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2 ends of the county 6.

3 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: There's also, Doug, a small  
4 community, small community reservation right south of  
5 Payson, the Tonto Apache. It's a tiny, tiny reservation  
6 geographically.

7 So but we're talking reservations, there is a Tonto  
8 Apache right -- right adjacent to Payson. So got to add one  
9 more -- one more reservation; although, I think the  
10 population is relatively small.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: For clarification on our  
12 suggestions, what did we end up suggesting for Graham and  
13 Cochise? Or Greenlee County?

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: So at this point, I believe the  
15 goal is to take the nonreservation portions -- portion of  
16 Graham and Greenlee out of 6.

17 I don't know we have direction in terms of trying  
18 to put it with 19 or with 16.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would like to put it with 19;  
20 and then you're going to be playing with 16 a bunch, anyway.

21 MR. KINGERY: So putting both those counties into  
22 19, that's 48,000 people that we could then look to over  
23 here and play around with Flagstaff.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's a nice big project for us  
25 to take on, try to sort out those -- those places; and we'll



1 certainly happy do that and we'll come back to you.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And nobody discussed reaching  
3 in at all to Mohave and the western part -- western part of  
4 the state. I'm just curious if my colleagues in District  
5 30, as it's carved out right now, I'm presuming it's an  
6 extremely biased district on the R side; and maybe, I mean,  
7 that's a huge community of interest, and it's something we  
8 ought to be thinking about in terms of keeping communities  
9 of interest together, although weighing the fact that some  
10 of them may be extremely biased with -- with registration.

11 And I'm not saying I'm opposed to that. I mean,  
12 you know, when we're balancing communities of interest and  
13 in a state like ours, where, you know, the population is so  
14 bifurcated, you know, that -- that may be necessary and  
15 appropriate; but I'm just bringing it up.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Based on the numbers that I'm  
17 looking at, you're -- you're correct. District 30 would be  
18 the most biased and District -- at least the numbers I'm  
19 looking at -- 29 -- oh, I'm sorry -- 5 would be the next  
20 one.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And again --

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Those two.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- I want to say I'm not  
24 opposed in and of itself when it's respecting communities of  
25 interest. What I think we do need to study, though, within

1           that District 30 is if there are specific communities that  
2           will be disenfranchised because of that; and if those  
3           communities rise to a population level, that that  
4           significant enough group is not going to be represented.  
5           And that is something, you know, I know it's complicated,  
6           but we need to look into.

7                    COMMISSIONER YORK: So as far as the community of  
8           interest as far as district, you have the Yuma air base and  
9           the Luke air base, you could basically -- that goes along  
10          the boundary of 30 and 23, could create another district  
11          along there that would be like-mindedness as far as those  
12          two communities.

13                   For me, I think I would still make the argument  
14          that 23 goes too far north into Maricopa.

15                   MR. D. JOHNSON: And I think that's part of  
16          instructions we have which is to look at instead of 23 going  
17          up into Maricopa, look at bringing it east in to Pima County  
18          and perhaps the Tohono O'odham Nation. So that -- that  
19          would address the Yuma into Maricopa piece of that.

20                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Just out of curiosity, 'cause  
21          we're -- we're focusing right now on one district that's  
22          very unbalanced, are there any other districts here that are  
23          extremely unbalanced on the left?

24                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: There are some. Looking  
25          at -- at least from the numbers I'm looking at, and I may be

1 wrong in what I'm looking at, so please correct me; but I  
2 see District 24.

3 There's -- there's three or four on -- on the left  
4 and three or four on the right basically is what I'm seeing  
5 where we're in the 30 to 40 percent range of that.

6 And so District 8 is unbalanced on the left; then  
7 District 10 on the right -- well, correct me if I'm wrong --  
8 District 14 and 15 on the right; District 24 on the left;  
9 District 29 and 30 on the right. Those are the most  
10 unbalanced.

11 There are others that are in the 60 percent. I was  
12 sort of hitting 70/30s, I think are really imbalanced.

13 MR. KINGERY: And if you currently look at the  
14 target deviation percentage column to left of that, because  
15 this is a such a work in progress, 29 is 13 percentage  
16 points under.

17 So, you know, a target of trying to get within 2  
18 percent total -- one over, one under -- that's going to  
19 shift.

20 And then you have 22, which is 26 percentage  
21 points; people need to come out of there.

22 14 is 32 percent under.

23 So those are the three main districts that still  
24 need to be balanced population-wise; and then the ripple  
25 effect from that balance.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: And adding to that, earlier we  
2 were talking about that District 29, 22, and then as  
3 Commissioner Lerner was mentioning 8 and 24 to mostly  
4 Democrat seats, that's the whole South Phoenix area that I  
5 presume the Commission is going to have the same goals that  
6 we discussed at the congressional level.

7 So 8 and 24 and 22 are going to be fairly radically  
8 redrawn.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, 11 also, right? I  
10 mean...

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: On the south part?

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you. Yes, 11. Yes, on  
14 the south part of that.

15 That whole circle of districts that are unbalanced  
16 now will be redrawn for community of interest first then  
17 probably still be fairly unbalanced; but we can take a look  
18 the and see if you can fine tune without losing those  
19 community of interest goals.

20 But at this point, trying to look at taking 8 and  
21 24 that are over and blend them into on the Republican  
22 seats, wouldn't get us very far because we are going to  
23 redraw those seats.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, as a Commission, we  
25 shouldn't be surprised that with 9 congressional districts

1 and 30 legislative, that it's going to be three times as  
2 hard to get the legislative right.

3 And we should do the best we can today to move it  
4 forward, but it's just going to -- it's going to take a  
5 bunch of work and a bunch of iterations going forward.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes, but also the  
7 philosophical discussion and debate amongst the  
8 Commissioners about how to balance those gross discrepancies  
9 with registration with protecting communities of interest,  
10 is a valuable conversation 'cause it's going to be something  
11 that we're going to come back to for weeks, you know.

12 It's this balancing of, you know, as discrepant as  
13 the numbers become, more and more minority communities --  
14 and I don't mean minority ethnically, I just mean minority  
15 as in outvoted, they are going to be disenfranchised; and  
16 it's just a huge balancing act.

17 And -- and, again, I don't presume they're going to  
18 be disenfranchised, maybe they're comfortable because  
19 they're living in those communities and they have huge  
20 commonalities, you know, with their neighbors; but it's  
21 something we're going to have to continue, you know, to --  
22 to kind of struggle with.

23 And -- and it's something we're going -- you know,  
24 the conversation in my mind is, even though we may not be  
25 moving a line right now, it's still a productive

1 conversation for us to conceptually, you know, get to  
2 agreement about what our ultimate goal is.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: I do have one specific question  
4 for the Commission in the Phoenix area.

5 If you can zoom in on District 4.

6 Just the way that the grid ended up, if you look at  
7 District 4, this is Anthem, New River, and then it goes out  
8 into the hills and then comes back in to get Fountain Hills,  
9 Paradise Valley, and Arcadia.

10 It -- like I said, this was a grid creation.

11 My presumption that I'd be curious from you, at a  
12 minimum, is to take -- either move District 3 north or  
13 south, so that instead of wrapping around District 3, we  
14 divide it into two pieces.

15 And related to that is Fountain Hills in a  
16 different district than Scottsdale -- its an unusual  
17 approach.

18 So I -- so I don't know. This doesn't -- this  
19 won't be very impacted by the South Phoenix pieces which is  
20 why I bring it up now; but rather than having a C-shape,  
21 want to see if the Commission shares that concern and would  
22 prefer -- it's an easy 3 versus 4 swap. Just push them  
23 north or south, but I want to see if that is something that  
24 makes sense how the Commission viewed.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: So 3 goes as far north as

1           where?

2                   MR. D. JOHNSON:   So you just push 3 all the way up  
3           to the county border.

4                   COMMISSIONER YORK:   Right.   Okay, so that takes in  
5           Anthem and Carefree and Cave Creek; is that correct?

6                   MR. D. JOHNSON:   Exactly, yeah.   It is --

7                   COMMISSIONER YORK:   That's the way I would do it.

8                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:   Yeah, I agree.   I was -- I  
9           was just looking at that one when you said here's a  
10          question.   Because I was also looking at the fact that at  
11          the southern end, we want to be working with  
12          South Scottsdale, Salt River --

13                   COMMISSIONER YORK:   And Tempe.

14                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:   -- and Tempe as well, and  
15          taking in all of those.

16                   So I think that definitely things can be moved  
17          around in that area as well.

18                   And -- and the Cave Creek-Carefree folks have been  
19          pretty clear as well as the New River folks about where they  
20          would probably be in terms of those connections with -- I'm  
21          sorry, not New River -- Anthem, so.

22                   MR. D. JOHNSON:   Yeah.   As -- as it stands now on  
23          the grid approach it does achieve what they asked for, they  
24          are with Maricopa County and with Phoenix; but they're  
25          actually not with North Scottsdale, but they are with

1 South Scottsdale. Just the way the grid falls out  
2 sometimes, but it's very odd.

3 And that -- and the reason that I bring that up now  
4 is it is essentially independent of the much larger changes  
5 we're going to do down in the South Phoenix area so we can  
6 do them all -- we can do them both to some degree at the  
7 same time.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I know we already looked  
9 at the overlay, the Latino voting population, did we want to  
10 take another look at that again to see for the west side?

11 Because we -- I think we did it for the  
12 congressional, but might be interesting for us to look and  
13 see how that works with the legislative configuration that  
14 we have with the grid.

15 MR. KINGERY: You want to see further west?

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I'm just thinking we need  
17 maybe a close-up if we're looking for majority-minority  
18 districts, and we've talked about them on the west side to  
19 some extent. Because we've talked about some in Tucson and  
20 some on the -- in the Phoenix area, not only on the west  
21 side but throughout, it might be good to kind of take a look  
22 at and see where that falls.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: So on that map number 2 is  
24 South Mountain Park. So just on that map.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, and just to give you some of



1 the city references we're a talking about before, so -- let  
2 me make sure I'm getting this right.

3 So the southeastern part of District 26 I believe  
4 is Glendale, and then continuing west -- continuing east, of  
5 course.

6 So we're really looking at --

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: 24.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: 24, 2- -- probably part of 26.

9 See where that border is.

10 Oh, Bethany Road is roughly the top of 24.

11 So really looking at D-11 -- District 11, 8, 22;  
12 part of 1 -- part of 1, 24; and then probably up into 26 and  
13 25 as well.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry, Doug, can you go  
15 through those again --

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- please?

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so starting from South  
19 Mountain you got --

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: So, South Mountain, the actual  
21 park there at .03? Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I just wanted the  
23 numbers -- the numbers that he read off, I was just  
24 wondering if you don't mind repeating those.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure. So starting from South

1 Mountain it's 11, 8, 22, some -- a little bit of 1, 24, 26,  
2 and 25.

3 And -- and the current map, you know, no surprise  
4 again, this is the grid at work, kind of does just what you  
5 want to avoid, which is it's a whole bunch of districts each  
6 taking a piece of the concentrated area we were just looking  
7 at on the screen, and then blending them with areas outside  
8 of the concentrated areas, which is everything the Voting  
9 Rights Act is against.

10 So -- so that's why we need to essentially  
11 wholesale overhaul this whole section.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And we had already talked  
13 about District 11, that north of South Mountain and the  
14 south are different communities?

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, and the people in  
17 District 11 wanted to be part of Maricopa. Remember?

18 Ahwatukee wanted to be included with Maricopa, they  
19 felt more rural. Maricopa, the town of Maricopa.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it's a --

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's across the Indian  
22 reservation.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Exactly. It's an interesting  
24 challenge, definitely.

25 I think that once we come back with this redraw and

1 take a look at whether that --

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: In part because --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I don't think we can have  
5 -- do that on congressional; but maybe there's some way to  
6 do it, at least including the Kyrene School District with  
7 the -- in the legislative.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, that's -- I think that  
9 would be part of the challenge because the Ahwatukee folks  
10 are in the Tempe Union High School District and Kyrene,  
11 which is not going to be connected to Maricopa.

12 So it may not work.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: The Maricopa kids -- but don't  
14 the Maricopa kids go up to Kyrene.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Some of them do.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Because of the fact that  
17 they're allowed?

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I think they go --  
19 yeah, they're allowed, right. It's not their school  
20 district, but some go up to -- I think more often the high  
21 school, I think they go up in there.

22 But I think it would be tough to break off -- I  
23 mean it's a -- we'll play it around of course, but --

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I don't --

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It would be tough to break

1 off Ahwatukee.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, I don't see how you --  
3 yeah, I'm with ya; I see a dilemma.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I sympathize with the  
5 requests of folks to put the two together; but at the same  
6 time, you would then be taking the Gila River reservation  
7 and putting it with Ahwatukee, which is about as far from  
8 being rural as you can get.

9 So -- so it will be a trade-off. But it's  
10 definitely something that I would suggest we wait until we  
11 see how 11 and 8 and all these are redrawn.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Oh, yeah. I agree, yes.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Do any -- the other area we  
14 haven't really talked about, and partially because it is  
15 going to be massively impacted by things to the east and the  
16 west of it, is the West Valley and the Glendale area; that  
17 whole West Valley region.

18 As was mentioned -- as Brian mentioned, the current  
19 District 29 and current District 22 are significantly off  
20 from population balance, so it's not a good guide to -- to  
21 work from; but if you do have thoughts, they're -- 25 and 28  
22 are still the grid maps as is -- as is 27.

23 So if there is a specific guidance or specific  
24 things you remember from testimony in the West Valley people  
25 wanting out in that area, happy to incorporate that as much

1 as we can.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I don't actually have  
3 anything on the West Valley; but we might hear some more  
4 Thursday from folks.

5 But a question on the District 14, I know we talked  
6 about we're going to extend the boundary over there. Are we  
7 going to try to pull in the rest of Queen Creek into that  
8 rather than be in -- because part of it now is more of a  
9 rural; and then, you know, I think part of I think is part  
10 of also the Copper Corridor area?

11 We talked about that already; I just am  
12 double-checking to see if that's -- is that part of your  
13 reconfiguration is where District 14 ends?

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: District -- well, District 14 is  
15 certainly not going to be able to get to the Copper  
16 Corridor...

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I didn't mean for it to  
18 go the Copper Corridor, I --

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- meant for the actual  
21 boundary -- I don't know where the actual boundary -- is  
22 that the boundary of Queen Creek that's laid out there?

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, Queen Creek is actually a  
24 cross-county city.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Right.

1 MR. JOHNSON: So part of it is in Maricopa and part  
2 in Pinal, so we're -- we're cutting it at the county line.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. That's right, I  
4 remember you saying that. Sorry.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: The 14 should include, should  
6 it not include Queen Creek?

7 The other question I had was, you know, in my head  
8 23 needs to drop down below -- at least the population moves  
9 down south into Tolleson and into that below the I-10  
10 corridor there.

11 You said you were going to move 23 east to pick up  
12 population?

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Exactly, yeah. The goal is to --  
14 well.

15 The task that we've been asked to draw is instead  
16 of coming up in to Buckeye, to take 23 over towards Tohono  
17 O'odham and -- and that. So that will take that area out of  
18 there.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Are there general other areas  
20 that would be helpful for us to give feedback? Are you  
21 wanting any feedback on the East Valley?

22 You know, we've talked about the north a little  
23 bit...

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: The East Valley is very similar to  
25 the morning discussion about the congressional maps. Just

1 more district -- the one twist to having more districts in  
2 the East Valley brings is that instead of really focusing on  
3 the north and south division between two congressional  
4 districts, now I think we have good guidance on how to  
5 decide north/south division; but, we'll also have  
6 east-to-west divisions because there's four or five,  
7 possibly even six, districts impacting that area.

8 So if there is -- if you do have guidance at this  
9 point on what makes a logical east/west border between those  
10 districts, we welcome that; or, we just see where the  
11 numbers fall out as we sort the other things and get your  
12 reactions at that point.

13 Does the Commission -- there was some touching on  
14 the legislative districts this morning when we're talking  
15 about congressional about Chandler and Gilbert being  
16 separate, which is possible to do legislatively to a degree  
17 -- or, congressionally. So we do have some thoughts now,  
18 some direction.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I ask a question? We've  
20 talked -- one of the things that we've heard about from a  
21 lot of folks was about retirement communities. I was just  
22 going through my notes from our traveling tour.

23 District 28, is that Sun City -- I'm calling it  
24 that right now, but is that a Sun City district? I mean, I  
25 know that they were talking -- because that's what we heard

1 about from some of the different communities like  
2 Saddlebrooke and Sun City, some of those saying "we would  
3 like to be with other retirement communities."

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: So, it's part of it.

5 So the three Sun City communities, there's --what  
6 is it? -- Sun City West, Sun City, and Sun City Grand. So  
7 West is -- Sun City West is in District 29 at the top, top  
8 green kind of half bubble, 29; and then as you go through --  
9 you're correct, as you go into 28, you get into the others.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: You incorporated those three  
11 Sun Cities together and pulled down 28 towards the I-10,  
12 would that give you some population balance?

13 I'm sorry, 29 closer to I-10.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: You know, it's a good question.  
15 It's certainly something we can look at when trying to put  
16 the three Sun Cities together or two of them.

17 I don't know what the numbers are.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: There's three, you're right. I  
19 was surprised you nailed it.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. The numbers -- I don't know  
21 the number of people in each one, but we can look at that.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It might just be moving them  
23 around a little, but between 28 and 29, that's where you got  
24 the majority of those folks?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.



1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: That kinds of seems to make  
2 sense because that's part of what they were...

3                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it's an interesting take  
4 because historically the Sun City Grand, you know, it's part  
5 of Sur- --- or, Sun City West is part of Surprise and the  
6 together with the nature of Surprise, the character and  
7 types of neighborhoods in Surprise have changed so much --

8                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

9                   MR. D. JOHNSON: -- over the last few decades, that  
10 what people thought were the communities of interest out  
11 there 10 or 20 years ago is likely radically changed today.

12                   So we can certainly take a look at that and see how  
13 they react.

14                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: So basically this map is  
15 going to be completely different the next time we see it.

16                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep.

17                   Yeah, I mean, probably the biggest change over the  
18 last ten years just in the nature of communities out  
19 there -- and I have no idea how they feel, and I don't think  
20 we heard much about this is, is, you know, North Buckeye now  
21 is essentially one community of interest to some degree with  
22 Western Surprise, so that is different than 20 years ago.

23                   COMMISSIONER YORK: There's a Verrado development  
24 out there also.

25                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think we had heard something

1 about Old Town Scottsdale being combined with Tempe, the ASU  
2 area. And that's not the way it currently is here, but I  
3 don't know if that's possible or not; but I thought we had  
4 heard testimony of that.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think we were looking at  
6 South Scottsdale, that would be part of taking that D-4  
7 edge, I think, which includes Salt River and then  
8 South Scottsdale with that, yeah.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I think all those general  
10 economic, cultural, and social connections that they were  
11 discussed about that South Scottsdale, Tempe, Salt River  
12 area in the congressional, we will certainly keeps those in  
13 mind as we're doing the legislative as well.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I don't know where Luke Air  
15 Force Base has been in the past in terms of legislative  
16 representation; I see it's now in District 5, and it seems  
17 to be a main point within that district. I'm curious how  
18 that works for that group. Does that maximize their  
19 representation or not?

20 I'll do research.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: If I had to guess, I would guess  
22 they would be pretty happy, just because right now what  
23 we're --

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: They're a district.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, when we're looking at the

1 congressional map, the congressional grid where Luke is cut  
2 off from the rest of Glendale, is in this map, too, so --  
3 oh. No. I'm sorry, is in the current districts, the map  
4 they adopted. So Luke Air Force base is actually in the  
5 Yuma seat.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: I wonder if that has to do with  
7 the Yuma Air Force, the naval base there. The naval base.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Interestingly, it's not -- it's  
9 not the Barry Goldwater Base Yuma seat, it's the other one.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Oh, geez.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The Yuma Proving Ground,  
12 right? That's part of --

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's exactly right.

14 I think it just got picked up -- I think they got  
15 picked up as they went along and just hit the number in.

16 But I suspect they're likely happy, but would be  
17 good to hear from them directly.

18 And it's also likely, too, that the Air Force base  
19 will get more of the -- entertainment/new growth West  
20 Glendale pieces put with it as we redraw 26 and 24 and  
21 everything else, that South Phoenix reason.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I would like to be cognizant  
23 of where the military bases are, where the defense industry  
24 is, and make sure we protect those communities of interest  
25 in Arizona that I think has been a big part of our state.

1                   In Tucson area with -- with Raytheon.

2                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Check with Brian, I think we have  
3 pretty good directions.

4                   Any questions?

5                   Parker?

6                   MR. BRADSHAW: (Inaudible.)

7                   MR. D. JOHNSON: It's hard to hear through the  
8 mask, but he said he's got a lot of notes; so we got a lot  
9 -- a lot of to-dos.

10                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If you feel that you have  
11 enough marching orders -- I mean, I think the five of us  
12 could probably sit here for hours and just debate every  
13 little specific area of the state, and it would be fun; and  
14 maybe productive, maybe not, I don't know.

15                  But I want to be respectful of everybody's time,  
16 and -- and if this is the juncture that you feel that you  
17 have the right amount of information to come back and  
18 provide meaningful maps, we, you know, want to do -- we  
19 don't want to go overboard; we want to hit the sweet spot  
20 here.

21                  So what -- what are your thoughts on that front?

22                  MR. D. JOHNSON: I think from yesterday to the map  
23 we voted on this morning, we made a ton of progress, and I  
24 think we're going to have directions for another ton of  
25 progress. So I think we're good to go.

1           And as with the congressional maps, we'll try to  
2           get maps out in plenty of time so that the Commissioners and  
3           the public have a chance to react and comment to them prior  
4           to -- prior to next week -- next Dec- -- December, I'm  
5           already jumping to December -- to the October 15th meeting.

6           COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I was going to ask that  
7           question. Do you think we could get it a few days in  
8           advance, then? Because it would be easier if we were able  
9           to really dive into it before we came with some of that.

10          MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

11          COMMISSIONER LERNER: So if we could get it two or  
12          three days at least, three days in advance, you think?

13          MR. D. JOHNSON: Certainly our goal.

14          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

15          MR. D. JOHNSON: And I think, we should be able to.  
16          Never say never with any of this stuff, but...

17          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, and if you could give  
18          us just instruction for the next step?

19                 This is was so incredibly helpful to get the  
20                 invitation to share these maps that you're providing, and so  
21                 sounds like next steps are going to be that you're going to  
22                 adjust these maps, then come back and share with the  
23                 Commission and the public; when will we know when the maps  
24                 are ready?

25                 And it sounds like the process is to access it the

1 same way we just did today, through this shared maps section  
2 of this redistricting hub; is that correct?

3 MR. KINGERY: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So will staff alert the  
5 Commissioners as to when that's done or what -- what --  
6 just, I mean, so we're not constantly going online checking,  
7 it would be nice to have a sense of what to expect.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Certainly, we'll work with staff  
9 to get the word out -- to the public as well, so we may do a  
10 press release or clear message, I don't know. Now I'm  
11 getting into things I don't -- but, certainly get the word  
12 out both to the Commissioners and to the public at large and  
13 look forward to their comments.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And do we have access to --  
15 you've been keeping track of all the changes on the  
16 spreadsheet. Do we have access to that is or is that just  
17 something -- because it's hard -- I mean, just to look at,  
18 read only. I'm not looking at, you know, trying to -- I was  
19 just wondering in terms of that.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so -- so my suggestion is --  
21 and Legal weight in or Brian jump in, for each of the maps  
22 that the Commission votes on -- you voted on the legislative  
23 and congressional map today -- we'll publish a list of  
24 changes involved from the grid to that point.

25 Kind of our working list is very much kind of a

1 working mess in progress and I think it would be more  
2 confusing than anything else.

3 But, yes, each time we can give you summary of  
4 changes that's probably not the detailed list. But  
5 certainly when you vote, and we'll take the maps that you  
6 vote on and publish those as voting maps, of course; and  
7 then give you whatever guidance we can.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So basically what we'll  
9 receive before the next meeting will be the -- the revised  
10 maps based on your changes, one or two versions of each; we  
11 probably will get a couple of versions, right?

12 And we would also get a summary of the changes?

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it will be something in some  
14 form. We'll work out a form makes sense.

15 MR. KINGERY: Right, so today legislative version  
16 1.0 and congressional version 1.1 were approved; so the list  
17 of ongoing changes that we haven't add to for approval,  
18 these will be shared and the congressional 1.1 needs to be  
19 shared.

20 So you can see the steps we took to go from grid  
21 map to being approved for each these next round that you  
22 have.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: A point of clarification.

24 So when these prospective maps are published for  
25 our review, I think we -- we need to be clear with the

1 public that these are not approved maps.

2 I mean, that's just slightly concerning for me that  
3 we are publishing or we're advertising maps that are really  
4 your creation just based on, you know, very valuable  
5 feedback. So I want to make sure legally we're -- that this  
6 is sound as long as -- provided that we're making very clear  
7 to public that these are not approved maps.

8 MR. HERRERA: I can weigh in on that, Madam Chair.

9 I think we'll just have to be very clear in the  
10 wording where we're posting this about what the maps  
11 actually are. You know, maps based on suggestions that  
12 you've made during this meeting, but not adopted or approved  
13 maps.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: I'll add to that too -- and,  
15 Brian, correct me if I say any of this wrong.

16 There is a difference between the two types of  
17 maps. On the redistricting hub are published maps, so those  
18 are all of the maps that residents have submitted that have  
19 passed the checklist and are population balanced and all  
20 that; these -- these the maps as we're working on them,  
21 because they're not population balanced, they don't get  
22 submitted and published on that page, these are simply kind  
23 of the interim steps.

24 But they don't appear on the published map because  
25 they're not population balanced yet, they're just the



1 interim steps.

2 Did I state that correctly?

3 Some -- some maps, residents will actually have to  
4 go into the redistricting to see or we might have to post a  
5 PDF, but they won't be able to get into all those fancy  
6 interactive tools we have for those maps.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Excellent.

8 We -- we look forward to -- to those maps when you  
9 have them. I know the Commissioners would love, you know,  
10 where we have, I think, is it nine days before our next  
11 deliberation meeting, and so that's valuable time for us to  
12 be able to study communities of interest, study the public  
13 comments that are coming in, study the suggested map; and I  
14 think, you know, we're going to have a real substantive  
15 dialogue.

16 Is there any other discussion on this Agenda  
17 Item No. VI related to this deliberation on moving lines  
18 with -- with these maps?

19 Okay. Thank you very much, mapping team.

20 With that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. VII. Next  
21 meeting date is next Tuesday, October 12th.

22 The Commission would actually like to meet at  
23 9:00 a.m.; it was initially scheduled for 8:00 a.m. And so  
24 we are going to propose 9:00 a.m. Let's plan for it; and we  
25 expect it to be a two-hour explicit business meeting. We

1 are looking forward to a presentation on Latino political  
2 history, maybe some migration patterns with that; and we can  
3 spend time on just some -- some basic business issues; and  
4 then we can reconvene a week from Thursday with our efforts  
5 with the map deliberation.

6 And if there's no other comment? I'm sorry,  
7 what -- what day is it?

8 Please clarify.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Monday. We reconvene on  
10 Monday.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh, we're reconvening on  
12 Monday?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, no our meeting next week is  
14 on Tuesday, but the following week is on Monday.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, we reconvene on the 15th,  
16 Friday.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Friday, yes.

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: The 13th.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: So I can summarize for you, you  
20 have a grid map hearing on the 7th; your business meeting on  
21 the 12th; and then your next decision grid map decision  
22 meeting on the 15th; followed then by the weekend off; and  
23 then grid map resumes on the 18th.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The meeting on the 7th is a  
25 hearing; we will be in the West Valley in Surprise taking

1 public testimony.

2 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: That's satellite?

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

4 All right. Thank you very much.

5 With that, we will move to Agenda Item No. VIII,  
6 closing of public comment.

7 Please note we are now closing public comment.

8 Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not  
9 specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant  
10 to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public  
11 comment will be limited to directing staff to study the  
12 matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the  
13 matter for further consideration or decision at a later  
14 date.

15 With that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. IX,  
16 adjournment.

17 I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Commissioner York. I so move  
19 to adjourn.

20 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Vice Chair Watchman seconds.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I will take a quick vote.

22 Vice Chair Watchman.

23 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an  
6 aye.

7 With that, we will adjourn.

8 Thank you, everybody, for an outstanding meeting.

9 I look forward to seeing everybody in the West Valley  
10 Thursday, 4:00 p.m. We will be there for several hours, you  
11 can come after work; it's going to go on a long time.  
12 Please attend.

13 Thank you.

14 (Whereupon the proceeding concludes at 1:57 p.m.).

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