluster, you have the Luke cluster.

5           When you deal with base realignment and  
6 closure and you've got billions of dollars that pour  
7 into the state in these industries, you better have  
8 at least three congressmen representing those and as  
9 many people as you can fighting for them to keep  
10 those bases open. And putting them all into one  
11 congressional district weakens that and will hurt  
12 the economy. They need to be broadly and strongly  
13 represented.

14           You have -- in addition to defense, you  
15 have tourism. The tourism industry in Southern  
16 Arizona is different than that in Northern Arizona.

17           You have trade corridors. One speaker  
18 spoke about inland ports in the Picacho Peak effort  
19 that's going to go in. All of these have to be  
20 considered. And having as much representation in  
21 Washington and Phoenix representing the interests is  
22 better. That works. By consolidating them all into  
23 one district, you weaken, in my opinion, the  
24 strength of representing these vital interests in  
25 the state.

1           And last, as a politician, I spend -- and  
2 this is not an exaggeration -- 800 bucks a month on  
3 fuel traveling my district. I put 36,000 miles on  
4 my truck just this year traveling what is District  
5 30, which is the ninth largest district in the  
6 state, which is basically the southeast corner of  
7 Arizona.

8           When I looked at this map, with that huge  
9 district, I said, man, that is a nightmare. And the  
10 folks down here in Sierra Vista, I can tell you are  
11 not going to be represented well by the guy that  
12 gets elected that lives in Flagstaff at all. He  
13 would never see Sierra Vista.

14           It is a nightmare for me driving District  
15 30 trying to be in three places at once in one day.  
16 And I would suggest using a star-type system to  
17 grade the districts on a scale from 1 to 10 in  
18 drivability where if you start in a corner, drive  
19 up, drive back and forth and how long it would take  
20 and how many miles it would be to drive that  
21 district, and that would be what I consider a  
22 compact and contiguous district because there are no  
23 major highways on the east side.

24           In order to get up here, you have to  
25 drive through five other -- maybe six congressional

1 districts to get to the other end of your  
2 congressional district. It just make little sense.

3 I think that, you know, as someone that  
4 tries to be, like, in eight places at the same time,  
5 you're going to make life very difficult for  
6 somebody to adequately represent the interests of  
7 that very large and diverse district.

8 And I would say that the folks down in  
9 Cochise County with a lot of cattle ranchers and  
10 agriculture and the port in Douglas don't have a lot  
11 in common with the folks up at the north end of the  
12 state and their interests.

13 So looking at the economic factors,  
14 future growth -- I mean, I've seen this here in  
15 Southern Arizona, you have large growth in Marana,  
16 Oro Valley, Sahuarita, Vail, and Corona de Tucson,  
17 you have the declining population in Central Tucson.  
18 So trying to calculate population growth has just  
19 got to the monumental task.

20 But what I would just leave you with is  
21 if you would consider -- you know, if you want to be  
22 represented aggressively by somebody, try to make it  
23 manageable for them to travel their district and  
24 meet with their constituents when you draw these  
25 maps.

1           The first guy that talked, I'm with you a  
2 hundred percent. He was dead on, and I think he  
3 made some great points, so I ditto that.

4           So thanks.

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6           Our next speaker is Herminia Cubillos,  
7 representing self from Tucson.

8           HERMINIA CUBILLOS: My name is Herminia  
9 Cubillos, and I guess I need to spell my last name.  
10 C-u-b-i-l-l-o-s.

11           I think Mr. Ed Delci said really  
12 everything that I wanted to say about the  
13 redistricting part.

14           I am originally from California and I was  
15 all impressed with what Arizona was able to do in  
16 terms of its Latino population. It isn't until  
17 recently that California now has a strong  
18 representation of Latinos in their legislature and  
19 in their congressional offices.

20           I am a supporter of the Hispanic  
21 Coalition Good Government districting map. I think  
22 that that is necessary to keep the kind of political  
23 and cultural ties that this state has.

24           The one thing that did scare me a little  
25 bit was that I do live by the University of Arizona

1 and have lived there for over 20 years. And to  
2 think that my district will go to the east side is  
3 like heresy. It's totally different community.

4 We function within the center of town.  
5 We function in the west side of town. We function  
6 in the south side of town. It's diverse of  
7 opinions, of professions, of families, and we must  
8 keep that community intact because it's been that  
9 way for the past 20 years.

10 Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is Alonzo Morado,  
13 representing self from Tucson.

14 ALONZO MORADO: Good afternoon. My name  
15 is Alonzo Morado. It's A-l-o-n-z-o, Morado is  
16 M-o-r-a-d-o, and what I want to say is that Arizona  
17 is almost 38 percent minority and, you know this  
18 Commission is -- we're been talking about two  
19 minority districts and stuff. We should be fighting  
20 for four, but I'm here to support the Hispanic  
21 Coalition map that they presented to you because it  
22 guarantees us at least those two. And what you are  
23 trying to do guarantees us zero as far as the maps  
24 that I see.

25 Having three congressional districts on

1 the border doesn't make sense because it just  
2 divides a population into too many pieces and stuff.

3 I get real scared when I hear Republicans  
4 talk about the Voting Rights Act and compactness  
5 and/or cracking and stuff because that's exactly  
6 what they want to do. They want to compact us or  
7 they want to crack us up and stuff like that. So I  
8 don't believe anything that they say in regards to  
9 those issues.

10 The thing is, that what we have given you  
11 as a map for those two congressional districts meets  
12 Section 5 and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and  
13 stuff and that's what you need to be looking at.

14 It's important for you to understand that  
15 in this state where we're 40 percent of the  
16 population, Native American, African-American,  
17 Asians, Latinos, you know, we should be looking at  
18 four congressional districts. We are asking you for  
19 two. And I will be embarrassed if we don't get  
20 three from you guys.

21 So it's important that we keep our  
22 borders with the two congressional districts. We  
23 need to think beyond the leaders that we do have  
24 right now and to see how can we elect the next  
25 generation of leaders also. That's what you have

1 before you and stuff.

2           So it's very important for you guys to  
3 look at these maps carefully and not break them up  
4 and crack them up as much as you're looking at  
5 cracking them up.

6           Thank you.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

8           On you next speaker is Michaelaella  
9 Millican -- if I'm mispronouncing, forgive me --  
10 representing self from Pima County.

11           MICHAELLA MILLICAN: You did great. It's  
12 Michaelaella Millican. Last name M-i-l-l-i-c-a-n.

13           So I'm here today to talk a little bit  
14 about how I support the Hispanic Coalition  
15 submission for their maps, and I have a couple of  
16 things to say about that.

17           I think some of the things that everyone  
18 has been saying really boil down to what the  
19 priority should be when we are drawing these  
20 districts. And I feel like the population and the  
21 communities that have deep rich history, that should  
22 be the priority. That the Voting Rights Act is  
23 something that we need to hold dear, and we  
24 absolutely as a community, as a state cannot go  
25 backwards on that sort of thing. We can't

1 disenfranchise voters. And that's exactly what the  
2 map that was submitted yesterday would do.

3 I really feel like it would, based on --  
4 there is going to be a large population, a majority  
5 of the HVAP voters that would move upwards towards  
6 Maricopa County instead of down here in Pima County.  
7 I really feel like that's not the representation  
8 that they deserve.

9 I lived in Northern Arizona -- well,  
10 northern for here -- in Maricopa County for most of  
11 my life and then I made the excellent change to come  
12 down here to Southern Arizona. And I'm going to be  
13 honest with you, it's a different world. It is.  
14 It's a really-community rich, wonderful place to  
15 live. I've had a great experience. And I feel like  
16 dividing that or changing that and disenfranchising  
17 these communities is not going to serve Arizona well  
18 in the future.

19 For the future of my children and my  
20 family, I want them to know the history and to have  
21 the same interests in the place that they live and  
22 love to live in.

23 So I just really support the Hispanic  
24 Coalition. And I know it's a place to start, but I  
25 feel like it's an important place to start with our

1 priority, right? Let's start with the Voting Rights  
2 Act. Let's get it legal. Let's have it pass the  
3 Department of Justice test and then let's make the  
4 tweaks we need, but let's not start with the map  
5 that was submitted yesterday because -- I mean, if  
6 we're going to start there, we need to change quite  
7 a bit to make sure that it's really not going to  
8 disenfranchise communities.

9 I know I'm going to get cut off, but the  
10 three districts on the border, I haven't heard a  
11 compelling reason why you would do that because it's  
12 going to cause the same problem, it's going to  
13 dilute the vote for the largely Hispanic communities  
14 that live along those borders. Having two gives  
15 them a stronger voice, they can be heard. You know,  
16 and I really feel like dividing that up isn't going  
17 to serve those communities well and it's not fair.

18 So thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Our next speaking is Maya Castillo, from  
21 Tucson.

22 MAYA CASTILLO: Maya Castillo, last  
23 Castillo, C-a-s-t-i-l-l-o.

24 I live in a family house. It's over a  
25 hundred years old. My family has more than a

1 centuries' worth of ties to downtown Tucson, to the  
2 west side, to the south side, all of way to the  
3 Mexico border.

4           When I saw the donut map that was  
5 released yesterday, I was honestly horrified that my  
6 neighborhood could be removed from its current  
7 district and grouped in with, for example, the  
8 Catalina Foothills area. There's nothing wrong with  
9 that. Nothing wrong with the Catalina Foothills  
10 area, but my family, my neighbors have very little  
11 in common with that area of town.

12           I think that the donut map will separate  
13 my community, will do great harm to the voters who  
14 want a congressional representative that represent  
15 us and my interests.

16           I support the Hispanic Coalition -- the  
17 Hispanic Coalition map. I support the creation of  
18 competitive districts, and I really truly support  
19 maintaining our communities of interest, and I  
20 strongly urge you to do the same.

21           Thank you.

22           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23           On you next speaker is Brian Flagg from  
24 Pima.

25           BRIAN FLAGG: It's Brian, B-r-i-a-n,

1 Flagg, F-l-a-g-g.

2 I live in the city of South Tucson. I've  
3 lived there for 27 years and it's a one-square mile  
4 city just south of downtown. Like we have our own  
5 firefighters, our own cops, our own mayor and  
6 council. It's about 5,000 people and it's really,  
7 really poor.

8 The average family income in the last  
9 census figures, the average family income was 14,900  
10 a year. So we are really poor.

11 I live and work at the soup kitchen and  
12 business is booming, I'm sorry to report. So it's  
13 really poor there.

14 I really like living there, but you know  
15 what, my understanding is the map you've been  
16 dealing with for the last few days has the city of  
17 South Tucson hooked up with places like Vail and the  
18 Catalina Foothills and places like that.

19 Well, those places have absolutely  
20 nothing to do with our existence in South Tucson.  
21 So I see that as a real problem.

22 So I would hope that you would, like,  
23 look real long and hard at the Hispanic Coalition  
24 map, and I would hope that you would create as many  
25 competitive districts as you possibly can. And I

1 really hope you do this because my understanding is  
2 if you don't do stuff like that, you end up in court  
3 and then I have to come back to things like this and  
4 we've got a lot of work to do. I mean, you probably  
5 do, too. So I would hope it can be done right the  
6 first time.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

9 Am I allowed to address an aspect of that  
10 or no? Because I just do want to make the point  
11 that actually South Tucson -- it might help that --  
12 I don't know how easy it is for you to pull up that  
13 dividing line just so people can see it, but South  
14 Tucson is in the other district. It's not in with  
15 the East Tucson or Catalina Foothills.

16 BRIAN FLAGG: District 7 works really  
17 good for us as it is now.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
19 Katya Peterson, representing self from Pima.

20 KATYA PETERSON: Good afternoon. And I  
21 would just like to thank all of you for having this  
22 hearing here in Tucson. Feels very important to be  
23 here.

24 I was born here, raised here in Tucson  
25 and I went to the University of Arizona. We

1 currently live in a University of Arizona  
2 neighborhood, and that's just a little small detail,  
3 I understand. This is a pretty personal response to  
4 this new map.

5 My mother started our family business in  
6 downtown Tucson 80 years ago. Today, as a business  
7 owner and as a concerned citizen, my family feels  
8 still extremely connected to downtown, to the  
9 University of Arizona, and to the communities around  
10 the border and beyond.

11 I believe personally that we are best  
12 served by the map supported by the Hispanic  
13 Coalition for Good Government that continues to  
14 respect our district so that it continues to include  
15 the University of Arizona, those communities, and  
16 downtown and this is what I believe. And I  
17 appreciate being given the time to say that.

18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Steven Valencia,  
21 Chair, Jobs with Justice Coalition, from the Tucson  
22 Chapter.

23 STEVEN VALENCIA: Valencia,  
24 V-a-l-e-n-c-i-a, first name is Steven.

25 I just wanted to make a few points. And

1 the first one I would like to make is that I really  
2 like the work of the Hispanic Coalition for Good  
3 Government and the map that they have presented. I  
4 think it does everything that the Voting Rights Act  
5 demands us to do in respect to Sections 5 and 2 and  
6 the spirit of the law itself.

7 I think that in many respects, you know,  
8 they -- you know, I'm from East Los Angeles and  
9 there was a master planner by the name of  
10 Constantino Doxiadis, and he was a master planner  
11 and he developed concepts of human settlements.

12 Well, right here in Tucson, you know, the  
13 downtown area and the university areas are very  
14 distinct communities of interest, have been so, and  
15 that's the way the whole city has been developed.

16 And so I'm here to say that one other  
17 thing that happened in my hometown in East Los  
18 Angeles is that a community was separated and  
19 segregated and discriminated against because of  
20 physical boundaries in the way of freeways. It  
21 tic-tac-toed the area where I lived and it actually  
22 segregated huge families of the community.

23 So I would like to see -- I was -- I  
24 just -- you know, I'm up here and I'm kind of  
25 shaking because I just saw the map that has been

1 proposed by this Commission. It's terrible. It's  
2 something that we couldn't -- I couldn't live with.  
3 There is no way I could live with that.

4 And so in the way of, you know, fair  
5 representation and in the way of equality and in the  
6 political arena, I would say that we have to go back  
7 at least to the baseline of that map that was  
8 proposed by the Hispanic Coalition for Good  
9 Government because we're going way off, way off  
10 course here. So I just wanted to throw in, because  
11 we're going to be faced for ten years with these  
12 same boundaries, and I think they are simply  
13 terrible.

14 So let's get to work and do something a  
15 little bit different and get away from the political  
16 parts of it and get to what they said about the  
17 mathematical questions about voting.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Augustine Romero,  
21 representing Hispanic Coalition for Better  
22 Government.

23 AUGUSTINE ROMERO: Hello, my name is  
24 Augustine Romero, R-o-m-e-r-o.

25 Thank you. As somebody made mention

1 earlier, thank you for holding this session down in  
2 Tucson, Arizona. It's important that you do that  
3 and shows good faith that you're doing that.

4 I'm a native Tucsonan. I grew up just on  
5 the other side of this park, which is known as Valle  
6 Central. I spent of all my time there in terms of  
7 growing up my first 20 some years before I got  
8 married and left the house.

9 And as people have spoken already, that  
10 area connected to the downtown area, connected to  
11 the University of Arizona area really is a very  
12 homey kind of place.

13 When you think about home -- sometimes  
14 people when they think about home they think about a  
15 house with grass and a picket fence. Well, I think  
16 about my neighborhood where there's no sidewalks,  
17 even today, and my great-grandmother's neighborhood  
18 over in -- behind Cajillo Street where there's still  
19 no sidewalks there either, and then in some areas  
20 where -- University of Arizona where they are just  
21 building sidewalks in now.

22 I mean, it's sort of connected. What I  
23 mean by that is it's personal. People have come  
24 here and talked to you today about things that are  
25 personal to them.

1           This idea of politics is very personal.  
2 This idea of who is going to represent us in the  
3 future is very personal because it comes down to our  
4 families. It comes down to my children. It comes  
5 down to the children of people in this place.

6           And what I'm hoping for is that as you  
7 consider whatever it is you're going to consider in  
8 terms of the maps you're going to consider, please  
9 do one thing. Rise above the politics. Rise above  
10 the politics.

11           In my belief, in this great country of  
12 ours, we are about inclusiveness, we're about  
13 equality, and we're about justice and promoting more  
14 of that not relation of that.

15           How do we get there? How do we promote  
16 that? How do we ensure that the experiences our  
17 children and their children -- they experience a  
18 better America, a more just, a more inclusive, a  
19 more equal America?

20           Rise above the politics. And in that, my  
21 friend earlier, Alonzo Morado made mention that as  
22 you know, per the Department of Justice, all you do  
23 -- all you're required to do is preserve the two  
24 majority-minority districts.

25           But as Alonzo made mention earlier, do

1 more than that. Take Arizona to a better place.  
2 Make it truly more equal. Make it truly more just.  
3 Make it truly more inclusive and get us a third  
4 minority-majority. And the best case scenario, as  
5 he made mention, get us four. Okay?

6 Thank you for your time. I know you have  
7 a tough task in front of you, but as I said earlier,  
8 please rise above the politics, ensure greater  
9 inclusiveness, greater justice, and allow us to  
10 preserve our homes and our communities of interest,  
11 and most importantly, help us create a better place  
12 for our children and their children.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker is Matt Skroch --  
16 forgive me if I'm mispronouncing -- self from  
17 Tucson.

18 MATT SKROCH: Madame Chair, members of  
19 the Commission, my name is Matt Skroch.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'm sorry.

21 MATT SKROCH: That's okay everybody does  
22 it. I'm used to it.

23 S-k-r-o-c-h.

24 And I appreciate the opportunity to be  
25 before you here.

1           I wanted to start off with a comment,  
2 it's a comment that I've made a lot of times over  
3 the years living in Tucson here. I tell visitors  
4 from out of town and family that Tucson is the  
5 smallest big town that I know. And a lot of people  
6 echo that sentiment here in the central part of  
7 Tucson.

8           It feels like a small town and it is  
9 amazing for those people who live in the central  
10 part of Tucson how many times you run into people  
11 you know all over the place.

12           And when I say -- and we've got about a  
13 million people here in Eastern Pima County, and  
14 obviously that's not very small.

15           So when I refer to the smallest big town  
16 that I know, I'm really referring to a geographic  
17 region that's connected in so many ways that I'm not  
18 going to be able to cover, from the U of A community  
19 through downtown to the west side. In so many ways  
20 that core community is connected and bound. And it  
21 actually goes beyond. It transcends cultural bonds.  
22 It really is a feeling of belonging within the city.

23           We have a bicycle community, a very  
24 strong bicycle community here in Tucson that lives  
25 and works within that region, the U of A, downtown,

1 west side community, the historic neighborhoods  
2 within this region are intertwined and connected in  
3 myriad ways with such a rich history.

4           And we have a lot of people that live and  
5 work and commute within this area. We kind of refer  
6 to the rest of Tucson -- not in a negative way, but  
7 it's a different place. And I would like to see  
8 that core community that's more recently even been  
9 more strongly connected with the new integration of  
10 the modern street car. I would like to see that  
11 community retained in the same congressional  
12 district because I feel like it is, for the most  
13 part, a place that has one voice, one soul, one  
14 city.

15           The other comment I wanted to make  
16 relates to Cochise County. And I look at that  
17 District 1 -- and I've worked and traveled through  
18 the existing District 1 today and talked with a lot  
19 of people there, and I shake my head when I think  
20 about the difficulty of representing a district that  
21 large.

22           I believe it's the largest congressional  
23 district in the contiguous 48, aside from the one  
24 state representatives -- or from the one  
25 representative states.

1           And I'll just finish up really quick.  
2   And adding even more land to District 1, essentially  
3   half of the state, when you got nine district total,  
4   doesn't make a lot of sense to me. From the Grand  
5   Canyon, tribal interests, the rim, all the way to  
6   the border is just way too much for one district,  
7   and I hope you'll consider that.

8           Thanks for the opportunity to speak with  
9   you.

10           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

11           Our next speaker is Carolyn Campbell,  
12   representing self from Tucson.

13           CAROLYN CAMPBELL: Thank you.

14           My name is Carolyn Campbell, and I want  
15   to thank you for all of the work that you have been  
16   doing most of the day. But I will say that I  
17   haven't been involved in this process or following  
18   this process except really through the newspaper and  
19   having gone through trying to look at the maps, I  
20   can't really comment specifically and honestly. The  
21   maps are kind of confusing looking at them on the  
22   website. It's hard to make heads or tails of them.

23           But listening today, I believe that a map  
24   sounds like that reflects what I would like to talk  
25   to, the Hispanic Coalition for Good Government map.

1           But I saw a map I believe in the  
2 newspaper a few weeks ago that really hit a core  
3 with me and motivated me to come down here and speak  
4 to you, and it's about a community of interest.  
5 I've actually heard had a few people this evening  
6 talk about not so much this morning, but -- and  
7 that's a community of -- a culture and historic part  
8 of Tucson that I'm a member of, and I believe it was  
9 a very, very cohesive group.

10           I have listened to many people that are  
11 in natives of Tucson. I've been in Arizona for 30  
12 years. My community of interest until adulthood was  
13 naval bases, which was a cohesive community of  
14 interest or a series of naval bases.

15           And since I've been in Tucson, I have  
16 lived in the historic neighborhood of Feldman,  
17 northwest of the University of Arizona. And I think  
18 the cohesiveness binds us together as a community,  
19 as a desire to protect the urban core, the older,  
20 founding neighborhoods.

21           And in particular, I wanted to talk about  
22 a subset of that which is the historic neighborhood  
23 surrounding the University of Arizona and then kind  
24 of working out from there.

25           I had served for a time on the University

1 of Arizona and City of Tucson campus community  
2 relations committee, which was all of the  
3 neighborhoods around the university, all of them  
4 being historic neighborhoods.

5 And as we worked through some of the  
6 issues with the university in particular, there were  
7 issues of parties and trash and noise and those  
8 kinds of things, but by and large, the issues that  
9 we were always addressing and that we always worked  
10 together on was preserving the historic and cultural  
11 integrity of our neighborhoods.

12 And I think that's a big point that keeps  
13 us together around the university and working west.  
14 Let's see, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven  
15 neighborhoods surrounding the university in that  
16 process and then working downtown with Armory Park  
17 and Presidio neighborhood, west towards Menlo Park  
18 and Barrio Hollywood and then moving south from  
19 there.

20 I've worked on issues with the city of  
21 Tucson, Pima County with the legislature, the  
22 federal government and just preserving the integrity  
23 of our urban character, our cultural and historic  
24 roots is something that I feel very deeply about and  
25 I think I share that with my neighbors here in

1 Tucson.

2 I really hope that you can keep us all  
3 together in the district that we're in currently.  
4 It's been working very well.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7 Our next speaker, and actually final  
8 speaker, is Barbara Mendoza, representing self from  
9 Santa Cruz.

10 Not final.

11 BARBARA MENDOZA: My name is Barbara  
12 Mendoza, M-e-n-d-o-z-a. I'm from Nogales,  
13 representing myself and in support of the Hispanic  
14 Coalition maps.

15 I think as we talk about this  
16 redistricting and we talk about the common interests  
17 the different areas have, Nogales has so many ties  
18 to Tucson that I hope that it's not forgotten within  
19 this redistricting chore that you have to do.

20 When we start from the border, we have  
21 the port of entry and Interstate 19, which is  
22 certainly important both to tourism and commerce  
23 both in Nogales and in Tucson.

24 The Santa Cruz River is an important and  
25 crucial water source for both cities. We understand

1 the uniqueness of this water supply and how  
2 essential the continued flow and environmental  
3 protection of this supply is.

4 Health systems in Nogales and Tucson are  
5 connected. The quality of our life in Tucson is  
6 extremely dependent on that continuation of that  
7 connection. And it's so important that we be able  
8 to keep the tie with Tucson.

9 Public education remains to be the choice  
10 and is really the only available in our area.

11 The University of Arizona has a silent  
12 campus in Nogales. We are thankful for that  
13 connection and support for our students and the  
14 quality of life down in our community.

15 We're more than just a border. We're  
16 people living and striving for a better way of life.  
17 We're small but our connection with Tucson gives us  
18 hopes and dreams for our children that we don't  
19 always have in Santa Cruz County. And we have so  
20 much connection with that very tie, through both  
21 family ties, cultural, and traditional.

22 And I hope that you don't forget this as  
23 you design your congressional districts because  
24 Santa Cruz County and its residents have a lot to  
25 offer and they, too, want a voice in our government

1 and continued quality of life that resembles similar  
2 to yours.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Desmond, can you  
5 pan out so at that Nogales is shown, too? Santa  
6 Cruz County in general.

7 Just curious.

8 Okay. The next speaker is Sheldon  
9 Gutman, representing self.

10 You'll have to tell us where you're from,  
11 too.

12 SHELDON GUTMAN: Thank you. I'm from  
13 Tucson.

14 I would just like to try to respond  
15 briefly to some personal attacks made on a few  
16 elected officials, one from a Libertarian against  
17 Russell Pearce who is running for reelection now.

18 And I thought that a Libertarian would  
19 have some deference to Mr. Pearce, a long-time state  
20 legislator, in business for most -- business  
21 interests, expansion and getting business started  
22 up.

23 And I'm really concerned about -- this  
24 personal attack. And Libertarians are presumably  
25 pro-life, religious freedom. I'm sure Mr. Pearce is

1 like that.

2 I also would like to refer to kind of the  
3 personal attack against Attorney General Tom Horne.  
4 He's simply looking at the state law, if there's a  
5 significant bias on the part of any member of the  
6 Commission. He's using his authority the legal way.

7 And talking about Marana, it's great to  
8 see them -- Marana expand business ventures. A  
9 railroad junction, of course. I'm a little leery of  
10 Marana in the sense that it was a tentative plan at  
11 one time or another to build a spring training  
12 baseball stadium there, according to Tom Tracy.  
13 That was a few years ago.

14 The mayor of Marana recently said, well,  
15 we'll get -- we're thinking of a plan to build a  
16 facility on Tangerine Road.

17 Anyway, it will be a big legal fight if  
18 they try to take further -- the effort to take  
19 spring training from urban Tucson.

20 I see a member of the board of supervisor  
21 is here and has jurisdiction over the county  
22 baseball stadium and we hope he's he keeps in mind  
23 how to get spring training back, like when the  
24 Diamondbacks were there.

25 And I have a -- just like to congratulate

1 Carolyn Campbell said how to restore districts on  
2 occasion when necessary. I appreciate her comment  
3 in that regard.

4 Thank you very much for your time and  
5 attention.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. That's  
7 my last request to speak form.

8 Is there another one?

9 BENJAMIN BROOKHART: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

11 BENJAMIN BROOKHART: My name is Benjamin  
12 Brookhart, spelled B-r-o-o-k-h-a-r-t, and I live in  
13 Tucson outside of the city limits in the Picture  
14 Rocks community.

15 First, I would like to address, Madame  
16 Chairman and Commission, and say that I appreciate  
17 the difficult task that you all are taking on to  
18 view the balance of representation that affects all  
19 citizens of the state of Arizona. It's not just any  
20 one individual community, it's affecting us all as  
21 citizens of this state.

22 And I also want to point out as a  
23 citizen, I believe one of the most important issues  
24 in mapping out Arizona's representation is the area  
25 of like interests, communities of interest, area of

1 community like interests, that they remain intact  
2 because there's nothing worse than being  
3 disenfranchised when you split those up when dealing  
4 with your mapping.

5 And then the last thing I want to point  
6 out and the most important is the three districts  
7 along the southern border makes the most sense, and  
8 it does for two specific reasons.

9 One, you have three voices along the  
10 border, not two. That increases our representation  
11 in the U.S. congress as well as to represent the  
12 entire state.

13 And two, it gives more direct  
14 representation upon the part of those who live in  
15 those specific areas.

16 So as long as we maintain control of  
17 representation of community like interest in those  
18 areas and we measure that out based on population, I  
19 think that would be in our best interest both for  
20 those locally, statewide, and nationally.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23 And if you'll fill out a request to speak  
24 form, Mr. Bladine has one.

25 BENJAMIN BROOKHART: Yeah, I did.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, I'm not seeing  
2 it.

3 Thank you very much.

4 I think that was the last speaker.

5 I don't want to assume.

6 Okay. Seeing no one else coming forward,  
7 thank you very much, everyone, for your comments.  
8 This was almost like a public hearing, I have to say  
9 from our first round. We had a lot of input today  
10 and we appreciate you all taking the time to tell us  
11 your thoughts.

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Herrera.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think it's pretty  
15 evident from today and in going forward that we'll  
16 hear a lot of public comments about a particular map  
17 that are pretty negative. And I will say a poorly  
18 crafted map and one that I don't particularly like,  
19 I stated my reasons.

20 I mean, we even have Republicans,  
21 Democrats, finding something against this map. And  
22 you're going to hear more of that. And I'm sad  
23 about that.

24 I mean, we had a map in the river  
25 district that was even supported by Lynne St.

1 Angelo, for crying out loud, and she's by no means a  
2 liberal. We had other people, Republicans, that  
3 supported this map and we ended up compromising, I'm  
4 going to use that word in quotes, on a map that  
5 really doesn't -- it came out of nowhere.

6 And I'm going to urge the people that  
7 opposed this map, which are plenty, to talk about  
8 it, how the Hispanic population is disenfranchised  
9 by this map and other people are disenfranchise this  
10 map. And I would encourage people to encourage  
11 people to come to these hearings, we got one on  
12 Thursday, and talk about why you don't like a  
13 particular map and what changes need to be made  
14 because we need -- me -- I'm including myself, I  
15 thought we did a pretty good job on putting together  
16 a map that obviously didn't work. So I'm  
17 encouraging people that are out here to gather some  
18 support against this map and talk about why you  
19 don't like it.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

21 Other comments from other commissioners?

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I've just got a  
25 small one.

1           As we move forward as we are going  
2 through this map -- and I'm not going to question  
3 your intentions about why you voted for it, but you  
4 did vote for it -- this map moving forward. And  
5 let's not lose sight of that.

6           As we move forward as we have lively  
7 discussions on trying to make the best possible map  
8 for all six and a half million people in the state  
9 and all of the interested parties that we have here.

10           So if there are things that we disagree  
11 with, let's state them and vote that way. And if  
12 there are things we agree with it, let's state it  
13 and vote that way.

14           But to try to recreate that statement --  
15 I'm hoping that that's not what you're trying to do.  
16 I recognize that we've heard some testimony today,  
17 but I also don't want to lose sight of the fact that  
18 if you didn't like it, you should have voted against  
19 it.

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I would also just  
21 like to say the map did not come out of nowhere. It  
22 came out of -- it was a combination map of the two  
23 tracts that we were going down and so by no means  
24 did it come out of nowhere. So I would have to  
25 respectfully disagree with Mr. Herrera on that

1 comment.

2 Is there any other comment?

3 Okay. Hearing none, we will move on to  
4 the next agenda item, which is 7, report legal  
5 advice and direction to counsel regarding Attorney  
6 General inquiry, and I do understand there is an  
7 update.

8 JOE KANEFIELD: Yes, Madame Chair.

9 Briefly, I just wanted to update the  
10 Commission on the action today taken by the counsel  
11 for the Commission.

12 A lawsuit was filed in Maricopa County  
13 Superior Court against the Attorney General. It's a  
14 declaratory judgment action and special action. It  
15 alleges two counts and it relate to the Attorney  
16 General's investigation and his civil action against  
17 the three named commissioners to compel them -- each  
18 of them to testify.

19 In this complaint filed by the  
20 Commission, the -- there is two counts. The first  
21 is one that alleges that the general powers of the  
22 Attorney General to investigate and enforce  
23 violations of the open meeting law do not apply to  
24 meetings and members of the Commission.

25 The investigation of the Commission by

1 the Attorney General is therefore in excess of his  
2 authority and in violation of the constitutional  
3 independence of the Commission.

4 The second count relates to legislative  
5 privilege. In this count, we allege that the  
6 investigation seeks the production of documents and  
7 seeks to compel testimony from commissioners about  
8 their district mapping work and deliberations, which  
9 intrudes on legislative privilege enjoyed by the  
10 Commission and its members.

11 Consequently, we are asking the  
12 investigation be declared unlawful and in excess of  
13 the Attorney General's authority.

14 We will also shortly move to consolidate  
15 this matter with the pending matter before Judge  
16 Fink, as brought by Attorney General Horne, because  
17 we believe the issues are common and they should all  
18 be resolved before his investigation goes further.

19 You're updated. If you have any  
20 questions, I would be happy to answer them.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

22 Any questions for legal counsel?

23 Okay. Thank you very much.

24 And that brings us to the end of the  
25 agenda, which is adjournment, item 9, and so at

1 6:27 p.m., this meeting is adjourned.

2 Thank you.

3 (The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.)

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