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1 PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 8:38 a.m. on
3 December 13, 2021, at the Kimpton Palomar Hotel,
4 2 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona, in the
5 presence of the following Commissioners:

6 Ms. Erika Neuberg, Chairperson
7 Mr. Derrick Watchman, Vice Chairman
8 Mr. David Mehl
9 Ms. Shereen Lerner
10 Mr. Douglas York

11 OTHERS PRESENT:

12 Mr. Brian Schmitt, Executive Director
13 Ms. Lori Van Haren Deputy Director (via Webex)
14 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant

15 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group (via Webex)
16 Mr. Brian Kingery, Timmons Group (via Webex)
17 Mr. Parker Bradshaw, Timmons Group (via Webex)
18 Mr. Doug Johnson, NDC (via Webex)
19 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, NDC (via Webex)

20 Mr. Roy Herrera, Ballard Spahr
21 Mr. Eric Spencer, Snell & Wilmer
22 Mr. Brett Johnson, Snell & Wilmer
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P R O C E E D I N G

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3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Welcome, everybody. I
4 apologize. Can we turn something off? It's echoing.
5 Test. Test. Test. Okay, great.

6 Welcome, everybody. I apologize for being a
7 few minutes late. There was a bad crash on the 60, and
8 all traffic was circumvented from the southeast valley.
9 So here we are, and we'll get right into it.

10 Agenda Item I, call to order and roll call.

11 I(A), call for quorum. It is 8:39 a.m.,
12 Monday, December 13th, 2021. I call this meeting of
13 the Independent Redistricting Commission to order.

14 For the record, the executive assistant,
15 Valerie Neumann, will be taking roll. When your name
16 is called please indicate you are present. I assume
17 you'll be able to respond verbally, but if not we ask
18 that you type your name.

19 Val.

20 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 Vice Chair Watchman.

22 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Present.

23 MS. NEUMANN: Commissioner Mehl.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Present.

25 MS. NEUMANN: Commissioner York.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Present.

2 MS. NEUMANN: Commissioner Lerner.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Present.

4 MS. NEUMANN: Chairperson Neuberg.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Present.

6 MS. NEUMANN: And for the record also in
7 attendance we have Executive Director Brian Schmitt,
8 and appearing virtually will be Deputy Director Lori
9 Van Haren.

10 From our legal team we have Brett Johnson and
11 Eric Spencer from Snell & Wilmer, and Roy Herrera from
12 Ballard Spahr.

13 Our mapping consultants are appearing
14 virtually today: Mark Flahan, Parker Bradshaw, and
15 Brian Kingery from Timmons; and Doug Johnson and Ivy
16 Beller Sakansky from NDC Research.

17 And our transcriptionist today is Debbie
18 Wilks.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

21 Please note for the minutes that a quorum is
22 present.

23 Agenda Item I(B), call for notice.

24 Val, was the Notice and Agenda for the
25 commission meeting properly posted 48 hours in advance

1 of today's meeting?

2 MS. NEUMANN: Yes, it was, Madam Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

4 Agenda Item II, approval of minutes from
5 December 9th, 2021. We have (A) and (B), one general
6 session and two executive session agenda items that
7 were related to VRA compliance. I'll enter a
8 discussion, and if there is no discussion I'll
9 entertain a motion to approve the minutes and executive
10 session minutes from December 9th.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I move that we approve the
12 minutes, both the regular session and the two executive
13 session minutes.

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Vice Chair Watchman
15 seconds that motion, Madam Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: With no further
17 discussion, Vice Chair Watchman.

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is

1 an eye.

2 And with that the minutes are approved.

3 We'll move to Agenda Item III, opportunity for
4 public comments. Public comment will now open for a
5 minimum of 30 minutes and remain open until the
6 adjournment of the meeting. Comments will only be
7 accepted electronically in writing on the link provided
8 in the Notice and Agenda for this public meeting and
9 will be limited to 3,000 characters. Please note
10 members of the Commission may not discuss items that
11 are not specifically identified on the agenda.

12 Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action
13 taken a result -- taken as a result of public comment
14 will be limited to directing staff to study the matter,
15 responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter
16 for further consideration and decision at a later date.

17 We'll move to Agenda Item No. IV, discussion
18 on public comments received prior to today's meeting.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would like to, again,
20 as we all do, say thank you to the public for your
21 comments.

22 I want to make a couple of points this
23 morning. As we enter into our last week and a half of
24 deliberations, I appreciate hearing from the public and
25 the passion that exists on both sides about the maps,

1 but as we enter into this and people get riled up a
2 little bit, I'm going to ask again that the public
3 remove any personal attacks from your comments. Ten
4 years ago the independent chair of the Commission was
5 treated unfairly and criticized by members of one party
6 because of her votes that were seen as favoring one
7 party over another. I'm seeing the same treatment of
8 our current chair where one party in particular is
9 upset about the votes. There is no reason to not be
10 respectful and civil. I believe our chair has the best
11 interests of the state in mind and will work toward
12 that end. I know she has sought to understand the
13 needs of our state. I have -- I know she has an open
14 door to meet with anyone who wants to explain their
15 perspective, and she has reiterated that throughout our
16 meetings. I believe the chair is working hard to
17 develop a process and has developed a process that we
18 are all working in where we're all able to express our
19 opinions, which we have -- as you have seen, we freely
20 do in our conversations.

21 So I want to remind everybody that there is a
22 lot of work to be done. That's what we're going to be
23 doing over the next five, six days, six days I think we
24 have left, on the maps, and there is a lot of decisions
25 that will be made. But, again, if you can please

1 respect the process and respect the Commission, I would
2 appreciate that.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

4 I, too, remain fully committed to the
5 integrity of our process, the integrity of our
6 decision-making. I'm deeply appreciative of my
7 colleagues and very proud of the ethical, transparent,
8 and collegial process we have collectively run, and I
9 have no doubt that it's going to continue to go down
10 that path and will model for the community deliberation
11 and, you know, making decisions based on the merit of
12 the case. There are no deals being made. There is no
13 back room anything. This is a fair, honest,
14 intellectual process of understanding very complicated
15 guidelines to do what's right for as many in our state
16 as possible.

17 I know that there is some additional
18 dissenting voices coming in our way from other
19 institutions or party lines. I welcome all of that. I
20 actually think the more we're exposed to differing
21 views the more accurate our understanding of the
22 states's challenges are and the better decisions that
23 we will make. So I still feel very good about our
24 process and our broader team.

25 If there are no additional comments regarding

1 public comments, we can move to Agenda Item No. V,
2 summary and discussion of United States versus Texas, a
3 case 3 dash -- I don't know how to say it, 321-CV00299,
4 that our counsel will lead us through. We, I believe,
5 can do some general briefing in public, and then at
6 some point it may behoove us to go into executive
7 session to ask legal advice as it relates to our
8 application of the law.

9 MR. B. JOHNSON: Can you hear me okay? All
10 right. Perfect.

11 Thank you, Madam Chair. We wanted to give you
12 an update as to one of the new lawsuits that is brought
13 by the Department of Justice against the State of Texas
14 in regard to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The
15 parameters of the background on that case, just for
16 kind of scope, Texas, unlike Arizona, Texas was able to
17 receive two new districts as part of the redistricting
18 as part of the census. When that -- when that
19 occurred, obviously that is going to have a significant
20 impact on the different lines that were drawn because
21 you're adding to the mix. As part of that, what the
22 Department of Justice had concerns with and brought its
23 lawsuit on was a significant increase of the population
24 in Texas was because of the Latino population increase.
25 When that happened what the Department of Justice is

1 arguing is that the districts then should have
2 reflected that at least one of those districts should
3 have been drawn for the increase of Latino population.
4 What happened in the state of Texas, according to the
5 complaint, is that those two districts were drawn in
6 such a way to be provided to the Whites and have the
7 White vote there and also have the majority.

8 In addition to that, it also, on the Whiter
9 districts of the amount that they had, there was a
10 decrease in Latino participation in some of those
11 districts, too, that the Department of Justice had
12 concerns with. As part of Section 5, which is no
13 longer applicable, there is the concept of
14 retrogression, that basically the minority population
15 in their representation should maintain that from
16 redistricting their redistricting. Under Section 2, we
17 call that, very similar, but different, is dilution.
18 And so the Department of Justice brought the complaint,
19 arguing that the Latino vote was diluted for that
20 purpose.

21 In addition to the Department of Justice
22 concentrating on the Section 2 of the Voting Rights
23 Act, what they also did was -- was target that --
24 basically the way that those lines were drawn were also
25 not in support of the traditional redistricting

1 factors: compactness, contiguity, communities of
2 interest, et cetera -- and instead were, according to
3 the Department of Justice, intentionally drawn for
4 purposes of maintaining the Whites -- White majority in
5 those two new districts, okay, so it's also an
6 intentional type of dilution. From that standpoint I
7 have not seen that Texas has responded to that
8 complaint yet, but then that will obviously go
9 through -- go through the process at the federal court.

10 Just as a way of background, when these types
11 of cases come together as dealing with redistricting,
12 either party can request, and in some cases it's
13 mandatory where there is a three -- a three-judge panel
14 that will then hear the case, and that's what's
15 traditionally happened here in the state of Arizona
16 with the court of appeals judge and two district court
17 judges. So that will be going through the process.

18 The other -- the other thing I want to point
19 out the Department of Justice had questions on, because
20 it's a significant distinction between our district,
21 obviously it was drawn by the legislature. That's one
22 point.

23 The other issue the Department of Justice had
24 with it was the lack of public comment and
25 participation in the drawing of those maps. In

1 reality, from the Department of Justice perspective it
2 happened very quickly. When you see this Commission's
3 process and concentrating on our six different factors
4 of the Arizona Constitution as well as the extent of
5 the public comment, we do not see those same concerns
6 that the Department of Justice has raised in regard to
7 the state of Texas.

8 So with that I'll turn it over to Roy to see
9 if he has anything to add.

10 MR. HERRERA: No. I mean, I think Brett
11 covered it well. You know, the basic theory of the
12 case is that Texas is getting additional representation
13 at the congressional level, and the allegation
14 essentially is that the new maps don't keep up with the
15 Latino population growth that Texas has experienced
16 over the last ten years, and the map drawers
17 essentially forego -- forego the drawing of additional
18 Latino ability to elect districts when they could have.

19 The government, I think -- something to note
20 that I think is important, the government alleges that
21 the mapmakers were presented with potential maps that
22 would have allowed for additional Latino
23 ability-to-elect districts, and they pointed that as
24 evidence, essentially, of intentional vote dilution.
25 So ultimately it is an intentional vote dilution claim.

1 It's actually interesting that the government didn't
2 bring alongside it a racial gerrymandering claim. It's
3 simply a Section 2 violation.

4 But I think that's what's most notable. And,
5 of course, as Brett started with, this is the first
6 Department of Justice lawsuit that they've brought this
7 redistricting cycle, so I think it shows overall the
8 Department is interested in being a litigant in these
9 cases going forward, and even in a post preclearance
10 redistricting context.

11 So those are the main takeaways from -- from
12 the argument -- or, I'm sorry, from the complaint, but
13 we could obviously answer any legal questions as it
14 applies to Arizona in executive session.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Any questions that are
16 just general questions unrelated to how this may affect
17 our interpretation and decisions?

18 If not, I suggest, you know, I'm sure many of
19 us have legal questions. I'll entertain a motion to go
20 into executive session, which would not be open to the
21 public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice to
22 further implement and/or advance these legal issues
23 pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Madam Chair, Vice Chair
25 Watchman motions to go into executive session on this

1 matter.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Commissioner Mehl seconds.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: With no further
4 deliberation, Vice Chair Watchman.

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is
13 an aye.

14 With that we will move into executive session
15 to discuss any potential application of this new case
16 to our work and seek legal advice.

17 (Whereupon the proceeding is in executive
18 session from 8:55 a.m. until 9:13 a.m.)

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22 (Whereupon the proceeding resumes in general
23 session.)

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25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you, everybody,

1 for your patience while we were in executive session to
2 have the opportunity to ask any legal questions
3 regarding if the Texas case has any applications to our
4 responsibility in Arizona.

5 With that we will move to Agenda Item VI,
6 potential update, discussion, and potential action
7 concerning polarization data and report presentation
8 from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona
9 Constitutional requirements.

10 Are there any updates Mark? Doug?

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, not today. Thanks.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. With that we'll
13 move Agenda Item VII, draft map decision discussion.

14 I would like to say just a few words to my
15 colleagues before we dive into the meat of the map
16 drawing. I want to share that I think this is going to
17 be the last day where all sides are going to have free
18 rein to just take the map where you want to go and to
19 explore. My concern is that the directions that the
20 maps are going are taking us further from so many of
21 the compromises, agreements that we made with the draft
22 map.

23 I want to state I liked our draft maps. There
24 were some silly mistakes that we can fix to honor
25 retirement communities, honor city lines, do a better

1 job with the Latino majority minority districts. We
2 can improve it. But there is a lot to those maps that
3 I like, and I would like to get back to finding a way
4 for us to get to a new draft map at some point and that
5 we're just fine-tuning. I don't want to start my own
6 map because I don't want the map to be mine.

7 So today I encourage you -- we will go through
8 what we, you know, had planned for, which is for
9 everybody to be able to look at, you know, the ideas
10 you wanted to float out there and to have the
11 opportunity with mapping to fine-tune and come up with
12 the map that you would like to argue is the best
13 starting point for further deliberation. Along those
14 lines I'm going to share with you, since I'm not
15 drawing my own map, just things that are important to
16 me and that when I'm making my decision about what map
17 I would like to start from it's going to look at some
18 of these issues.

19 Okay. The way in which the Congressional
20 District 1 is in both of your maps, you know, I want D1
21 to shift west to incorporate more of a Phoenix urban
22 element, but I don't want it to be solely an urban
23 Phoenix district that puts I think Phoenix interests
24 first and foremost and doesn't do justice to other
25 areas of the map, so that's something on my mind.

1 I'm very sympathetic to the Native American
2 concerns about their opportunity to elect a candidate
3 of their choice in the primary. There has been
4 sufficient data, maybe a while ago, because it was, you
5 know, in the first iteration of redistricting that
6 there were, you know, several occasions in which the
7 Flagstaff Democrats really had very different opinions
8 about the Native American choices. And I need to study
9 that, but I'm going to have great sensitivity to that
10 issue.

11 LD9, I'm sensitive to some of the arguments
12 presented by the Salt River Pima tribe, with some of
13 their children in the school districts. We have to be
14 careful -- I want to make sure Lehi goes to the
15 appropriate district, which is probably LD10.

16 I'm not a fan of the proposed LD25 by the
17 Latino Coalition. I believe that when I look at the
18 entire map that it's an impediment to honoring some of
19 the economic driving forces of the West Valley, some of
20 the ag and cattle interests in our LD25. Litchfield
21 Park doesn't work. And I am concerned about not
22 prioritizing a certain interest group at the expense of
23 other state needs. We -- we can be accused of going
24 too far in that direction. If there are in fact
25 minorities that are marginalized or not included, I

1 think we'll have options to fit those people into other
2 majority minority districts.

3 I want to ensure that the Latino, Asian
4 communities in the East Valley are very right. Right
5 now I think the map that I was in support of that
6 corrected the panhandle and -- and reworked a little
7 bit of Chandler and Gilbert I think accomplished that
8 mostly. If there are areas that don't work I'm
9 amenable to tweaking that. You know, the Asian
10 community is truly, you know, growing in numbers and
11 have a lot of, you know, cohesion, and so that's
12 important.

13 As I've mentioned before, I really like the
14 Latino Coalition's initial vision of CD7 as it comes up
15 into Avondale and Tolleson. I think it best captures
16 the Latino population and leaves out fewer Latinos.

17 I like the ideas I presented with CD3 to keep
18 some communities of interest. I like the idea of
19 recognizing the cohesion of downtown Phoenix, Encanto,
20 the historic neighborhoods north of downtown, and the
21 northern Phoenix neighborhoods up to the 101. I think
22 these areas can be represented well in either CD1 or 3.

23 We need to keep our eyes on the LBGTQ
24 community between Camelback and Indian School. I would
25 like them to be kept together. There is some fixes.

1 I'm not going to get into that right now, but I just
2 wanted you to know what's on my mind.

3 I like the vertical Latino Coalition of the
4 portrayal of LDs 24 and 26. I think it reflects their
5 elementary schools better. And, you know, some of the
6 actual specific lines can remain to be debated.

7 LD17 in the south, I am, you know, very
8 concerned about the unincorporated areas in that they
9 have not been able to have enough empowerment to come
10 together to advocate for their urban interests. You
11 know, like we hear the extreme urban rural divides, you
12 know, up north, and then with Maricopa County and this
13 area I hear the intensity of those divides as well
14 between the Tucson city interests being very much at
15 odds with what some of these unincorporated areas are
16 wanting for their communities, fighting about water,
17 you know, et cetera.

18 One of the things that, you know, I understand
19 there is a barrier. There is mountains. One of the
20 most compelling reasons for why I think this group
21 needs better representation is that they have so much
22 in common and they want to build bridges and they want
23 to build infrastructure to enable better economic
24 coordination, all types of community of interest
25 coordination, but they lack the political clout to

1 advocate for it because they're drowned out by city
2 interests. Now, I don't know what boundary that's
3 going to look like. I want to re-deliberate the whole
4 process of LD17 and make sure we're talking about all
5 of the right issues for the right reasons.

6 Commissioner Mehl, if you think your newest
7 proposal best, you know, maximizes all, you know,
8 Constitutional criteria I will certainly open myself up
9 to learning that. And, you know, if there are
10 differences of opinion it will be debated.

11 But at that point that's really what I want to
12 share, and I really do hope that as you're embarking on
13 the time with mapping, you know, keep in mind what you
14 think there might be more consensus on. Keep in mind
15 your top priorities, and think in mind, you know, all
16 the things that I liked about the draft maps.

17 So with that, I turn it over to my colleagues,
18 whether you want to start with CD, LD, and which side
19 wants to go first.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Which one do you want to
21 start with?

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Congressional okay?

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

25 Thank you, Madam Chair. I actually -- I spent

1 the weekend actually doing a comparison, so I'm
2 actually really intrigued and probably to some extent
3 on the same page. I spent my weekend creating a
4 chart -- well, part of my weekend -- that looked at a
5 comparison from our original draft, 7.1, and all the
6 iterations that we've had since then to look at where
7 we are and how those have changed and evolved, and I
8 feel that we have -- I picked out about five or six
9 districts that are almost identical, that have changed
10 in just minor, minor ways where I'm comfortable with
11 saying I could use -- we could use the -- the original
12 draft in looking at that because of the -- and I -- and
13 I kind of made a list of where I feel that we have the
14 most discussion among us, and I did that to some extent
15 by looking at where we've had the most significant
16 changes in these districts.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know what,
18 Commissioner Mehl, Commissioner Lerner, I actually
19 failed to mention a very important point about ongoing
20 processes that will also shape the way in which you're
21 going to use this time. After today and after we find
22 a common draft map to start from or like a new
23 iteration, I'm going to suggest that we begin to lock
24 in decisions that, you know, where we know that there
25 is no more information to deliberate. We've had

1 sufficient study, and we know what the votes are, you
2 know, are or aren't. We'll gradually lock in those
3 decisions so that we continue to work from the same map
4 and protect and, you know, perfect the same map, so I
5 just wanted to make sure that was out there as well.
6 Thanks.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

8 So -- so I actually think we have -- there is
9 a lot of agreement, which until I started to do this
10 chart, there is a lot of things that we haven't moved
11 very far from, and then there are a few districts where
12 we seem to be focusing on, based on what I was looking
13 at.

14 District CD1, which in our first map to 9.1
15 and 9.2 and 9.0, are quite different in terms of a
16 number of factors that we've looked at.

17 CD2 hasn't evolved much, but I do think we
18 need to address the competitiveness piece, and you
19 already -- what you've already mentioned in that.

20 CD3 also doesn't vary a huge amount from our
21 draft map.

22 CD4, there is -- there is some differences,
23 but I feel that not -- not huge differences in what we
24 had with our draft.

25 Same thing with CD5. It's within a few points

1 of where we were.

2 CD6 is one of the areas that we have quite a
3 bit of discussion, so that's one area that I think we
4 could probably spend some time on, and that was one of
5 the -- and we obviously have that arm or whatever we
6 want to call it that goes in that we all agree needs to
7 be -- needs to evolve.

8 And then, to be quite honest, 7, 8, and 9,
9 while there could be some adjustments in those, in
10 particular 9 I think we could probably -- is almost
11 identical to what we started with with 7.1.

12 So I found that in looking at this -- I felt
13 like on our last meeting we just went whole scale into
14 let's make lots of changes, and what -- what was
15 concerning to me when I was looking at that was the
16 population imbalance that we ended up developing for
17 some many of our congressional districts as a result of
18 us just moving things around, which is why I kind of
19 went back to looking and saying, Why are we changing
20 everything when we had agreement? And I remember when
21 we left our last meeting we all said, yeah, we have a
22 few things that we are not happy with with the 7.1, but
23 there were a lot of things that we said we could be
24 okay with.

25 So from that I guess I wanted to make that

1 statement from that perspective because I spent a lot
2 of time this weekend looking at that, and when we first
3 got the maps and seeing the population imbalances that
4 had resulted in that it was concerning to me that
5 somehow we had -- and I'm as much to blame as anybody.
6 We made proposals as much as anybody else. So this
7 chart that I worked on gives me at least a clearer
8 picture of the few places that I think we could narrow
9 the focus, at least from my perspective. Do I love
10 every one of them? No. But are there ways that I
11 think we can -- we've compromised for some of those?
12 Absolutely. So from my perspective there are a number
13 of districts in our congressional map that I know we
14 have to tweak. When we tweak one we have to do
15 another.

16 But, for example, 6 and 7 is one place that we
17 need to -- to kind of do an adjustment as part of that,
18 and we know that 6 and 7 have to be balanced with that.
19 And then 1 and 2 probably need some -- some pieces that
20 go with 3, but there is a number of them that we can
21 probably hopefully not do as much work on and not cause
22 as many imbalances.

23 So before I give any recommendations, I guess
24 I just wanted to make that comment about that analysis
25 that I had done, and it came directly as a result of

1 looking at the impact of our changes from our last one,
2 our last meeting. So I'll stop there before I give any
3 recommendations to see if anybody else has anything to
4 say.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think it's true that
6 the closer your final map you're going to present, the
7 closer it is to the essence of the draft map, the more
8 likely I'm going to like it. But, I mean, there were
9 things I didn't like about the draft map. The
10 retirement communities were all over the place. Gila
11 Bend was all over the place, the panhandle, city lines.
12 I mean, you know, there were imperfections, and there
13 weren't complete consensus. But thank you for your
14 comments.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. You want me to go
16 ahead? Okay.

17 All right. So in considering that one of the
18 areas that I -- I mentioned, 6 and 7, there need to be
19 some adjustments in that -- oh, I should -- I'm sorry.
20 I should start out by saying that I'm working off of
21 Map 9.1 is the map that -- that I'm going off of. And
22 I'm doing that because I actually feel that 9.1 had --
23 did some -- well, did the things that we were
24 requesting. I guess I'll just go with that. And I
25 feel that it actually gives us some balance in some

1 areas.

2 So if I pull up -- if I'm looking at 9.1, I'm
3 going to go down to District 6 and District 7 to start
4 in the south part of -- of the state, just to kind of
5 look at that. I have concerns about some of the other
6 maps, but at this point I think I'm just going to work
7 off of mine, unless you want me to give concerns to the
8 other.

9 But, otherwise, I just would like to explain I
10 think that the map, the 9.1 map, does a nice job in
11 District 1 where it actually puts most of -- it's a
12 majority Phoenix district. Is it completely a Phoenix
13 district? No. But I think it's 70 to 75 percent
14 Phoenix, which was in keeping with Mayor Gallego
15 wanting two Phoenix majority districts.

16 The other thing that it does is it nicely
17 aligns -- it has all of Paradise Valley in there. It
18 also combined McCormick Ranch, which was one of the
19 concerns that we heard.

20 It also does a nice job in terms of school
21 districts. The Paradise Valley School District is in
22 District 1 and District 8 as well. We've been
23 attentive to school districts all the way through.
24 We've got -- the Deer Valley Unified School District is
25 actually now in District 8 in this map that we have.

1 To just go through District 6 and 7, that's
2 the area I would like to discuss, if possible. We got
3 an email last night or this morning, I looked at it
4 this morning, from Mayor Romero which expressed a
5 concern about Map 9.2 and the fact that that boundary
6 goes beyond what she had recommended. She said that
7 Alvernon is too far, and so she is requesting again
8 that that map go back as she had originally requested,
9 and I'm just quoting her, Campbell Avenue between
10 Broadway and Grant. So that's pulling the boundary
11 back to the west from as far east as it had gone in Map
12 9.2. So that would be my recommendation.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I just want to be clear
14 when we bring up feedback that we're -- we're providing
15 the full context. The full letter from the mayor
16 identified Campbell as the minimum point and made the
17 argument for the population shifting east, and that I
18 think her initial intention was that if you were just
19 focusing on communities of interest it was probably
20 east of Campbell, but that's what she wanted at
21 minimum. She did, you know, subsequently submit
22 additional points of view, but I just out of fairness
23 want to emphasize the evolution of the priorities.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Absolutely. Yeah, I'm
25 basing this recommendation based on her letter that we

1 just received, which is saying she would want this pull
2 back, so -- so I would -- that would be a
3 recommendation, would be to follow the mayor's
4 recommendation to pull that boundary back, to --
5 pulling this up where basically she is saying the
6 Campbell Avenue boundary between Broadway and Grant,
7 which she feels would be the area that she would like
8 to look at. She doesn't want it to go as far as
9 Alvernon, so that would be the recommendation that I
10 would make in that area.

11 The other thing is that there was a big
12 population shift in 6 and 7, and that probably is a lot
13 of result of that movement to Alvernon, and so I think
14 if that adjustment is made, which is actually also in
15 the recommendations from the mapping consultants to
16 actually modify, that would do some -- a good deal to
17 balance those two populations, District 6 and District
18 7, from the information that we just received from our
19 mappers that basically said here is a recommendation
20 that they would have. So shifting that, if we -- if we
21 modify it back to Campbell that should provide that
22 balance as part of that, so that's one area.

23 I guess that was the main area for me between
24 District 6 and District 7 to work on population
25 balancing and also communities of interest that are in

1 that area that have been pulled out. This is an area
2 that we've also been receiving a lot of emails of
3 concern of people with what was happening to District
4 7, saying that they didn't want to be -- they felt they
5 were being pulled into District 7 and wanted to be back
6 into District 6, which they have been in up until that
7 time. So that would be my recommendation for District
8 6 as part of that.

9 The other thing is just going off of the
10 recommendations from our mapping consultants, which I
11 know I had requested that they provide us with
12 information about that, about what they would do to
13 balance this population, they recommended pulling 2,000
14 people from District 6 into District 2. That would
15 also potentially balance the population. Now, that
16 would include San Manuel, Oracle, or Red Rock. That's
17 in their recommendation.

18 Now, with the boundary of Campbell I would
19 leave it again to the consultants at that point whether
20 we need to also still do that, that piece for District
21 6, but if we do then I would be fine with that as a
22 recommendation. So that's my -- my recommendations
23 down in the south between District 6 and District 7,
24 and then parts of district -- what that piece of --
25 potentially piece of District 2.

1 For District 3 we received a lot of changes
2 that came as a result of Councilwoman Pastor's
3 recommendations, and that meets -- we went to being way
4 overpopulated in that area in one district and then we
5 needed -- we went underpopulated in some other
6 districts. So we need to actually have District 3 lose
7 some population, and my recommendation there is there
8 is a couple of things that the consultants recommended
9 that basically I think could work to some extent.

10 So one thing would be to do a mild adjustment
11 of Councilwoman Pastor's recommendation to actually
12 come down Northern at 19th Avenue to Indian School. So
13 move that northernmost boundary over at -- just on an
14 edge here. Sort of move down and use Indian School as
15 a boundary. Take 51 over to Oak and then Oak over to
16 40th Street down to McDowell. We're really talking
17 about a corner here of the district, a piece of the
18 district there. Basically the intent here is simply to
19 adjust -- it's for adjusting population and not
20 affecting communities of interest.

21 So District 1 needs more people, and so one of
22 the ways to do this would be to move some of that
23 population into District 1. So basically we're looking
24 at the north -- pull this up. Kind of taking the
25 northeastern portion of District 3 and adjusting some

1 of that into District 1. This does not affect the
2 concerns that were expressed -- or the interests that
3 were expressed by Councilwoman Pastor. So we would be
4 shifting boundaries further into Phoenix to pick up --
5 to modify some population in that area and to have
6 District 3 give up some population in that area.

7 So the revision there would be, again, you
8 would come down on the northwest corner, and what
9 you're going to do is adjust the population -- it's
10 going to help the CVAP in that area as well, but it's
11 basically going to take Oak over to 40th Street, so
12 it's that corner. I can give more detail on that as we
13 go. I'll just give you all of the different changes
14 I'm recommending first, and then we can go on with
15 there.

16 So the recommendation, again, by the mappers
17 was to -- for the shifting the boundaries of District 1
18 to pick up population, because it needed -- with this
19 adjustment in District 3 it caused District 1 to lose
20 12,000 people, so the recommendation that they made,
21 and we can look and see how it aligns with the
22 recommendation I just made, is to move the District 1
23 boundary. You could push Highway 17 is what they're
24 suggesting, pushing 17 north of Bethany Home and west
25 of 143, east of the airport. So we could take a look

1 at that and see how it aligns with these suggestions
2 that I was making in District 3.

3 The other place that needed population as a
4 result of the District 3 changes, too, was District 8,
5 and so these changes that are recommended by our
6 mapping consultants also could work, as long as we are
7 pushing District 1 from the south to the north. I'm
8 sorry. From the north to the south is what I meant, so
9 as long as District 1 goes a little bit further south,
10 which is my recommendation for District 3. It just
11 pulls a little bit of that northern piece.

12 And, again, I looked real closely at what
13 Councilwoman Pastor was recommending, and what I'm
14 suggesting will not impact her suggestions. So there
15 is that moving around that we can get into more detail
16 as we go through, and I can provide those to the
17 mappers.

18 And then the last major population balancing
19 that I was looking at was looking at District 9 on how
20 that impacts the West Valley and District 8, and that
21 impact. One of the things we want to do is we have
22 noticed is we want to make sure that we're connecting
23 our retirement communities. So the mappers also
24 recommended -- in here they basically also talked about
25 balancing population in an area where they basically

1 said you can balance it by placing Sun City West and a
2 bit of the surrounding unincorporated population back
3 into District 9, and so the other thing that could
4 happen in that area, we want to combine District 9. We
5 want to make sure the Sun Cities are all together as
6 part of it.

7 The thing that could happen in District 9 and
8 District 8 would be to take the northern Peoria
9 population out of District 8 and put it into District
10 9, but I know that that then splits Peoria from the Sun
11 Cities. So this area between District 8 and District 9
12 needs some work in that corner to make sure the Sun
13 Cities, the retirement communities are together, and
14 that's what I kind of wanted to mention in terms of
15 sort of a way that needs to balance the population.

16 Overall I will tell you that I was pretty
17 impressed with how our mappers took a look at the
18 population imbalances and sort of tried to think
19 through things they could do, because a lot of it fit
20 with what I was thinking we could be doing as well. So
21 those are sort of the general statements I could make.
22 If we want to have our colleagues speak I can give more
23 specifics when we're ready to actually say to our
24 mappers here is the lines, but I thought now we'd like
25 to just have that discussion.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would encourage you to
2 say whatever you'd like to say to help guide them on
3 that map and then we'll do likewise on the 9.2 map.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Now just go
5 through -- I kind of did that. I'm not sure if the
6 mappers have questions on what I did say.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure. Commissioner Lerner,
8 if I may -- it's Doug Johnson. Just a question now on
9 D6 and D7, where, as you noted, the 9.1 map doesn't --
10 D6 is short on population and needs to go a little
11 farther west -- I'm sorry, a little farther east, and
12 9.2 is too far, and that overpopulates D7, unless you
13 do changes elsewhere in the map. I don't know if you
14 had specifics along that 9.1 border of D6 and D7 where
15 you wanted us to take that extra population.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes. That's where I was
17 recommending Campbell. We're basically removing
18 population out of 6 -- out of 7, so by moving to
19 Campbell away from Alvernon, that piece there, that
20 actually should balance that, because it should
21 hopefully be about the same amount of population. So
22 that was the idea that -- the comment that I read from
23 Mayor Romero on her email that she sent to us yesterday
24 or today, Broadway and Grant to Campbell, Campbell
25 Avenue between Broadway and Grant, which is pretty much

1 back where it was. It's pretty much putting it back
2 the way it was in 7.1.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Alvernon -- so we're
4 looking at 9.1 here.

5 Brian, can you move the map a little farther
6 north so we can see. So I believe -- is that Campbell
7 that it's on now? Not seeing Campbell on this map.
8 Sorry.

9 MR. KINGERY: That's Campbell right here.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: If you look at 9.1, that
11 would be the map that has Campbell as the boundary, and
12 basically --

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Go ahead, I'm sorry,
15 with your question.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: I was just saying it's short
17 on population there. So as you noted, Alvernon would
18 make it overpopulated, but stopping at Campbell is
19 short, so 7 needs 10,500 people. So is there an area
20 in here where you want --

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think we could go a
22 little bit further -- so that means 7 would be short is
23 what you're saying?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: 7 is currently short, yes.

25 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: By 10,000.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 10,000, okay.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right, 10,000.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I think if you went
4 to -- and I think that that was also mentioned, that it
5 could go a little bit further east, but not as far as
6 Alvernon, and that was as part of that, just --

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: When we were just looking at
8 just random places where we could do this, we can do it
9 anywhere along that border, of course, but if we took
10 it over to Country Club south of Grant, so kind of --
11 if you could -- okay, took that little rectangle that
12 would just about perfectly balance it.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. I think that
14 would work. I've been thinking it was -- it was kind
15 of in between that and Alvernon.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Exactly.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So south of Grant and
18 over a little bit to Country Club. That would be fine.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So that was the
21 6, 7. Were there any other questions on that one?

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: I don't have any questions.
23 Mark or Brian, do you have any questions? I
24 think all the rest of it is fairly clear.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. What about

1 anything on -- for District 3 and that discussion? Any
2 questions on what I had mentioned on that? Basically
3 we're looking at that corner of District 3.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. That was --

5 MR. KINGERY: Where the mouse is right now,
6 this is East Indian School Road, and you were talking
7 about this corner right here earlier.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. In that general
9 area, yep.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. I think that works
11 with -- we'll see how the numbers work out, but your
12 guidance was if -- if that doesn't perfectly balance
13 that we can also look at the other two suggestions. So
14 in this area you can see the -- the 140 a little bit
15 farther east. So all that was suggested is -- is
16 following 140 rather than the lines. If needed we can
17 do that, and it may work, to 17, after -- after we
18 incorporate your suggestion.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Over, yeah, so that --
20 that should be a positive impact on -- on that
21 population. You can let us know if that works --

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- as part of it, so,
24 and, I mean, those are the major changes.

25 And then D9 and D8, right, those other --

1 other shifts that we had. Those are the major changes
2 I had for 9.1, for Map 9.1.

3 The other -- if that doesn't work in -- at
4 Country Club another thing you could look at, just as a
5 last point, as I pull this through, if that suggestion
6 doesn't work in the way that we might want it you could
7 also look at that -- going up at Broadway instead of --

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Rather than -- rather than
9 the vertical piece, taking a horizontal piece.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, right, to
11 taking -- so you could do Broadway instead, taking the
12 Broadway line a little bit further east. But, you
13 know, if this other one works then we're fine, but
14 that's just another alternative, if you could go -- you
15 could always go a little bit east on -- like you said,
16 on -- on Broadway there.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Just to be sure, Brian
18 can you show Tucson again.

19 So we've got -- we currently, as you note,
20 Broadway is the long horizontal border between 6 and 7.
21 So instead of taking kind of a vertical piece, vertical
22 one mile up to Grant, this would be more like -- oh, I
23 see. It's not -- is it Broadway? Oh, we go either a
24 horizontal piece up to 5th or to Speedway? Is that
25 what you're talking about? Or are you talking about

1 extending that arm farther east south of Broadway?

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Extending that -- taking
3 the Broadway arm a little bit further east on Broadway,
4 between Broadway and -- I always forget what that --
5 Golf Links is what it is over once it gets to that
6 point. So that's another alternative. You could kind
7 of look at both and see what might work better, or we
8 could always -- actually, it would be interesting to
9 take a quick -- take a look at both, and maybe if it --
10 at the end of the day we could always kind of see how
11 that -- how that works.

12 But those are -- I didn't have -- otherwise I
13 didn't have a lot of other major changes, so that's
14 just -- just as another thought, so that's another one,
15 to go east and see where you could pick up that
16 population from D6 to do the balancing. Those are
17 basically my major changes between 6 and 7, and then
18 the issue of 3 and 8 and 9 and 8, so shifting those
19 boundaries in District 3 should help, and District 9
20 and 8.

21 So we're taking some people from District 3
22 and moving it to District 8 through District 1, right,
23 so we're taking -- just to reiterate this piece,
24 because to me the central part of Phoenix is
25 potentially -- can be the most -- can be very confusing

1 because we're moving people around from one district to
2 another. But we're going to follow your recommendation
3 where District 1 moves to the eastern Glendale border
4 back to Missouri, and we're pushing District 1 south as
5 part of that, and then we're also making those
6 adjustments in District 3. So does that all make sense
7 now, hopefully?

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, I believe so.

9 Mark or Brian, you guys have any questions?

10 MR. KINGERY: No.

11 MR. FLAHAN: No.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So those are the major
13 changes for right now. There are other things that I
14 think we'll need to be doing at some point. District 5
15 in this 9.1 doesn't do justice to some of these areas.
16 It pulls out Coolidge, Florence away from Casa Grande.
17 I would love to find a way to not have that piece
18 that's hanging down on District 5 there, if there is a
19 way for us to modify that, but honestly I don't have a
20 great recommendation, and it wasn't a population
21 imbalance as much as I don't think it's a community of
22 interest issue. I mean, I think it is a community of
23 interest issue. I think that Casa Grande, Florence,
24 Coolidge, those groups, those cities in that area in
25 Pinal County, Sacaton, all should be together. But I

1 don't know where the population shift is, so I guess
2 that's a question more than anything else. But in 9.1
3 I guess that would be something I would ask maybe your
4 ideas on, on how we do that by balancing and still
5 balancing the population, but I think those are
6 communities of interest that should be -- should be
7 somehow together in that area. I know you didn't
8 mention it in your notes for the population
9 recommendations.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Because --

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: We were definitely just
13 thinking of population balancing, not getting the
14 community of interest in our suggestions.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, right. And I
16 guess I'm mentioning that because I recognize that --
17 that that might not be the most ideal. I want to make
18 sure Casa Grande is also not split, that none of those
19 communities are split in half.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Brian, can you zoom out so we
21 can see all of District 2? This goes to the challenge
22 of what does District 2 give up in order to pick those
23 areas up, the debate you had extensively.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I don't have any
25 recommendations at this point. I'm sort of just

1 mentioning that as something we probably will need to
2 be thinking about for District -- District 2 and
3 District 5. That's all. So I'm not even suggesting
4 that you go ahead and do anything as much as sort of
5 saying this is something that I'm looking at as a
6 community of interest issue.

7 That's it, so I will hand it over to my
8 colleagues.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Lerner.

11 As some opening remarks, I agree with the
12 chairwoman that there was a lot of good that was in the
13 draft maps, but obviously we also saw things that we
14 thought should be adjusted, and the adjustments that we
15 made from the draft map to create our 9.2 map really
16 are based on several key drivers. The biggest driver
17 was incorporating much closer to the Latino Coalition's
18 desires for District 7 and District 3, so the biggest
19 change in our maps really included District 7 coming up
20 into the Maricopa County area as the Latino Coalition
21 requested. And we did not adopt and hold District 7 or
22 3 from the Latino maps, but our District 7 and 3 in the
23 9.2 maps are extremely influenced by the Latino
24 Coalition's request. We also think that our map stayed
25 closer to the draft maps in District 1 and 8, and as

1 you look around, the remaining districts.

2 So those will be my opening general comments,
3 and I'll turn it over to my colleague and go from
4 there.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, and what I guess I
6 would like to add is that I think one of the things
7 that if you look at our draft map you have six
8 congressional districts around the border of the state
9 in each corner that have sort of taken into account the
10 communities of interest from each separate area of our
11 state. I think the most -- what covers the most
12 geography is District 7 and the fact that it flows up
13 into Maricopa County. This is also a request from the
14 Latino Coalition, as Commissioner Mehl mentioned.

15 But the other thing that we've been able to do
16 is combine along the border like communities from Yuma
17 all the way over to Nogales, up to Tucson, and now
18 Avondale and city of Tolleson, and so we feel really
19 good about that.

20 The other thing that I think we do on our map,
21 which falls more along the lines of the draft map, is
22 the fact that we're able to give Maricopa County five
23 voices that represent each demographic. The West
24 Valley is represented and the downtown community with
25 CD3. CD4 represents Tempe and West Mesa. CD1

1 represents the communities of Paradise Valley and North
2 Scottsdale and Scottsdale. And so we're -- our
3 population balance is off, and so we would like to make
4 an effort to improve upon that and hopefully follow
5 along with thoughts from our public meetings and
6 outreach that we've had out there.

7 So I would like to turn back to Commissioner
8 Mehl to focus on Southern Arizona.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So let's look at the
10 boundary between CD6 and CD7, and the first thing I
11 would like to suggest is south of Tucson moving
12 Sahuarita from CD6 into CD7 and will -- that will
13 mirror our legislative map. Sahuarita has to be in
14 that position on the legislative map, and so if we
15 mirror that here, then -- and Sahuarita has a fairly
16 significant Latino population so I think it -- it
17 actually is a good fit for them to be moved that
18 direction.

19 Coming into Tucson, CD6 needs to give up some
20 population and CD7 needs to gain some population, and
21 the obvious place to do it is in that corner where
22 Alvernon comes down to Broadway, and as is suggested
23 in -- actually in your comments, so that could be the
24 balancing point there just as you've outlined on the
25 boundary -- on that piece of the boundary between 6 and

1 7 where the area north of Broadway, west of Swan, south
2 of Grant, and east of Alvernon, configure whatever you
3 need to do there in order to balance -- balance
4 population.

5 I will say again that our -- our boundary
6 certainly incorporates fully Mayor Romero's
7 recommendation that the core part of Tucson, the
8 university area, goes in with the downtown Tucson and
9 stays whole. And I've lived in Tucson over 50 years,
10 and I lived down in the university area for a number of
11 years, and that -- that area between -- that's east of
12 Campbell is -- is a totally university area, so I think
13 the maps we're proposing are a better community of
14 interest fit and actually are a terrific community of
15 interest fit with how these districts should be
16 divided. And there is no magic line. That line can
17 shift one way or another around Alvernon, but that's
18 the right general place for these boundaries to be
19 divided.

20 MR. FLAHAN: Could you repeat those four
21 streets again.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I was actually repeating
23 what you said in your recommendation.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: North of Broadway, south

1 of Swan, north of Grant, east of Alvernon, and whatever
2 you need to do there to -- to make that the exact
3 balance that you're going to end up seeking.

4 MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha. Thanks.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I think with the
6 addition in Sahuarita I'm not sure that D7 will need to
7 take anything south of I-8, but if they do I'm okay
8 with that, but I really don't want D7 to go up into
9 Casa Grande. I don't want Casa Grande split. But if
10 there is additional balancing that D7 needs, the south
11 of I-8 part of Pinal, although there is not much
12 population there.

13 And I think that really takes care of Southern
14 Arizona, unless you see anything else I've missed
15 there.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think we can make that
17 work.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: This is Commissioner York.
20 So on -- if you look at Maricopa County, our current
21 map, D1 is underpopulated significantly. CD3 is
22 overpopulated and CD4 is over -- is overpopulated. So
23 I would like to kind of start -- I've been making the
24 argument all along that South Scottsdale and Tempe and
25 ASU kind of belong together in a district, and so if

1 we're going to balance the map I guess I would like to
2 see that ASU campus and South Scottsdale as part of D1,
3 so maybe just down to Mill.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Probably want to go over
5 to catch ASU, because ASU is south --

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. It goes down to --

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: ASU is south of
8 University.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct. So down to I
10 think it's Apache.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, probably Apache.

12 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, move the map south.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, no. You need to
14 zoom out -- or zoom in a little bit. If you follow the
15 river over to the 143 and you jog down over to -- down
16 to Apache and over to the ASU and north up into South
17 Scottsdale along Hayden -- wouldn't be Hayden. It
18 would be McKellips -- or what is it, McClintock?
19 McClintock, I think.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: So District 1 would pick up
21 everything, if I'm understanding, essentially west of
22 101 down to Apache?

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Not everything west of the
24 101. You can leave some of that in District 4. It's
25 just over to McClintock. Basically the university

1 area.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, okay. So leave the
3 freeway corridor in D4 and come in west of
4 McClintock --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- down to Apache and
7 University?

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: And then we need to shave
11 a little bit off of District 3 as we see it, and so in
12 an effort to maintain as much as Commissioner Neuberg's
13 request to hold the historic townships together,
14 villages, so I would move -- I would keep the -- right
15 now the eastern boundary of -- I'm going to kind of
16 stairstep up, kind of like you've got it drawn but a
17 little bit less. So I would go up to McDowell, then on
18 the very eastern side of District 3, so current east
19 boundary up north to McDowell, over to 36th Street.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sorry. Was that 36th or
21 32nd?

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: 36.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Then on 36 north of
25 Osborn. That's too far. And then straight over to the

1 51, like you have it drawn.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: And then 51 north to
4 Missouri, and then Missouri north -- north to 19th --
5 19th Avenue to -- to Northern.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: So we still need to add
8 some population to D1, and I still think we need to
9 consolidate the Sunnyslope area with -- with a portion
10 of North Phoenix, the northern corridor -- Brophy,
11 Xavier, Camelback High School -- so I would incorporate
12 the Sunnyslope region in that District 1. That's all
13 the way up -- up to Greenway. Does that make sense?

14 MR. FLAHAN: Sorry. What was up to Greenway?

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: The Sunnyslope
16 consolidation into D1.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

18 MR. FLAHAN: Will the eastern border then be
19 I-17 or the western border --

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Western border would be
21 19th Avenue.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Gotcha.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: That also puts Moon Valley
24 in D1 with Sunnyslope around the mountains there. That
25 puts some school districts together. That puts some

1 communities of interest that I believe have common use
2 of the mountain preserve in a better demographic
3 congressional district than I believe that was
4 recommended by Mayor Gallego. One of the things she
5 mentioned in her letter is that Paradise Valley shares
6 water with the city of Phoenix, but my argument for
7 that is that the city of Phoenix has very much a
8 different population downtown than Paradise Valley has
9 in the core, sort of at the central intersection of
10 Tatum and Lincoln, two totally different types of
11 interests for those communities. So we like this D1 a
12 lot better, and so for that that's kind of one of our
13 recommendations.

14 Then we have some changes that we would like
15 to make in -- let's see here, in the West Valley. 8 is
16 overpopulated and 9 is a little underpopulated. Now,
17 there is a little section -- the tradeoff is 30,000
18 people, roughly. So if you go just -- I don't know how
19 many people I took out of CD3, but there is a little
20 block there in the North Mountain. You have CD7, and
21 so I would pull 8 down to Camelback Road. I believe
22 that's the northern boundary of that.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Are you talking about the
24 area between D8 and D7?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: The north border of that is
2 Northern.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Northern. Well, what's
4 the southern border?

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sort of Bethany Home.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Bethany Home.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Obviously it moves around,
8 but that's the main border.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. How many -- what's
10 the -- if you go down to Camelback what's that block of
11 folks there in CD7?

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can you check the city
13 borders there? I mean, right now the -- the southern
14 edge is the Glendale city line. I'm not sure --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I was just trying to
16 get all of Glendale.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Yeah, the current
18 border has all of Glendale in that D9 strip and then
19 going into D3.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: What's the western border
21 of Glendale? Luke?

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's actually -- it goes past
23 Luke out to about the loop there. There is almost no
24 one west of Luke, but some territory out there.
25 They're building.

1 MR. KINGERY: Just on the population count of
2 essentially this section right here?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

4 MR. KINGERY: That's 10,000.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: That splits Glendale into
6 three districts. Right? Or, no, two congressional
7 seats.

8 MR. KINGERY: 8, 3, and 9.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, but 9 is short.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's mostly in 3 and 8, if
11 you bring 8 down. If you want 8 to come down and take
12 that piece in between 7 and --

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: I believe it's
14 overpopulated.

15 Brian, have I taken enough population out of
16 that?

17 MR. KINGERY: 3 is over by 100,000.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, I know, but I've
19 taken some off on the western -- eastern boundary
20 trying to accommodate Chairperson Neuberg's request.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: As it's -- as it's drawn it's
22 100,000 over.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. I understand that.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: But I don't think the -- the
25 instructions today I don't think have taken anything

1 out of it yet.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: So the northern -- the
3 boundary is Northern on the north boundary.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Mm-hmm.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: If we took that down to
6 Glendale --

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, you wanted it down to
8 Glendale. Okay. I missed that. Sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Where is the boundary of
10 the city of Glendale? Is that -- is that 71st Avenue
11 on the east -- on the eastern side?

12 MR. KINGERY: 43rd.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: If we take the northern
14 boundary of District 3 and move it across to 71st
15 Avenue and then we go south to Camelback, that
16 basically puts that corner of Glendale in the Hispanic
17 Coalition district like they originally suggested, and
18 then this will take most of Glendale into CD8 along the
19 top there of -- on the northwestern -- northeastern
20 corner of CD7. You following me?

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: I'm sorry. I don't follow
22 that. Where are you -- where are you --

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: So the northern boundary,
24 if we move it to Glendale in CD3 --

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Wait. The northern boundary,

1 okay, so that drops down into Glendale. Got that.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: And then we go west to
3 71st Avenue, and that corner of Glendale now is in the
4 Hispanic Coalition district CD3, but the rest of the
5 Glendale, which would be the western portion of the
6 city, will be in CD8.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: So everything west of 71st --

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- that is in Glendale would
10 go to CD8?

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Which I believe was the
14 original request from the Latino Coalition when they
15 submitted their first draft.

16 MR. KINGERY: So let's take out about 20,000?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, 20,000. You're saying
19 everything south of adding Glendale would also move to
20 CD8. Correct? So moving down to --

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: 19th Avenue down to
22 Glendale.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: All the way down to
24 Camelback?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes. Off 71st Avenue.

1 There you go.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: So the 20,000 there, and then
3 essentially all of Glendale west of that is going to
4 give another 55,000 or so, so you end up with about
5 78,000 or so total.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But the northern boundary
7 moved down so we're giving up people there.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. That would be
9 everybody north of Glendale -- everybody north of
10 Glendale Avenue coming out of CD3.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: And then below Glendale
13 everyone west of 71st Avenue and north of Camelback,
14 which is the Glendale -- city of Glendale border, yeah,
15 section there.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: So that puts Glendale in
17 two districts now, right, 8 and --

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: 3.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: The Hispanic corridor.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, 3 would keep that
21 southeastern corner of the city. Yeah, but it would
22 put much more of Glendale population into District 8.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: It would still leave District
25 3 over by about 25,000. Obviously District 8 would be

1 way over.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, so you have to -- I
3 think you'd population balance north of the 303 in
4 District 9.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: There is not going to be
6 enough people. We can certainly start there. But
7 District -- District 8 has to lose --

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Has to lose 60,000, I
9 think.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Well, after all these moves
11 it has to lose 100 and -- it would have to lose 80,000,
12 I think.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: District 8 has to move.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I want to make sure that
15 all my colleagues are in receipt of a recent letter
16 submitted on behalf of Glendale from an
17 intergovernmental programs manager just with some
18 feedback about very specific lines, so as you're
19 navigating your maps you may want to take into
20 consideration, if you choose to, you know, some of
21 their insights.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: What is CD 1 now?

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: I mean, we haven't been -- we
24 haven't been making -- unless Brian is faster than I
25 thought, we haven't been making these changes as we go

1 along, so --

2 MR. KINGERY: Just been doing a two-stage
3 selection just to get the quick count, not actually
4 applying any of those changes.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just a question and
6 maybe a thought that might help. If D8 is over would
7 that help? Sorry. You were saying, if I was following
8 along okay, to take the top swath of District 3 and
9 move it into D8?

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So what if you didn't do
12 that? Because that's actually a pretty good number of
13 Latino population anyway, and the original
14 boundaries -- that -- that Northern is the original
15 boundary for CD3 so if you remove that again that might
16 help D8 --

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think we're
18 comfortable --

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- calculation-wise.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We're comfortable keeping
21 that out of D3 because D3 has still got a little -- we
22 still have to carve a little more population out of D3
23 yet, so I think the key thing is to take -- is to
24 change D8 with D9 because that's where the population
25 needs to go.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It was just a suggestion
2 since that Northern boundary -- Northern Avenue
3 boundary was the original for CD3 from the Latino
4 Coalition, so, and since you had added that in and it's
5 a Latino population in that area I just wanted to
6 mention it. That's all.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: The other area to balance
8 D8, I would -- you could move D1 west, but I don't know
9 where that boundary is. Right now it follows the 51,
10 which you're happy with, but you took a big chunk of
11 population from D8 in the Sunnyslope, Greenway, Moon
12 Valley adjustment for balance and to keep communities
13 together, so we'll look at that. I guess what we were
14 trying to do is keep the retirement communities
15 together in D8 and D5. We were trying to keep the
16 entertainment district and like-mindedness with the
17 District 1 in Scottsdale, and we kept downtown Phoenix
18 consolidated as requested. We included D7 as
19 requested, and we made some population changes in 7 to
20 accommodate the shortness in -- out of D6. The
21 northern territory of D2 is still consistent. So we're
22 pretty happy with where this ended up.

23 I'm not sure how the population balance works,
24 but hopefully, Brian, you can figure that out.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think we also want to

1 take out of D8 and into D9 that portion of Peoria west
2 of the 101, and that will -- that will help.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: That makes sense. If D9 is
4 still short at that point we kind of have three
5 options. We can come in and we can take -- we can
6 cross the 101 and pick up a little bit of North Peoria.
7 We can take Sun City West, like I say, or we could
8 bring D9 farther east into Glendale. Do you have a
9 preference if we need to balance which -- where to
10 balance D9 if it's still short? Or I guess we can go
11 farther east into District 1.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think the preference
13 would be to stay -- would be to stay on the north and
14 balance it outside of the Loop 303 coming around
15 towards D1, if you need to.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Did we end up with Luke
18 Air Force Base in D9?

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes, it's still there.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: And that keeps it with the
21 air base in Yuma. Correct?

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Hopefully we're close to
24 population balancing with all of that. We'll see where
25 it finishes out. Why don't you go ahead with 4 and 5

1 now. Is there anything else? I think we'll move over
2 to CD4 and 5.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: In CD5, I can't remember,
4 do we have the -- I'm sorry. In CD4 are we including
5 the Heritage District for -- we have downtown Mesa,
6 Chandler, and Tempe in that district? That's Mesa.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Zoom in, Brian.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's it right there.
9 That's that old Heritage District in downtown Chandler,
10 correct, in the southwest corner -- southeast corner of
11 CD4?

12 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, I think the Heritage
13 District of Gilbert is Gilbert Road north of Elliot.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay. Just wanted to make
15 sure those were all together.

16 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, zoom in on Gilbert Road
17 between Elliot and Guadalupe.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, and downtown
19 Chandler is to the west of there. Correct?

20 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah. That would be Arizona
21 Avenue.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: And then downtown Mesa,
23 the old district in Mesa is in that district as well.
24 Okay. I think we're finished.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Does anything jump out at

1 you as areas we haven't balanced?

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Both 5 -- 5 is over by
3 25,000.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And have we shifted
5 anything there? We have not?

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Don't believe so.

7 MR. FLAHAN: In District 5, we were just about
8 to start talking about that.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: And really to that, 2 is over
10 by 12,000, so we're doing -- we got 37,000 extra
11 people.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And what's short right
13 now?

14 MR. FLAHAN: 1 by 220,000.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. That's as it's drawn.
16 We've made -- we've added Scottsdale and ASU.

17 MR. FLAHAN: You've added a lot. You have
18 added a lot.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can someone tell Doug
20 it's muted?

21 Doug, it's muted.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: Doug Johnson, we can't
23 hear you.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: D7 Sahuarita, so that may
25 have --

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: What's that?

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: D7 started short about
3 14,000, and we moved Sahuarita into it, so that may
4 have fixed that.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And we moved it into
6 Tucson more.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, right, okay. So then --
8 so D6 is -- is -- would be short. So 6 could --

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 6 can take whatever
10 part -- a little bit more of Casa Grande, if that -- in
11 order to balance, if that helps with 2, and then 2 can
12 move into 5 a little.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Actually, the difference
14 there should -- should balance pretty well, because
15 12 -- 2 is about 12,000 and some over, and 6 is now
16 about 13,000 short, so those two should probably
17 balance, so 5 is our big problem. 5 we can move
18 population probably into -- into 1.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And you may have to go 5
20 into 1, and if that means 1 goes into 8 and 8 into 9 a
21 little bit, you know, up in those northern edges you
22 can spin it that way to try to make it work.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Is it okay if 5 goes into 4
24 and then 4 into 1? But then we're running into -- I
25 guess we could keep -- we could keep the -- what was

1 the north -- the border of McClintock. Was that in
2 between -- we could keep that and just move 4 farther
3 north, staying east of McClintock, if you want to
4 keep -- that will keep the ASU change you talked about.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: 4 would go north?

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Presuming you want to keep
7 the ASU change you talked about, yes.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That's fine.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Did I describe that right?

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, you didn't.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: I'm sorry. No. 4 would --
13 I am -- I am backwards. So 4 needs to -- 4 needs to
14 pick up from 5, and then 1 would pick up from 4. So
15 that corridor -- yes, so D1 would have to probably move
16 over to the city line north of -- of 202. Yeah. I had
17 it backwards. So -- so, right, 1 would be moving
18 into -- and taking territory from 4.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And -- and where would you
20 grab that, because there is --

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: All the way down -- we
22 took it down to South Scottsdale, all the way down to
23 ASU.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, yeah. I think it's
25 going to need more.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: 1 needs more?

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: We're ballparking at this
3 point, but, yes, that's -- that's my thought.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Why would it not take it
5 more like Deer Valley Airport area out of 8?

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Because 5 -- 5 has got the
7 extra people.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: 5 is only --

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: 20 --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Does 4 need people? 4
11 doesn't need people.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, this is -- this is
13 where the balancing decisions get so -- so minute and
14 challenging.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: So if you took population
16 out of 5 and 4 at McKellips, Falcon Field, Red Mountain
17 Ranch, up along the freeway there, along the 202,
18 Haciendas.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: You're talking about -- are
20 these areas going from 5 to 4 or 4 to 1?

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: 5 to 4.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: I'll have to rely on Mark.
23 He knows the East Valley much better than I do. Does
24 what he's saying make sense, or do you know where these
25 are, or do you need more detail?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: We're on that Falcon Field
2 area along the 202.

3 MR. FLAHAN: I've got to look at the map. Say
4 exactly what you're saying again. Falcon Field area?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct, from 5 -- from
6 5 -- from 5 to 4.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Is it 5 to 4 or 5 to 1
8 we're trying to do?

9 MR. FLAHAN: So you're thinking like McKellips
10 and Greenfield is what you're -- you're looking at, or
11 were you thinking more of the surrounding communities?

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. I'm thinking
13 McKellips to Power.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Oh, okay.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Doesn't -- doesn't 4 need
16 population? That's what you were saying.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

18 MR. FLAHAN: You could take all McKellips out
19 to Power up to the Red Mountain 202 and sort of connect
20 District 4 back with that northern piece.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

22 MR. FLAHAN: I understand what he's looking
23 for, Doug Johnson.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So just get --
25 somewhere in that area we'd come up with the 24,000

1 people that District 5 needs to give up.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: That would work. Okay.

4 MR. FLAHAN: That little corner we just talked
5 about is roughly 8,800.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: You can go on the other
7 side of the freeway up to D1 there.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Let me see. If you go north of
9 the 202 still staying on McKellips as the southern
10 boundary and you go up to --

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Wrong way. You're pulling
12 the same thing I did. 4 has to come south so 5 is
13 losing territory.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

15 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. If you come down 202 and
16 take out a little swath -- let me see what that turns
17 out to be.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can't. You got to keep
19 Leisure World and the retirement communities in D5
20 because they go with Sun Lakes.

21 MR. FLAHAN: Well, if you come down to Brown
22 instead of McKellips, using that as a southern border,
23 that's another -- a little over 15,000 people, about
24 15,000, plus the other 8, so you're at 23,000.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So we're good with you

1 balancing in there, but keep the retirement communities
2 in 5.

3 MR. FLAHAN: You're talking about Leisure
4 World is the retirement community. Correct?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes, and there is -- there
6 is a couple others that are around there.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. I know about Leisure
8 World.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: There is Sun Lakes.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Sun Lakes is down South
11 Chandler.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Anything north of Main?

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: There is Fountain of the
15 Sun, Leisure World.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I don't think we'll
17 need to cross Main for this. As long as nothing
18 is north of Main we should be okay. Of course, if --
19 if we do find out one way, because these are all just
20 population balancing, we can do small adjustments later
21 on as those concerns come out.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Then I think we're good,
23 unless you see any other big blowouts we've missed.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: So in -- so CD5 now has
25 Leisure World, Sun Lakes, Apache Junction, Gold Canyon,

1 so we've tried to keep San Tan, Queen Creek all in that
2 district to kind of keep those communities of interest,
3 high-growth areas together in CD5.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Correct.

5 MR. FLAHAN: And Fountain of the Sun is south
6 of Broadway between Sossaman and Hawes north of
7 Southern, so if we don't take it past Main it would
8 still be included in District 5.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct. And you're just
10 going to follow the loop, the 202?

11 MR. FLAHAN: That will be the goal as the east
12 boundary, unless that's too many people going out that
13 way.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

15 MR. FLAHAN: But yes.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think we are good.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Doug, how much time do
20 you feel you need to incorporate these ideas?

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's -- I'll defer to Mark
22 on that. He probably has a better sense.

23 MR. FLAHAN: That's a good question. I'm
24 thinking to finish for both of them maybe four, around
25 in there.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I didn't catch you,
2 Mark. I'm sorry.

3 MR. FLAHAN: Oh, I said maybe around four
4 hours, somewhere around in there.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Normally come down to when we
7 have to start doing the small nuance balancing once
8 we've made the -- the major changes as requested.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. So we -- we
10 should not expect any feedback before the close of
11 business day today, so I'm just trying to think through
12 strategically how to take best advantage of the time
13 that we have until 2.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Were you -- were you thinking of
15 like a break now and getting the team started, or were
16 you thinking of just going --

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We also need to give the
18 direction on the legislative district so it sounds like
19 maybe we would only have time today to give you the
20 direction on both CDs and LDs, and then we would wait
21 for that feedback and then I guess reconvene on
22 Thursday. It sounds like it would be unrealistic to
23 expect any turnaround time while we're deliberating
24 today.

25 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, I think if we were going

1 all the way to 4 I think we could have something for
2 you guys to look at the end of the day, but with the
3 2:00 stop I think that would make it tough.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Okay. That --
5 that sounds great.

6 So at this point, Colleagues, we can dive
7 right into the legislative map. If you want to use
8 this just as a natural break we can break for ten plus
9 minutes, come back, and -- and give direction on LDs.
10 Any preference?

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: A break would be great.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Do you guys want
13 a little more time to prep, you know?

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No. We're fine.
15 Whatever he wants. Whatever they want. If they want
16 more time that's fine with us.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You guys want a little
18 extra time right now?

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Fifteen minutes.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. We'll reconvene
21 in 15 minutes, so about eight after 11:00.

22 (Brief recess taken.)

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. We are ready to
24 start when we can get our partners back live on screen.

25 MR. FLAHAN: I'm back.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Hello, Mark.

2 MR. KINGERY: Back as well.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Brian. Do we need to
4 wait for Doug? You there, Doug? Okay. Super.

5 Welcome back, everybody. We will return to
6 where we left off, which is Agenda Item No. VII, draft
7 map decision discussion. We gave guidance to mapping
8 on the congressional maps, and now I would like to give
9 the opportunity to my colleagues to give direction to
10 mapping based on the submissions that they reviewed
11 leading up into today's meeting.

12 Any preference whether or not my colleagues to
13 my right or left would like to go first?

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We went first on the
15 other one. If you want to go ahead for the legislative
16 that would be fine with us.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Looking for a breather.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: You just had one.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We will jump in. And so
20 we're ready to start talking about the legislative
21 maps, and, again, the biggest change from the
22 legislative adopted draft map to where we have gone was
23 our incorporation of some of the requests from the
24 Latino Coalition, particularly on Districts 24 and 26,
25 which we took very significantly.

1 The other difference was incorporating what --
2 what's happening? The other -- the other key
3 difference was incorporating the changes in the Yuma
4 area so that the split in Yuma was -- was in accordance
5 with what we really had bipartisan support from down in
6 the Yuma area, and those then drove most of -- many of
7 the changes that we made on the map.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Brian, can you color the
9 unassigned areas differently?

10 MR. KINGERY: Is there a preference?

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just not gray.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Something that stands out,
13 pink or yellow. I guess we already have yellow on 7,
14 but I don't think we'll confuse it.

15 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, I think he's talking about
16 12.1.

17 Is that the -- the map version you're talking
18 about?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes, it is.

21 MR. KINGERY: You want me to leave them side
22 by side, or want to leave only 12.1 and make 12.1 full
23 screen?

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: For the moment leaving
25 them side by side is fine.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Which maps?

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Is that the -- is that --
3 that's the approved draft map in 12.1?

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. It's 12.0. You
5 probably could take --

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: You can take 12 -- 12.0
7 off for the moment.

8 MR. KINGERY: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Go ahead. You go ahead
10 and start.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So we'll start in the
12 south again.

13 MR. KINGERY: All right. Here.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: District 18 has a little
15 too much population, as does District 19. And
16 Districts 20 and 21 -- or District 21 is a little
17 short, and District 22 up in the Maricopa area is the
18 big area we need to be playing around with.

19 But let's start down south with District 21.
20 Once we make a few other changes District 21 is going
21 to need a little bit of population. It needs about
22 6,000 right now, and there is two places that District
23 21 could go to gain that. It would be either to take
24 the rest of Santa Cruz or to take Bisbee, more similar
25 to that which was shown on at least one of the Latino

1 recommended maps. But it would take too much
2 population to take Bisbee and Douglas, so I would tend
3 for the moment to say let's take the rest of Santa
4 Cruz. But that is something that could be considered
5 in the future as we -- as we review the maps.

6 District 18 needs to lose a little population,
7 and so on the very eastern edge of 18 there was some
8 suggestions that you made. I have too many pieces of
9 paper. Between 17 and 18 you had two different
10 recommendations where you said D17 picks up Foothills
11 Square -- that's not part of Catalina Foothills -- from
12 the northeast corner of 18, and D17 picks up whatever
13 is needed, perhaps a half mile or less, whatever it is,
14 from the D18 border by 28th Street on the south,
15 Harrison on the east, Park Drive on the west. We're
16 good with both of those adjustments and using that
17 second adjustment as a balancer to -- to get it
18 reasonably close.

19 MR. KINGERY: Okay. Writing it down.

20 MR. FLAHAN: So take the Foothills Square
21 change first and then go down to the second one for
22 balancing.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Is it -- is it that big?

24 MR. FLAHAN: I don't have population. I'm
25 just writing down my notes for what you just said,

1 making sure I understood the numbers correctly.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: You've -- you've drawn way
3 too big of a swath there, so just take --

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: All I meant was the -- the
5 square that's not in the red, so the little green
6 that's in the northeast corner, not -- not in the red,
7 that piece.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Gotcha. Yes, that's fine.
9 And, again, this District 17 really unites the
10 unincorporated areas in the very eastern edge of Tucson
11 into -- into districts where they have an extreme
12 common interest in legislative issues and are very
13 often at odds with the city of Tucson on legislative
14 issues and on key water and transportation issues.

15 On District 16 they need some population, and
16 they could come down and take in Red Rock, which really
17 is a fit -- a good fit with either District 17 or 16,
18 but if 16 needs it and 17 can give it up it would
19 probably help to have it come down and have District 16
20 take that in.

21 And I know we put Picture Rocks in with
22 District 17, but I don't know if we put more than what
23 we needed in Picture Rocks, so if there is a little
24 balancing that 16 still needs something it could take
25 some of that very southern portion of -- of what we

1 included in Picture Rocks.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think we're following the
3 census boundary of Picture Rocks right along the edge.
4 And next to it -- Brian, can you highlight Marana? I
5 think next to it is Marana.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, we don't want to
7 break up Marana.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Exactly.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Marana.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: What is that that's
11 highlighted there? There was a little bit, though,
12 that we could take out that -- whatever -- whatever
13 Brian just highlighted there, south of --

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Keep the majority of
15 Picture Rocks in with Marana, but if there is a little
16 bit of balancing that needs to be done there that would
17 be a place to take a look.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

19 MS. BELLER SAKANSKY: Commissioner Mehl, there
20 is about 8,500 people in Picture Rocks, and
21 approximately 4,500 people in your first --

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Red Rocks?

23 MS. BELLER SAKANSKY: Yes, in Red Rocks.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And what were we look --
25 what does 16 need? 14,000. And can -- the other place

1 would be to have 16 come down and take -- because they
2 already have -- is Mammoth and Oracle where they -- are
3 they in 7?

4 MR. FLAHAN: They're in D7 with San Manuel.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We could try to get a
6 little bit of -- between Coolidge and Florence there is
7 a little bit of an area, and you could look at that as
8 a balancing area. I would call that that Valley Farms
9 area. I don't know what population is in there.

10 I'm not hearing anything. Does that mean
11 nobody is there?

12 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, do you want to zoom in?

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Is the -- one question is is
14 the thought to keep the D16 piece that wraps down into
15 Tucson?

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes, yeah, but I'd be
17 careful on expanding that. I don't want to expand that
18 down -- that piece down there because then you'd get
19 into Flowing Wells and into D20, which we really don't
20 want to be messing with because they want -- they want
21 to be in the areas that we've shown them.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, find the border of
23 Coolidge again. There is definitely a little bit
24 between Florence and Coolidge right around Valley
25 Farms.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would go there first.

2 MR. FLAHAN: I don't know that we have
3 population there. And there is a little bit under the
4 Florence highway, the little triangle.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Where are you pointing to
6 there?

7 MR. FLAHAN: On the right side of the map
8 Highway 77 comes down and makes like a little triangle.
9 Brian is drawing the Valley Farms piece right this
10 second.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay.

12 MR. FLAHAN: It's only 708 people.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Every 700 helps.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, what does the triangle
15 look like on the other side? Yeah, that little piece
16 there that sticks down, down State Route 77. Look to
17 the east. You see how there is a spot that comes down
18 State Route 77 then it comes over and then it comes
19 back up? Sort of looks like maybe a bucket if you
20 don't like the triangle analogy.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Polygon.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Go down. Go down that state
23 highway to where it cuts over. Yep, there you go.
24 Down. Grab that area. Exactly. Yep.

25 MR. KINGERY: Starting --

1 MR. FLAHAN: Just approximate. There you go.

2 MR. KINGERY: Another 500.

3 MR. FLAHAN: About 1,200 people in that area.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would take that, and we
5 may not be that far off at that point. I mean, we
6 weren't looking for that many people.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And the other thing would
9 be at the extreme northern edge of D16, if you really
10 had to grab something real small, as long as you didn't
11 mess up a community of interest by doing it, at the
12 northwest edge or the -- where it hits against D11 or
13 against D15, either one, if there is some scattered
14 population you can grab that doesn't -- you know, we
15 don't want to break up San Tan. We don't want to break
16 up the Hispanic communities that are in 11. But if
17 there is something that you can add in that doesn't do
18 either of those then that would be a place to look.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And that's it for the
21 Southern Arizona. Although, the other change, then
22 we'll go -- I'll jump to Northern Arizona, and we would
23 like to go back between D6 and D7. And to me this is a
24 very strong community of interest issue and one we have
25 talked about at great length. But I think the White

1 Mountains really are a much better fit into D7 and that
2 Flagstaff is a better fit into D6, so I would like that
3 boundary to go back to where we were on the draft map.

4 MR. FLAHAN: So remove Flagstaff out of D7.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes, and put the White
6 Mountains back in, just like it is done in the -- in
7 the approved draft map. The Native Americans, they do
8 their shopping in Flagstaff. They attend school in
9 Flagstaff. Flagstaff is a more diverse community with
10 a younger population. It's more compatible with the
11 Native Americans. They have shared tourism issues and
12 resources. The rural White Mountains have nothing in
13 common with Flag, and they have water issues and other
14 issues that are actually oppositional to what the
15 Native Americans have, and so I think it's just a much
16 better community of interest fit.

17 And with that we'll jump into Maricopa.

18 MR. KINGERY: So I'm showing the approved on
19 the left.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: You ready, Brian?

23 MR. KINGERY: Ready.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay. So let's -- let's
25 talk about Maricopa County. And we tried hard to

1 listen to communities of interest, and -- and we're
2 very pleased with the East Valley. We had a couple of
3 changes that we would like to consider.

4 So District 9 is a little younger, a little
5 hipper than District 10, and so we would like to
6 incorporate a suggestion from Commissioner Lerner. In
7 the southwest corner if you drop the boundary down to
8 Guadalupe between District 14 and District 8 that will
9 incorporate Dobson Ranch into District 9, and we had
10 heard testimony to that.

11 And then what we would also like to do is
12 incorporate the Lehi district, which is in the
13 northeastern corner of D9 -- of D9 into D10, and so I
14 think the Hermosa is the southern border of that area,
15 Brian. It bleeds over into census block -- I don't
16 know what the -- looks like McDowell. No. I'm sorry.
17 The Lehi area is that little nub. Keep going up in the
18 northeast side of District 9 and 10. It needs to
19 continue down along the river to Stapley, I believe, or
20 maybe even farther. That's about right.

21 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, zoom in for a second. See
22 if you select the block group there. See, there is
23 Lehi Road right there.

24 MR. KINGERY: What am I looking for?

25 MR. FLAHAN: The block group. Click where it

1 says Lehi Road. What do you get?

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so --

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, it's farther south.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: There you go. So McDowell,
5 or it could go all the way down to Hermosa, which is
6 where he's highlighting now.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, Hermosa is kind of
8 where I had it. I had it a little bit further west,
9 and then it also goes along -- what is the -- along
10 Lehi Road over into -- across Gilbert Road. That one
11 right there, yeah.

12 MR. FLAHAN: So that one goes on the bottom.
13 The next one, Brian. That one over?

14 MR. KINGERY: Over?

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. The other way. Down.

16 MR. FLAHAN: The other way. West.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: West. Right there.

18 MR. KINGERY: So to -- so about 6,000, just
19 those three?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: To the west, Brian, the
21 west of Gilbert Road. Your cursor -- no, the one below
22 it. Not all that. Just the one where it looks like an
23 upside -- looks like an ice cream cone melted.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just the area north of -- of
25 Lehi Road over there?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just the area south of
2 Lehi Road is the school district, up along Lehi Road to
3 the north.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: So what would be the southern
5 border of the area we're taking of the 10? We would go
6 all the way down to McKellips?

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Lockwood or McKellips. It
8 looks like a figure 8 almost. It goes basically that
9 corner -- that west side of Gilbert Road up to the
10 intersection of Lehi and the Indian reservation, and
11 then out to the Indian reservation, out to the boundary
12 right now in D10.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: How far west is it going?

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just that one section.
15 Brian, too far. See where the number is that says D9?
16 Right there. That one.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, so west of the canal?

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yep. East of the canal.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, yeah. The -- the
20 western border of D -- of D10 would become the canal?

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

23 MR. FLAHAN: It drops south to Hermosa Vista.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yep, Hermosa across.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, Hermosa or -- or

1 McKellips?

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Hermosa.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, okay.

4 Can you zoom in there, Brian? I'm not sure.
5 Does Hermosa go through there?

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: It kind of jogs around
7 like that.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: What we're going to run
9 into -- going to highlight the block. On the south
10 side of the canal there is a giant census block, just
11 right along the canal to the -- to the west.

12 MS. BELLER SAKANSKY: It doesn't appear that
13 there are any residential units in that block, Doug.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, farther west, the
15 bordering -- bordering the canal. Farther west of what
16 you have highlighted. One more block north --
17 northwest. There it is. That's our nightmare.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: What's your nightmare?

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: So you see the -- the one
20 census block that's highlighted in yellow? We can't
21 split that, so we can't follow -- so --

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: You can't follow the
23 canal?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: We could, but it would have
25 to go all the way down to McKellips.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's fine.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: That side of Gilbert is
4 fine. That's Lehi.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Can we do that?

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think that balances with
7 Dobson Ranch, but that's our challenge.

8 13, keep Sun Lakes and Chandler and the Asian
9 community together. 14 is using the city of Gilbert.
10 15 incorporates the airport and Queen Creek and San
11 Tan.

12 So we feel really good about the East Valley
13 with those small changes, so now I would like to move
14 to Central Phoenix.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Before -- before we move on,
16 so -- so D10 is picking that area up, but what should
17 D10 give up?

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: D9. It's taking from D9,
19 so we picked up the area of Dobson Ranch in D12.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And D10 was over 5,000. I
21 don't know how much we moved around.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: But we're putting a few more
23 thousand more into D10.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct, but we're also
25 taking some out of D9. I see what you're saying.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think -- I think you're
2 probably right. Dobson balanced it for D9, but D10 is
3 going to be quite a bit of work.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Quite a bit.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: I don't know how many people
6 are in that McKellips area.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: If D7 ended up being a
8 little short there might be something on the edge of
9 D10 you can move into D7. I think D7 maybe short now
10 slightly. But, again, I'd try to make sure you keep
11 the key communities untouched, but use some peripheral
12 areas to balance.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: We may be taking a little bit
14 for D15, too, so that may -- may bring 15 up to the
15 freeway or something rather than stopping at the city
16 line.

17 MR. FLAHAN: In D7 we'd have to come into
18 Apache Junction a little bit, or D15 would have to come
19 up over Baseline.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think 15 over Baseline
21 is probably a better solution.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. So that one block of Mesa
23 into 15?

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

25 MR. FLAHAN: So 15 to the US 60 freeway, then?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think -- I think 14 might
3 be short as well.

4 Brian, can you scroll down? Yeah, so --

5 MR. KINGERY: 5,000.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so that may be -- could
7 just bring 14 north a little bit. That would be
8 bringing 14 into Mesa, but not -- 14 wouldn't have to
9 give anything up. It would just pick up 5,000 people
10 to balance 10. Would that be okay?

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So 12 is giving up
13 Dobson Ranch at this point. Do you have something you
14 want to put into it?

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Wasn't 12 overpopulated?

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: No. It's short. It's short
17 even before it gives up Dobson Ranch.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's only short 3,000. We
19 took -- how much did we take out of 9? Maybe go up to
20 Baseline Road, out of 8.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Take it -- take it into
22 District 8?

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah. It wouldn't have to
24 go very far. I was trying to keep that compact across
25 the top there, along Baseline -- or Guadalupe. So if I

1 was to take a portion of 12 I would take the northeast
2 corner of Chandler, try to put that with -- together
3 until maybe Baseline to Rural over to the 60. That
4 keeps Guadalupe and that western boundary of Tempe more
5 compact. We're not balancing now, are we? Trying not
6 to.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, we're not trying to be
8 perfect or anything, but we are trying to get pretty
9 close. But yeah, that -- that should -- that's pretty
10 dense down there so that should work out pretty well.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay. So we have some
12 assigned areas, unassigned areas on this map that we
13 would like to assign. So along the I-10/202 corridor
14 in Phoenix, the north boundary of 11, we would move
15 into that entire unassigned area.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's a lot.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it's -- 11 is currently
19 balanced, I believe.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: I know.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's a lot of people to put
22 into it.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's strategy.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: The other unassigned area

1 in D1 we would move into D1, which basically
2 consolidates that Central Corridor for Phoenix.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: So the -- the most southern
4 one goes into D11, and then the -- the one between D1
5 and D26 goes into D1?

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Is that right?

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: D22 is short population.
9 Correct?

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, yeah. It's only half a
11 district.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes. So to make it a
13 whole district we think that the city of Laveen,
14 following the Salt River boundary to 23rd Avenue, would
15 be a way to balance D11 and D22 by keeping the Latino
16 Coalition's suggestions of D26 and D24 whole.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Then I would move D22
19 north along the Agua Fria River up to Camelback, which
20 I believe is the boundary of Glendale. Then can you
21 drop in the city of Phoenix boundary? So basically
22 what I'm doing is taking 22 up to the Phoenix boundary,
23 and then as the Phoenix boundary goes north along D24 I
24 would pick up the rest of that population. So it goes
25 from Laveen along the 101, incorporates Tolleson. And

1 in my -- you know, the agriculture and southwest valley
2 all put together in one district.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: You say all the way -- oh,
4 along the 101. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct. Yeah, the city
6 of Phoenix boundary.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Towards the river?

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: So one of the things we
11 would like to consider for you to draw is how to make
12 D29 more compact but more inclusive of the communities
13 in the West Valley, Glendale, Luke Air Force Base. So
14 we see the northern border of D29 as Grand Avenue,
15 including the communities of Surprise and El Mirage.
16 It's a wholesale change.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: So where El Mirage and
18 Surprise cross Grand we'd keep the city together, or
19 stop them at Grand Avenue?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Keep the city together.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. And what about Sun
22 City?

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would put that into
24 District 28, Sun City West, Sun City, and -- what's the
25 name of that community? It's -- I would take 29 -- 29

1 down to -- down to I-10.

2 MR. FLAHAN: How would you get to I-10?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right along the boundary
4 of D22. But I also -- I was trying to -- I was trying
5 to listen to the mayor of Goodyear, try to put them
6 with -- I guess down --

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: What's the western
8 boundary of 29? Is that the 303?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Must be. So the western
10 boundary of 29 is the 303 loop. Are you following me?

11 MR. FLAHAN: So -- so basically take off the
12 part that's west of the 303 out of 29.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Except for this little --
15 except for this piece in here you don't want them to
16 take. I don't know what they call it.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: So if I'm understanding
18 correct so D22 will come north, so essentially D27 will
19 pick up any pieces of Glendale it doesn't have down to
20 D22, coming up to the Glendale southern border, and
21 they will meet, and D29 will pick up everything from
22 D -- D25 that's west of that.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: So the one -- yeah, the
24 eastern boundary of 29 is the 101 and the western
25 boundary is 303.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: You want 303 or the river?

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 303.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: The river -- the river is
4 on the west -- east.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. Brian, if you can
6 scroll south a little.

7 So looking at -- so D25 is going to lose
8 everything east of the 303 loop. Correct?

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. It's --

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: And D22 will pick up a lot of
12 it. You want D22 just to pick up the part that's east
13 of 101, or everything east of the river?

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Everything east of the
15 river.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Up to the city of Phoenix
18 boundary, which is Camelback.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And D29 keeps a little bit
21 west of the 303 above Bell.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, okay.

23 MR. FLAHAN: So keep the same border we have
24 north of Bell?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

1 MR. FLAHAN: Do we bring it in on the US 60,
2 or keep going up with the little bit that's past it?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. That needs to go
4 into --

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Just up to the 60.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: That needs to go into 28.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: So that should have a
9 similar boundary to CD8 as far as Grand Avenue and El
10 Mirage, and then I'm trying to accommodate Commissioner
11 Lerner's request for CD -- for District 24, Glendale
12 west.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Did we cover D2 and D4?
14 Lost track.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: So can you guys repeat
16 back to me what we're doing with District 29?

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

18 Mark, do you want to do it or do you want me
19 to?

20 MR. FLAHAN: Doesn't matter. I think the goal
21 of District 29 is to be more compact. You want
22 District 29, the northern border to be sort of Grand
23 Avenue, which would move Surprise and El Mirage down to
24 the south. Sun City, Sun City West into District 29.
25 District 29 goes down to the I-10.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. Sun City goes into
2 District 28. Sun City Grand is in District 29.

3 MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha. Okay. District 29 goes
4 down to I-10. Western borders 303. Eastern borders
5 101. District 29 keeps the area that's west of the
6 303, but only between the area of Bell to the US 60.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's Sun City Grand.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Say that again.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's Sun City Grand.

10 MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: So Sun City West, El
12 Mirage, Doublebrook Village and Sun City -- Westbrook
13 Village, excuse me, are all together in its own
14 district in District 28.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, did you want to -- oh, I
16 had that the other way. Did you want El Mirage in 28
17 as well?

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. Did I say that? I'm
19 sorry. El Mirage is in 29.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Luke Air Force Base, west
22 Glendale.

23 MR. FLAHAN: Doug Johnson, you got anything
24 else to add there?

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just as it's highlighted

1 there, so then north Goodyear would go -- would go into
2 29 as well, if we can -- if we can get there with the
3 population counts.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. We stop at 10. Oh, I
5 see what you're saying. Yes, Highway 10.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, okay. Yeah, so take in
7 Goodyear north of the 10, that area that's highlighted
8 in yellow.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just the north of the 10
11 piece of it. Okay.

12 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And one of the key
14 elements of this map is that it's District 25, then,
15 that goes from Yuma into the West Valley, and it goes
16 in through Buckeye, and we think that is a fit that
17 we've heard both from Buckeye and from Yuma that they
18 thought it was proper and good to be combining those.
19 And the alternative of going up into Surprise to
20 connect to Yuma or up into New River and Anthem to
21 connect to Yuma are just incredibly negative compared
22 to having Buckeye be the connection down to Yuma.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Definitely understand that,
24 but 25 as drawn -- oh, it's way over. I see. Okay.
25 Gotcha. We're taking a lot out, but it needs to have a

1 lot come out. See how that works out.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And we also have a couple
3 of minor adjustments to District 5 where we want Sedona
4 in whole in District 5. Not positive if it is on this
5 map or not. And Wickenburg in whole should go down to
6 District 30. So Sedona, even the part that's not in
7 Yavapai, should go into 5. And Wickenburg, even the
8 little bit, very little bit, that is in Yavapai should
9 go into 30.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

11 MR. FLAHAN: We'll have to swap that.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: So we think we took some
13 population out of 27, so if you look at there is two --
14 there is three areas left for us to balance as best we
15 can, and there is an area that's still unassigned. 27
16 needs to go north and west. Push over -- push D2 to
17 the east, and push 27 west to the 43rd Avenue. Where
18 is it at currently? I'm sorry. District 27 is at 43rd
19 Avenue?

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: I believe so.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: So that unassigned area on
22 the map next to D4 needs 2 -- I would like to put into
23 D2.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would like to take the

1 area of Sunnyslope out of D2 and move it back into the
2 D1 district of the Central Corridor.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: And -- and what are you --
4 what are you referring to as the north edge of that,
5 all the way up to Greenway Parkway or -- or the
6 Sunnyslope definition?

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

9 MR. FLAHAN: That --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: So that means I have to
11 push D2 north up to the Deer Valley Airport, including
12 the Deer Valley Village. North of the 101 loop there
13 is an area called Union Hills that could be part of D2.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, pull the map north.
15 Trying to figure out where the Union Hills area is.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. That's a street.
17 It's further north. It's north of Deer Valley Airport.

18 MR. FLAHAN: Pull it north again. Keep
19 pulling it north, because here is the airport.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Keep going.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Now you're up in New River.
22 So, Commissioner, is Union Hills right next to the
23 airport or --

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's just north of it.
25 It's the area north of that. It follows the canal

1 and --

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: South of Carefree Highway?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes. Cave Buttes is the
4 boundary on the east. Union Hills, northwest.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: You mean Union Hills
6 Boulevard?

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Is it Happy Valley Road? Is that
9 where the curve would be?

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think so.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

12 MR. FLAHAN: Could be there or Jomax.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Might be Dove Valley.

14 MS. BELLER SAKANSKY: Commissioner York, I am
15 seeing quite a bit of area south of the 101 that has --
16 that starts with the names Union Hills, Union Hills
17 Estates --

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

19 MS. BELLER SAKANSKY: Union Hills Village,
20 Union Hills Country Club.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Let's focus on Cave
22 Buttes.

23 MS. BELLER SAKANSKY: I'm sorry?

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: So the northern boundary
25 is Dove Valley Road, along -- like along -- over to

1 Carefree Highway -- or Cave Creek Road. I'm sorry.

2 MR. FLAHAN: All right. Northern boundary
3 Dove Mountain to Cave Creek Road.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Dove Valley Road turns
5 into Sonoran Desert Drive. You can see the squiggly
6 line there on the --

7 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, it goes right between the
8 two mountains, Brian. Yep, that guy, to Cave Creek, so
9 just follow that squiggly line down all the way to Cave
10 Creek, yep, and then just cut in.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Go south to --

12 MR. KINGERY: Do you want to get this
13 population estimate?

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. Just -- just draw it,
15 Brian.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: And, Commissioner, the -- you
17 probably know the next step. Just want to be sure,
18 because D3 started well short.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, not near as well short
20 as the unassigned.

21 MR. KINGERY: And just go down?

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

23 MR. KINGERY: Do you want me to follow Cave
24 Creek south?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes, but the -- can you

1 population balance D3 out of 28, Doug?

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: 28.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Because you picked up Sun
4 City, Sun City West, so D3 could slide over to the
5 freeway.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Let's see how those
7 numbers work out to pick up New River and Anthem, that
8 area.

9 MR. KINGERY: The highlighted section?

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right, and that offsets
11 the Sunnyslope.

12 So those are all of our changes. I would like
13 to review with the public what we were trying to
14 accomplish.

15 First off, we've heard a lot of testimony from
16 all over the state and obviously different factions,
17 and so we tried to take that into consideration as we
18 thought through this map. We heard that the Yuma Gold
19 suggestion for Legislative District 25 was important,
20 but also the mayor of Goodyear asked not to be included
21 all the way to the West Valley, so we've been able to
22 accomplish that. We've been able to accomplish some of
23 the requests from the Southern Arizona area of Tucson.
24 The East Valley we feel represents the communities of
25 interest that we heard about from -- from city of

1 Gilbert, Chandler, what we did in Tempe to add Dobson
2 Ranch, Lehi into District 10.

3 We also tried to consider what we felt was
4 important for the White Mountain community and put them
5 in LD7. And we also felt that Flagstaff had more in
6 common with LD6.

7 So I hope you can see where our thoughts were
8 as far as central Maricopa County. LD22 now becomes
9 very competitive. Might even comply with the VRA. We
10 pushed LD11 up into South Phoenix as part of the South
11 Mountain district. D1 goes up to Central Avenue all
12 the way up to Sunnyslope. We still considered the
13 Latino districts of 26 and 24 as they suggested. And,
14 lastly, LD4 has Paradise Valley, McCormick Ranch, South
15 Scottsdale, and portions of Desert Ridge, which we
16 think is a very compact community of interest from a
17 demographics standpoint and needs, and so we're --
18 we're happy with this suggestion.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If you are done and
20 mapping has no further questions maybe we should take a
21 quick break to grab lunch and then give the Democratic
22 Commissioners a few minutes to get ready for their
23 requests. Any preference for time to eat privately or
24 during meeting? What would be -- 15 minutes? What
25 would work for the group?

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thirty minutes? We need
2 to be done by -- twenty minutes?

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We're doing okay with
4 time-wise since we won't be receiving any additional
5 maps to go through. It really depends on how much time
6 you feel you need to not only give direction with
7 mapping, but also at the end to make sure you're all on
8 the same page. There may be one administrative item if
9 there's time when we're discussing our next meeting
10 dates, so, and we have a hard stop at let's say 1:55.
11 All right. Twenty-five minute lunch break. Recess.

12 (Lunch recess taken.)

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Welcome back,
14 everybody.

15 Mapping, we're ready to get going.

16 We are on Agenda Item No. VII. We are
17 discussing the legislative maps, and my Democratic
18 colleagues are going to work with mapping, giving some
19 guidance on adjusting lines.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you, Chairwoman.
21 I'm going to just start by a little overview of --

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Make sure they're live.
23 I don't see the response.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Are we okay?

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Mark, Brian, Doug, you

1 ready for feedback?

2 MR. FLAHAN: I'm here. Doug, are you here?

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep. All set.

4 MR. KINGERY: Loading up 12.0.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Are we okay or not?

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Great. We're
8 going to be looking at Map 12.0. That's going to be
9 the map we're going to be working off of. But I want
10 to make a statement again about the maps and our draft
11 map that we had left, 10.0, and where we are with 12.0.
12 I did a comparison over the weekend between these, and
13 I can say that almost -- that 19 of the districts are
14 the same in our -- or very close between 12.0 and 10.0,
15 because I was looking at how many differences do we
16 have.

17 So the changes that I am going to be
18 suggesting from the map, original map, that we drew are
19 pretty minor modifications as part of it, so we're
20 going to try to just take a look at some -- some
21 changes where I think these were -- these just tweak
22 some of what was in 12.0, and, actually, in some cases
23 align a little better with 10.0 as part of when I was
24 doing my evaluation as part of that.

25 A couple of just overview points. In District

1 16 we're basically focusing -- and I'm just going to
2 kind of give you a few just random comments and then
3 I'm going to give you very specific ones. We're
4 basically trying to move most of that district into
5 Pinal County out of Pima County, which aligns nicely
6 for that county -- for the folks in there not to be
7 split, and also to move it as much as out as possible
8 of Pima.

9 District 17, going to be continuing to
10 encourage the modified district, which is compact and
11 also honors the school districts in that area and
12 adjacent communities of interest in that area, so those
13 in the south. We have three VRA districts in there
14 that are slightly different from the original 10.0 map
15 that we have, and these -- these that I'm commenting on
16 now are the differences between 10.0 and 12.0 that I've
17 noted, so 16 and 17, and then there are some slight
18 changes in 23, 24, and 26 that were the Latino
19 Coalition maps as part of that.

20 In 21 I think one of the major differences
21 between 10 and 12 is what we've done with Santa Cruz
22 County and also the communities of interest that extend
23 into Cochise, so some of those -- those are some of the
24 changes between 10 and 12.

25 If we head up into other parts of the state,

1 if we go north we are in support of the Navajo Nation
2 proposal for District 6. That's the difference from
3 Map 10. We are also in support of the District 7 that
4 we have proposed that puts communities of interest
5 together and makes them a very competitive district.
6 Part of why we do not want to put Flagstaff in with the
7 Navajo Nation is actually what we've heard about what
8 might happen with primaries, which is why we think they
9 need to be separate and be placed into District 7.
10 Sedona needs to be whole, which is something we heard
11 plenty, and we would recommend being with District 7
12 since that was a big request of the mayor and council
13 for Sedona.

14 Other minor changes, the last two changes
15 between 10 and 12, the last couple of changes, one is
16 12 and 13 in the East Valley, trying to align 13 in
17 particular with the shape of Chandler, which is a very
18 linear north/south shaped town, and I believe that we
19 put more of that -- it doesn't have to be this exact
20 shape that we've got, but we feel it aligns very nicely
21 with the shape of Chandler and Gilbert as well so that
22 both of them are mostly, 90 percent, you know, together
23 as part of that for both 12 and 13.

24 And, of course, in 10 we had the panhandle
25 that we heard more than we ever wanted to about, so we

1 know that we need to make those adjustments, and that's
2 what we've done in 12.

3 So those are some of the changes, and then we
4 also feel that in -- the difference between 10 and 12
5 for District 4 actually does better at communities of
6 interest and also competitiveness in those areas. And
7 I -- I do mention competitiveness because it is an
8 interest. But I wanted to mention those as things that
9 we -- when I -- when I looked at everything over the
10 weekend, the differences between 10 and 12, it was not
11 insurmountable as part of our recommendations in 12
12 from what we originally had in 10. So I wanted to
13 mention that before I give you very specific kind of
14 comments as part of that.

15 Let me see if that's -- the other thing is
16 that -- well, as we go through these recommendations
17 we'll kind of make a couple of -- I'll make a couple of
18 comments.

19 But I do want to mention the Laveen area that
20 my colleagues had been talking about. We got a letter
21 from -- where is it -- Revered Stewart about the
22 African American community, and he cited the idea
23 that -- the fact that the -- that these areas of Laveen
24 and South Phoenix need to be kept together as they are
25 all part of a community of interest. I can't find the

1 letter right now. But I just mention that letter, that
2 that just came in, and I wanted to just comment on that
3 because it's really important that that part of Phoenix
4 be kept all the way to the west through -- with Laveen.

5 So those are my overview comments about the
6 connections that I found between 10 and 12. And,
7 again, I'll just say I feel that a lot of it is --
8 there is not a lot of -- there is changes, but they are
9 not overwhelming between those two, which is kind of
10 what I took a look at.

11 Okay. So I can give you some specifics. Oh,
12 that's it. Yes. Thank you. It's this part. Yeah, I
13 was just -- in this case I was just referring to 11 --
14 thank you, 11 and 22 that they were talking about.
15 They were just concerned, and I think they were going
16 off an old map, about that break, and they basically
17 said splitting the African American community in the
18 district would weaken their voice, so I just wanted to
19 address that because that's something I think is real
20 important, that we can't split some of that West Valley
21 into -- out of that in respect -- with respect to them.

22 Okay. So now what I'd like --

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And, by the way, I want
24 to thank the pastor for getting the feedback to us in
25 record time.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So another just quick
2 comment on why I also like 12.0, why I think it's a
3 good map. There is a number of different things.
4 First of all, most of the districts, they can be
5 balanced pretty easily, which is what I'll recommend
6 today. It's also an incredibly competitive balanced
7 map right now. I know there will be changes, but 12.0
8 right now is almost as balanced as you can get in terms
9 of what would be expected by the parties. With the way
10 I calculate it, based on our numbers, 12 Democrat, 12
11 Republican, and six competitive in this particular
12 iteration of 12.0, and what happens to those six is
13 anybody's guess on whether they go Republican or
14 Democrat.

15 The other thing about this is there is --
16 there is not going to be a lot that we need to do.
17 There is some -- there are a few areas that we need to
18 do balancing, but we'll be able to I think accommodate
19 that.

20 Another reason I like the 12.0 map is that it
21 respects the wishes in large part with the Latino
22 Coalition, the Navajo Nation, the Inter Tribal Council,
23 communities of interest, the LGBTQ community, the Asian
24 community. We've heard from lots of city council and
25 mayors, so it -- it addresses that, and really is very

1 strong on community of interests. It also does the
2 Constitutional requirements really effectively. It
3 focuses on compactness and recognizing and respecting
4 geographic boundaries, respecting communities of
5 interest. It addresses all of the Constitutional
6 criteria. And our changes were designed to place
7 communities together, and there were times in our
8 changes that we actually, you know, maybe strengthened
9 our colleagues' districts a little more or strengthened
10 others, because our focus was more on the communities
11 of interest than the actual layout of party
12 registration.

13 So what I would like to do is go through a few
14 changes that are needed to -- that would basically
15 address some of the -- the population imbalances that
16 we had. So if we can go to -- we'll start in Tucson.
17 We'll go south and then go north from there. If we go
18 to the south, I think I mentioned in the south that we
19 want to try to move LD16 as much out of Pima County as
20 possible. To do that, in your -- I'm looking to see
21 where you put it. What we're going to do is suggest
22 Red Rock, for example. The town of Red Rock should be
23 added to District 16. I think it goes better with that
24 than an alternative with that.

25 I'm going to head all the way south to

1 District 19 where you were talking about population
2 balance and would say that District 19 could lose
3 Apache County corner to District 6. That's about 1,300
4 people. I think that's a good idea. That's one of
5 your recommendations for the mappers.

6 Also, you recommended that District 19 picks
7 up Sahuarita, up to Sahuarita Road and Rita Ranch. I
8 think that works as well. There is a significant
9 Latino population in some of those areas as well, but I
10 think that the break in Sahuarita would work
11 effectively, so what you were talking about in your
12 recommendation for District 19 would work, so you could
13 do that.

14 You also recommended District 18 pick up East
15 Tucson north of Davis-Monthan and east of Wilmot, and I
16 think that that's also a good suggestion since the
17 District 17 iteration that we have in this map, which
18 includes Marana, Casas Adobes, Catalina Foothills, and
19 Oro Valley and respects the Marana and Amphitheater
20 school districts as was requested by them, that works
21 with that change in District 18, so that puts those
22 three districts -- that works pretty effectively for
23 that.

24 For District 17, I don't have any changes from
25 the version I have, though I would be open to other

1 changes if it was taking a piece of -- right now we
2 have it going into Pinal County. I know we have
3 SaddleBrooke in that area. That district right now is
4 incredibly competitive, slight lean to Republicans, but
5 within a percentage point, and it is compact, and it
6 respects school districts, and it respects communities
7 of interest that do a lot together and town boundaries,
8 so I think that District 17 the way it currently is
9 shaped accomplishes all of the things in our criteria
10 that we have for the Constitution.

11 If possible, I think there is a piece of the
12 Catalina Foothills or at the intersection of Kolb and
13 River that is not included in District 17, so if that
14 could be brought in on the very southeast corner, and
15 if Red Rock is moved out of District 17 I think that's
16 a great exchange. We could take Red Rock out, put it
17 into District 16, and make sure that Catalina Foothills
18 is in its entirety in District 17, or at least to the
19 intersection of Kolb and River, as I said, so that way
20 it wouldn't split the city. So that would be the only
21 change I would make to District 17.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, can you zoom in on that so
23 that we can see where Kolb and River is.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's basically -- really
25 you could just use the boundaries of the town as well.

1 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That would be fine. It
3 was just a matter of population, if the population that
4 I'm suggesting is -- is slightly off, but I pretty sure
5 that population would -- would work.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha. I see it. Thanks.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Then on your --
8 and I'm basically going through your population
9 recommendations. You recommended that District 23
10 picks up Gila Bend from District 28 and southern
11 Maricopa County portion of District 16, and I think
12 that's fine to do.

13 So you also made a recommendation for District
14 7, and let me know if you need me to not go so fast,
15 but I'm going off of your recommendations mostly, so --
16 so for District 7 you mentioned potentially picking up
17 Gold Canyon from District 10, but I'm going to suggest
18 something different. For District 7 what I would like
19 to suggest instead is move the Pinal County border east
20 and remove the unincorporated areas around Gold Canyon,
21 Apache Junction, San Tan, and Florence. Remove
22 Florence -- and this is trying to keep these
23 communities of interest together. Remove Florence and
24 Queen Valley, and south of Florence move the border
25 west to the Pinal Pioneer Parkway. So that would be

1 the changes for District 7, which I think has them
2 aligned really nicely with the communities that they
3 have a lot in common with.

4 Do you have any questions about that?

5 MR. FLAHAN: So you want us to move District 7
6 more west to -- what was the road you said?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We're going to move the
8 Pinal County boundary for -- for District 7 a little
9 east, removing -- we're going to move them east because
10 we're going to remove the unincorporated areas around
11 Gold Canyon, Apache Junction, San Tan, and Florence,
12 and remove Florence and Queen Valley, and we're going
13 to move some of those into District 16. I just want to
14 finish up what we'll take out of District 17. And then
15 south of Florence, so -- so what's going happen is it's
16 basically an exchange between those two districts,
17 trying to connect those communities of interest better.
18 So in District 16 you're going to pick up Florence.
19 You're going to pick up the unincorporated areas. All
20 of those areas that I'm saying remove from 7 we're
21 going to put into 16. And the border -- south of
22 Florence the west border will be Pinal Pioneer Parkway.
23 So basically it's an exchange between those two
24 districts, which helps with the -- with moving
25 districts out of Pima.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Wait. So what's 7 picking up
2 in this trade?

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 7 is picking up -- it's
4 moving -- it's picking -- it's moving -- wait a minute.
5 Let me see. Let me pull up this. Sorry. I just lost
6 my map. So what we're doing is moving the boundary --
7 the boundaries of 7.

8 MR. FLAHAN: 7 has also got 37,000 population
9 over.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. That's why we're
11 moving population out of 7 instead of -- so we're
12 moving the Pinal County border east. We're moving
13 unincorporated areas around Gold Canyon, Apache
14 Junction, San Tan, and Florence. We're moving Florence
15 and Queen Valley. Those are all going to go into 16,
16 and that should get that population balance. Plus
17 those are aligned communities, so we're keeping those
18 communities together, and those will go into 16. And,
19 remember, we're moving 16 out of Pima as much possible,
20 so that will help with population balance.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. Yeah, I agree that 16
22 should fix that -- made a lot of trades pick something
23 up (indiscernible) extra population.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It was overpopulated.
25 Okay. So that's kind of the area. That's that area.

1 And I like the way District 21 is looking
2 right now. That's the Latino Coalition
3 recommendations, just as a note for that.

4 Okay. I'm just going to -- I'm going -- I'm
5 basically just following your population notes, your
6 recommendations. So your next batch of notes are --
7 let me get those -- talk about District 23. And I
8 think if -- it basically by doing the D7 -- I'm sorry.
9 We're basically okay with you saying -- your
10 recommendation for District 23, picking up 10,000
11 Southern Tucson residents along with the I-10 corridor
12 south of Valencia Road from D20. That's fine. Also
13 what's fine is your other recommendation for District
14 23, picking up 2,300 unincorporated D20 residents just
15 northwest of the Pascua Yaqui community, and that
16 should pretty much get balance, so those two
17 recommendations that you had for District 23 are fine.

18 For District 16, just next on your list, I
19 think we've already addressed that because we just did
20 the balancing between 7 and 16. Okay.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Commissioner Lerner, if I
22 could, just a wording thing. Just these are our
23 suggestions, not -- not necessarily recommendations.
24 We're -- we're totally open if you have a different
25 approach as well.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Absolutely. Thank you.
2 I didn't mean to imply.

3 So the other thing with District 23 just as
4 another change is that it's going to pick up Gila Bend
5 from District 28, and then just that southern portion
6 of -- just going to -- of District 16 to capture Gila
7 Bend to make a nice line, so it basically will include
8 all of Gila Bend from District 28. And then just to
9 basically make a clean line, that -- that southern
10 portion right where 85 crosses into District 16 -- or
11 crosses along District 16, we just want to include that
12 one piece. I don't even know if there is population in
13 there, but just to clean that line, so we're just going
14 to pick up that one piece for District 23 to include
15 Gila Bend.

16 And, again, District 23, based on your
17 suggestions, picks up Pima County portion of District
18 16, based on the suggestions that you had. Okay. You
19 also had a suggestion that District 16 comes back into
20 Pima just slightly to pick up Picture Rocks and a
21 little bit of the surrounding community. We're trying
22 to keep it as much out of Pima County as possible, but
23 that one piece right there would probably work, so that
24 suggestion would be fine. And then, again, the area
25 over by Gila Bend that I just made. So either picking

1 up Picture Rocks or the Gila Bend change.
2 Population-wise I'm not sure which would work better,
3 so if you could look at that. I don't think we need
4 both. I don't think we need both Picture Rocks and the
5 other one.

6 Okay. Then I'm going to go -- and, again, I'm
7 just following your suggestions, the order of your
8 suggestions. You have northern Phoenix and western
9 Maricopa County completely fine with the idea of
10 District 30 picking up Wickenburg from District 5 to
11 balance District 30, plus I think it actually aligns
12 nicely with that. District 5 -- and -- and, honestly,
13 the main reason I ever have a change from your
14 suggestions is because I'm thinking of the communities
15 of interest and how those might better be -- be
16 followed in terms of what they would like.

17 District 5 you suggest picking up New River
18 from District 28, and I think that works -- works well,
19 and then continuing to pick up population from District
20 28 down to Happy Valley Road, which balances District
21 5, so basically that I-17 corridor and connecting those
22 communities.

23 District 27 picks up -- you mentioned picking
24 up the rest of District 28's Phoenix population.
25 That's fine.

1 The recommendation for District 29 is also
2 fine, picking up southwest Peoria from District 27 from
3 District 29, and District 28 picking up a little bit of
4 that northern piece of Peoria from District 27 to
5 balance. So those are all changes that we can easily
6 recommend that you had as suggestions.

7 Okay. Then moving into Phoenix, based on your
8 recommendations, your suggestions, District 1 will move
9 east into District 4 a little bit. You had recommended
10 that. I am saying I have a different take on that. So
11 for District 1, I believe that they -- you could
12 actually take a look at the Latino Coalition 3.0 map
13 and look at what was going on between District 1, 2, 4,
14 and 8. And I think that map, basically what it does is
15 it moves Sunnyslope into -- from District 1 to District
16 2. It shifts the District 2 border west to 51st
17 Avenue, which is a city of Phoenix boundary. It shifts
18 the District 4 western boundary north of the mountain
19 preserves to follow Piestewa Freeway. It extends
20 District 1 north to the 101 and picks up areas of
21 District 2 that are east of Sunnyslope and north of
22 Peoria. South of Indian Bend it will push the District
23 8 boundary west to align with the Scottsdale city line.
24 I will also say that we would like to have the same
25 Lehi -- well, Lehi I think could go into -- we want it

1 complete. Right now Lehi is in -- in our map, I can't
2 remember, 8 or 9. It's 9. So it can actually just
3 stay where it is because it's whole as part of that.

4 North of Indian Bend I think I mentioned push
5 the District 4 boundary east to the 101 and then move
6 the District 4 southern boundary south to take that
7 piece from District 1, the areas north of Sky Harbor
8 and east of State Route 51. Those would be the -- now,
9 did you catch all those? Because that had more changes
10 than what we've had. I'm almost -- I'm almost done.
11 Did you catch all of those changes, or do you need me
12 to repeat anything?

13 MR. FLAHAN: So Lehi stays in District 9, D4
14 east to the 101, and then D4 south and north of Sky
15 Harbor east to District 1.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 51. East, yeah. D4
17 goes --

18 MR. FLAHAN: I gotcha.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I had a whole
20 bunch of changes, but you think you're good with all of
21 those, with Sunnyslope and D4, D1, all of that?

22 MR. FLAHAN: Let me know if I have it right.
23 Okay. Looking at the Latino Coalition map, District 1,
24 2, 4, and 8 and see what happens. Sunnyslope to
25 District 2. District 2 to 51st Avenue. District 4 to

1 Piestewa Freeway. District 1 north to the 101 freeway,
2 and District 8 west to the Scottsdale boundary line.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Yeah, and the
4 reason we're moving District 1 north is to make sure
5 that we've got, you know, those areas of District 2
6 that are east of Sunnyslope and north of Peoria Avenue.
7 Yep. And then the last one was north of Indian Bend
8 you're going to push the D4 boundary east to the 101,
9 but I think you got that. Right?

10 MR. FLAHAN: North to Indian Bend. Yep, I got
11 that one.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry. I couldn't
13 catch that.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Sorry. Yeah, I got that one, D4
15 east to the 101 north of Indian Bend.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Great.

17 MR. FLAHAN: Did I capture it all?

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yep, you got it. Always
19 impressed on how you catch all of this stuff.

20 Okay. Then -- then going down to the East
21 Valley into Tempe, the western border of District 9
22 should be either the 101 or the Tempe-Mesa city line.
23 You had made a recommendation that D8 and D12 move west
24 into Mesa to get extra population, but I'm saying that
25 we should actually not -- not do that, so just --

1 MR. FLAHAN: The two shapes are really
2 different. Which one would you prefer?

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, for which?

4 MR. FLAHAN: The western border should be the
5 101 or the Tempe boundary lines for D9? I guess
6 because there is -- there is a curve, right, in the
7 border between Tempe and Mesa in D9.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. There is that
9 one curve that has a decent number there that's going
10 in from D12 into D9.

11 MR. FLAHAN: Mm-hmm. And then above it you
12 got the jut out, yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. That's all I was
14 talking about.

15 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Gotcha.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And, you know, the line
17 is slightly different, right? Tempe goes over the 101
18 not even a mile, just -- I mean, just a little bit
19 over, but that's why it could go either way, whichever
20 way works population-wise, either the 101 or the Tempe
21 line, because it's -- it's just a slight difference in
22 that area.

23 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: For D4, just clarifying
25 to make sure we got that, that the western boundary

1 that's north of the mountain preserve is going to
2 follow Piestewa Freeway. Is that what you had? I just
3 want to make sure I was -- I may not have been clear.

4 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, D4 western boundary follows
5 Piestewa Freeway. Yes, got that.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think that might be
7 most of our changes. Let me -- I am -- let me just
8 double check, but I'm pretty sure that is most of the
9 changes, I think. Okay. I've already mentioned about
10 Sedona. We didn't look at D22. So I know that there
11 was a comment about District 22. We'll probably have
12 to come back to that as a Commission on what to do with
13 that district. That Buckeye mayor was talking about it
14 going east. I don't have a suggestion right now, but
15 I'm sure that we'll take a closer look at that. Just
16 thinking about some of the comments that we received.

17 We're going to not make any changes into -- I
18 know there has been some question about LD25, but I
19 think actually the Glendale mayor's comments actually
20 align pretty necessarily with the shape of that LD25 as
21 we have it in this particular map based on his
22 feedback.

23 In -- okay. I don't -- oh, District 8. I'm
24 not sure if I clarified anything in District 8. There
25 was one area in District 8 I wanted to be sure -- maybe

1 let me just go through that, walk through that. I
2 don't know if I actually said anything about that
3 because it's not -- I had it as a separate document.
4 It wasn't in your list.

5 So District 8 I just want to make a slight
6 change in that on the east side. Basically what we're
7 talking about with District 8 is how far south it will
8 go to try to align with what the tribe was interested
9 in, as well as it aligns very nicely with some of the
10 work that's -- that we've been talking about in terms
11 of where the boundaries should be. So for District 8
12 the northern boundary is going to be the Salt River
13 Pima-Maricopa County Indian reservation on the east
14 side, I think where you have it. We have to make sure
15 we find -- and I think it's SaddleBrooke Mountain or
16 Saddle Mountain. Did we include that in this map?
17 Because I remember the president mentioning that. And
18 I can't remember the exact name of that mountain, but
19 we were all talking about the fact that it's in the
20 very north part of the reservation, so if we can end up
21 locating that. The northeast side, okay.

22 The boundary will just travel southwest
23 following the Salt River and then the Red Mountain
24 Freeway as part of that. And then somewhere around --
25 I think we mentioned this before -- the roughly Red

1 Mountain Freeway and Country Club, that's where we want
2 to dip down and go along Rio Salado, and that's so it
3 can capture some of the high schools that the students
4 from Salt River go to, and that will go all the way to
5 the border.

6 So I think pretty close to the way you have
7 this is good. It will take a piece of Tempe as well
8 west of the Pima Freeway and north of the Superstition,
9 so I think that's where District 8 goes as part of it.
10 And, again, Lehi can go -- I think it's in District 8
11 right now -- oh, it's in 9, and it can stay there or 8.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just to clarify, you're just
13 saying south of the Superstition Freeway. Can you
14 repeat that?

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. So -- so
16 basically what we're talking about is the south
17 boundary, so you're taking it over to Country Club,
18 which will include the high schools. And then it's
19 going to go south down Country Club, west on Rio
20 Salado, until it gets to the 101 or the freeway. Then
21 it will go -- it will grab the section of Tempe that's
22 west of the freeway, north of the Superstition. So
23 that piece that we were just talking about that was
24 coming out for District 9, it will take that -- that
25 block, I think, of District 12. I'm not sure if it's

1 going to imbalance the population. That's actually --
2 I need to go back to the population. Yeah, it's
3 because District 8 was a little low population-wise, so
4 this is just to try to balance the population between 8
5 and 9 in that area, so that's really all I'm trying to
6 do there. So that block -- we were going to move
7 District 9 over. We're just trying to get that
8 balance.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sorry. I'm still not
10 following --

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I know. I may not be
12 very clear here.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Where? Which way is District
14 8 moving, more into 9 --

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 60, not Superstition.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- across the freeway?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, thank you. That's
18 right. Isn't it also called that?

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It is to us, but they live
20 in --

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. So we're talking
22 about the US 60, right, you guys, when we say the
23 Superstition Freeway?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- so, yeah, that's why I
2 was trying not to veer into the 60 to then talk about
3 District 9. So the 60 is in District 12. Right?

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: A little bit of it.

5 MR. FLAHAN: It goes through 8, 12, 9, 10.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. It goes along --
7 there is that border right in that area of 12, 9, and 8
8 as part of that.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: So everything -- are you
10 saying everything north of Superstition Freeway that's
11 currently in 12 would go into 8?

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Let me look at the --
13 the eastern most part above the Super -- above US 60.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's currently in 12.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's currently in
16 12 -- let me just double check to make sure that's not
17 going to -- if we take that out of -- I had that all
18 figured out, and I'm looking at your numbers. I don't
19 know if I can take those out of 12 without impacting
20 that population because that was balanced. That's the
21 part, that easternmost piece, that I'm talking about
22 there, so that one piece from 12 was going to go into
23 9. We were going to make adjustments. Let me see what
24 your recommendation is.

25 MR. KINGERY: Roughly 17,000 people.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The western border is
2 going to be -- I'm sorry. How much is 12? Is 12
3 balanced?

4 MR. KINGERY: We've highlighted on the screen.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Brian, is 12 balanced
6 without the highlighted?

7 MR. KINGERY: 5,000 under.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: 5,000 under.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Under. 5,000 under.

10 MR. KINGERY: 5,520.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So the area that
12 you're highlighting is what I was talking about.

13 MR. KINGERY: That's roughly 17,000.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's 17,000 taking
15 from 12, and you said 12 is over by 5?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Under.

17 MR. KINGERY: Under by 5 now.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: All right. Now I'm --
19 so removing them isn't going to work. Where are we
20 with 8 and 9? I thought I had this all worked out.

21 MR. KINGERY: 8 is 30,000 short.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 8 is 30,000 short?

23 MR. KINGERY: 38,700.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Even with the changes we
25 just made?

1 MR. KINGERY: No, no. As is. So if 8 adds
2 17,000, still 19.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- so 8 will make up some
4 of that shortage up by the 101 freeway, those changes
5 of the north Tempe border you're talking about.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, the north part.
7 Right?

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So I'm kind of
10 not sure what I want to do with that because I don't
11 want to completely mess up 12 now because we had it in
12 pretty good shape. So we still need population in 8.
13 It has 9 with what we made the changes. Is that going
14 to be okay? Because I thought we had all of this --
15 because we didn't really make major changes in 9 other
16 than that one piece.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. But -- but 9 was
18 significantly over.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: It was over by 20,000
21 before -- before any -- any of the changes are made.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And 8 is under. Yeah,
23 I'm just trying to keep Dobson Ranch together, which
24 is -- we could potentially -- actually, there is a
25 good -- we could potentially take a piece of 9 from Rio

1 Salado down to Main Street where it cuts into Dobson.
2 I don't necessarily want to do that because that's the
3 Asian population along -- they have a big population
4 all along Dobson Road. 8 is short. It could -- it
5 could dip down to University from 9, potentially, down
6 along Country Club, because 9 is over, so if we took
7 that piece down there and put it into 8, have it dip
8 down, or it could go --

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Not that area, Brian.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sorry. That was my map.
11 No. Further north. Further north.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: The north border between 8
13 and 9.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. So instead of
15 having Rio Salado -- instead of having Rio Salado with
16 that border it could be the one block -- one mile south
17 to University.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just say north of university.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, it could do that.
20 D8 could also potentially pick up -- I don't know the
21 population in that area. It could also take -- instead
22 of being at the 202 border it could go down to
23 McKellips over to the -- over to the -- it would
24 take -- basically take the Lehi area and move it from
25 D9 to D8 in its entirety, but I'm thinking that one --

1 I'm thinking that one area where it goes down if we
2 take -- instead of using Rio Salado if we use
3 University that should balance the population. We need
4 to lose -- we don't know how far -- I don't know how
5 many more people we need to lose from D9 to D8 based on
6 the changes we have so far. What do you think?

7 MR. FLAHAN: Brian is going to draw it. Hold
8 on a second.

9 MR. KINGERY: Are you talking about this block
10 right here?

11 MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

12 MR. KINGERY: That's 11,000.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That block? Yeah, so if
14 we move that over.

15 MR. FLAHAN: To 8.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, would that be
17 about -- based on other changes we might be closer in
18 population, and that's a natural group as well,
19 along -- between University and Rio Salado. Those are
20 solid communities of interest in that area. And it
21 doesn't -- I'm not worried about it being absolutely
22 perfect because all these maps are going to shift.

23 MR. Kingery: That's 23,000 if you went down
24 to University or Main.

25 MR. FLAHAN: Main.

1 MR. KINGERY: Main.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So what I would suggest
3 is, you know, this is the concept, and, you know, if we
4 need less -- fewer people in that then it can go up --
5 we just are going to University. That's all -- I think
6 you went down to Main Street. We just want to do to
7 University on that.

8 MR. KINGERY: Yeah, I was just curious to see
9 how many, but, yeah, if we just go to University.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That should work.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: If we take it down to
12 University and then follow -- and then follow the
13 Tempe-Mesa border, so -- so just take the Tempe part
14 below University, would that be okay?

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Below University?

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. So the yellow line
17 there is the city border, so if we just take the -- if
18 we take where Brian has got it highlighted in blue plus
19 the pink area that's west of the yellow line.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure. That could work.
21 We could certainly try that, yeah.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: That would -- that would keep
23 D9 I think balanced, well, about 3 percent, so
24 reasonably balanced, and then we'd see what it does to
25 8.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. And then the only
2 other thing I just wanted to mention, I think that's --
3 that was at the last piece that you had mentioned is in
4 District 13. Again, trying to keep as much of these
5 communities as close as possible, so if we can adjust a
6 little bit -- if District 13 -- LD 13 should probably
7 take as much population from Chandler near especially
8 Warner and Dobson roads. Let me see. Well, actually
9 District 13 and District 14, how -- how are they in
10 terms of their population? They weren't on our list.
11 So are they pretty balanced?

12 MR. KINGERY: Both over by 10,000.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, both over by 10,000.
14 Okay. It wasn't on the list that you had sent so
15 that's why I didn't have that.

16 MR. KINGERY: That was in D13 and 9,300 in
17 District 14.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, the suggestions are
19 fairly general, just D12 and D8 move east in the Valley
20 to pick up that extra population.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So I think what
22 we want to do is try to have as much of these two
23 districts as complete as possible for the communities
24 that are there, so if LD13 could take more population
25 since it's mostly Chandler. It does include Sun Lakes,

1 which was their request. If LD13 can take more
2 population from Chandler near Warner and Dobson in
3 particular for balancing of population and make those
4 modifications between LD13 and LD14 to pretty much try
5 to capture -- if you draw the cities on there to try
6 capture the cities. Maybe you could put Gilbert or
7 Chandler up as the city boundary.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: The two of them are pretty
9 much equal, 4.3 and 3.9, so between them they're
10 balanced. They're just both four percent over.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: So I don't know if there
13 is --

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, the only -- I
15 was -- I was thinking if seeing if we could try to get
16 that piece of Gilbert into -- I don't know where D12 is
17 right now. I don't want to keep taking population from
18 it. Are we -- are we in pretty good shape with D12,
19 just population balancing?

20 MR. KINGERY: 5,500 under.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Under, so I don't want
22 to take anymore from that. You know what, for right
23 now I think we're just going to leave these two the way
24 they are. There are some changes that I would suggest
25 that basically capture the entire city for those, but

1 at this point for the sake of where we are right now I
2 think it's good for us to just -- I'm just going to
3 leave those alone. I don't want to keep messing with a
4 thousand here and a thousand there since they're pretty
5 close.

6 In District 4 just one sort of last comment on
7 that. I don't know if I -- I'm trying to remember if
8 you said anything -- we talked about a few things to
9 make some changes in District 4, and I think I may have
10 captured this, but there is a neighborhood called
11 Palomino neighborhood, which is Greenway to Bell, 32nd
12 Street to 24th Street, and we could put that in LD2,
13 and so that might just be some population balancing
14 there, too, as well keeping the community of interest
15 together.

16 And that's all the major changes. In the
17 north, as I mentioned, we want to follow the
18 recommendations that we had from the Navajo Nation for
19 District 6 and District 7. We want to basically keep
20 the way things -- we have it laid out in our Map 12.0.
21 So I think we've got --

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just a quick -- just a quick
23 note. Sorry. It looks like Palomino is already in.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: D2?

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: D4.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: D -- oh.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, you want to -- oh, you
3 want to move that into D2. Gotcha. Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Into D2, right, right.

5 MR. KINGERY: And that's what I highlighted
6 right now?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

8 MR. KINGERY: That's what I highlighted right
9 now --

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

11 MR. KINGERY: -- from Greenway to Bell, 32nd
12 east?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Yeah, so we just
14 wanted to move that in there. We want to be sure
15 Sunnyslope is also in D2, but I think it is already.

16 MR. KINGERY: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So Sunnyslope is just
18 getting moved around.

19 Those are all my changes. And, again, I just
20 want to reiterate that by far two-thirds of Map 12.0
21 overlap pretty well, not completely, but overlap pretty
22 well with our Draft Map 10.0, so these are -- most of
23 these are line changes, trying to pull communities of
24 interest together in different ways, but they're not
25 wholesale changes. There are a few places that we've

1 done a modification, like LD25, that I recognize, but a
2 lot of them are not as -- not hugely widespread in many
3 ways. Again, the goal has been for communities of
4 interest, to listen to the public as much as possible,
5 to the hearings, listen to our mayors and councilmen,
6 council members, to try to align people as much
7 possible. We also -- go ahead.

8 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: If I could add to that,
9 obviously we're trying to consider the rural and urban
10 interests, the Latino Coalition, the African American,
11 but also the Native community. And I think we talked
12 about it earlier. There is 22 tribes in the state.

13 But for the northern district, Madam Chair, I
14 know we're talking about the Navajo proposal, but it
15 also includes support of six other tribes, and so I
16 think that's -- that's very important. There is --
17 there is six tribes supporting the Navajo Nation
18 proposal. And so what we're recommending is removing
19 Flagstaff from -- from this portion, because, yes,
20 there is -- there is ties, but there is very, very
21 different communities of interest between Flagstaff and
22 the Navajo Nation, as I pointed out earlier, and we're
23 also talking about White Mountain area. We heard from
24 the officials of Show Low and the chairwoman for White
25 Mountain that they have close connection and close

1 ties, and so keeping them together is very, very
2 important, so, but overall, you know, what we're
3 putting on the table is again recognizing the vast
4 community of interest that we have here in the state.

5 The 22 tribes -- I want to acknowledge there
6 is 22 tribes here in this state, and they actually have
7 about 30 percent of the land base. Even though tribes
8 in general are a small percent of the Arizona
9 population, you know, they do have significant land
10 holdings, which, you know, we -- I think we recognize
11 that. And so we want to close there, but that's our
12 recommendation, Madam Chair. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you all.

14 Mark and/or Doug, do you have any
15 clarification questions of my colleagues? And, part
16 two, when might we expect new iterations of -- of the
17 maps?

18 MR. FLAHAN: I don't have any questions on my
19 side.

20 Doug, do you have any questions?

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: No. I think we've got a
22 pretty good sense of where to go.

23 MR. FLAHAN: I think on a timeline the plan is
24 to start working on these maps once the meeting is over
25 and work into the night to get them as complete as

1 possible. The goal will be to get them all done
2 tonight, but if that does not become possible the goal
3 will be to get them done in the morning of tomorrow to
4 get you guys at least a day and a half to be able to
5 look at all of the maps. But, like I said, the
6 stressed goal is to get it done today.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you. And, you
8 know, every step of the way from the beginning,
9 whenever the Commission raised a concern or a need, you
10 have been nothing but responsive, and it was fabulous
11 to get the previous maps so quickly, and it really does
12 help us have prep time.

13 And along those lines, just so that we're all
14 on the same page, we will receive these new iteration
15 of the maps. We'll all study them. We'll look, you
16 know, for what we like about them, what we don't like
17 about them. And then from there we're going to
18 collectively vote on the starting point. Could be one
19 map. Could be the other map. Maybe even -- I don't
20 know if everybody could agree on a combination in some
21 way, but we're going to vote on a starting point, and
22 from there begin to lock in decisions when we feel the
23 deliberative process has been complete, and then from
24 there continue to strive to really have one main map be
25 the driver and we come back closer together to what I

1 think is really possible.

2 So we have how much time? About, what, ten
3 minutes? There is one item that I know our counsel at
4 some point would like to give us an administrative
5 update, just from the Secretary of State's office as it
6 relates to our timeframe. I don't know, Counsel, if
7 that's something you want to bring up in ten minutes or
8 if you want to --

9 MR. B. JOHNSON: We can do it -- yeah, we can
10 do it in ten minutes. As it deals with some of the VRA
11 issues and some of the reporting, et cetera, we would
12 recommend you go into executive session, but we can get
13 it done in ten minutes easily.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. So at this point
15 I'm going to suggest that we go into executive session
16 in order to get an update on some administrative issues
17 that relate to VRA compliance, which will not be open
18 to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal
19 advice to further implement and/or advance these legal
20 issues pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3). After that
21 we will return to the public session, during which we
22 will make final announcements, close public comments,
23 and adjourn.

24 So we will now the go into -- oh, the motion.
25 I will entertain a motion to go into executive session.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So moved to go into
2 executive session.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Seconded.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Vice Chair Watchman.

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is
13 an aye.

14 With that we will move into executive session
15 to discuss some administrative issues related to VRA
16 compliance.

17 (Whereupon the proceeding is in executive
18 session from 1:45 p.m. until 1:58 p.m.)

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22 (Whereupon the proceeding resumes in general
23 session.)

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25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Thank you for

1 everybody's patience.

2 Please, Val, note for the minutes that
3 Commissioner Mehl has left at 1:58.

4 Before we move to the next agenda item I'm
5 going to turn it over to our counsel just to give a
6 brief overview of the legal advice.

7 MR. B. JOHNSON: Sounds good. Actually, we're
8 not going to talk about legal advice, but we're going
9 into what the -- the solution of the agenda going
10 forward post approval of the maps.

11 When the maps are approved by the Commission,
12 they will be approved subject to administrative changes
13 from the individual county elections. From the
14 approval date, seven days thereafter the county
15 election officials from the 15 counties will have an
16 opportunity to request minor changes to account for
17 minor issues such as split apartment complexes and
18 precinct-level type information, but they will be
19 minor, and the final maps will be subject to that.

20 Post -- post those seven days the mapping
21 consultants will be provided seven additional days to
22 adjust for those minor changes from the different
23 counties and report back to staff. The -- the legal
24 and staff will finalize the IRC commission report with
25 all attachments by the 21st day. By the 25th day the

1 IRC will come back into session to certify the final
2 maps, affirming that only administrative changes were
3 made, and reflect the final vote that was selected on
4 the original date. On the next day, by the next day
5 the IRC staff and mapping will officially transmit the
6 maps after certification to the Arizona Secretary of
7 State's office.

8 So for the county officials the major date
9 that I believe staff has agreed to is a seven-day
10 window to allow for the counties to request minor
11 changes.

12 Any questions from the Commissioners?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you very much.

15 With that we'll move to Agenda Item VIII, next
16 meeting date. We will reconvene here at the Palomar
17 December 16th, Thursday, 9:00 a.m., and I believe we
18 intend to deliberate a full day, up until 5:00 p.m.

19 We'll move to Agenda Item No. IX. We will now
20 close public comments. Please note members of the
21 Commission may not discuss items that are not
22 specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore,
23 pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a
24 result of public comment will be limited to directing
25 staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism,

1 or scheduling the matter for further consideration and
2 decision at a later date.

3 With that we will move to Agenda Item No. X,
4 adjournment. I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: This is Commissioner
6 Lerner. I move to adjourn.

7 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Commissioner Watchman
8 seconds.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Vice Chair Watchman.

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Where is Commissioner
12 Mehl? Commissioner York.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is
17 an aye.

18 With a 4-0 vote we will adjourn, and I look
19 forward to seeing our entire team and the public
20 Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.

21 (The proceedings concluded at 2:01 p.m.)

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25 official record of IRC proceedings.

