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1 PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 9:00 a.m. on
3 December 20, 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
14 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant
15 Mr. Alex Pena, Community Outreach Coordinator
16 Ms. Michelle Crank, Public Information Officer

17 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group
18 Mr. Brian Kingery, Timmons Group
19 Mr. Parker Bradshaw, Timmons Group
20 Mr. Doug Johnson, NDC
21 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, NDC

22 Mr. Roy Herrera, Herrera Arellano
23 Mr. Daniel Arellano, Herrera Arellano
24 Mr. Shawn Summers, Ballard Spahr
25 Mr. Eric Spencer, Snell & Wilmer
26 Mr. Brett Johnson, Snell & Wilmer

27 * Spanish interpreter present

P R O C E E D I N G

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3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Welcome,
4 everybody. We will dive right in. Agenda Item I, call
5 to order and roll call. I(A), call for quorum.

6 It is 9:00 on the dot, Monday, December 20,
7 2021. The Independent -- I call this meeting of the
8 Independent Redistricting Commission to order.

9 For the record, the Executive Assistant,
10 Valerie Neumann, will be taking roll. When your name
11 is called please indicate you are present.

12 Val.

13 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 Vice Chair Watchman.

15 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Present.

16 MS. NEUMANN: Commissioner Lerner.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Present.

18 MS. NEUMANN: Commissioner Mehl.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Present.

20 MS. NEUMANN: Commissioner York.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Present.

22 MS. NEUMANN: Chairperson Neuberg.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Present.

24 MS. NEUMANN: And for the record we also have
25 in attendance Executive Director Brian Schmitt; Deputy

1 Director Lori Van Haren; Michelle Crank, Public
2 Information Officer; Alex Pena, Community Outreach
3 Coordinator; Brett Johnson and Eric Spencer from Snell
4 & Wilmer; Roy Herrera and Daniel Arellano from Herrera
5 Arellano; Shawn Summers from Ballard Spahr; Mark
6 Flahan, Parker Bradshaw, Brian Kingery from Timmons;
7 Doug Johnson and Ivy Beller Sakansky from NDC Research.
8 And Debbie Wilks will be our morning transcriptionist.
9 Angela Miller will be our afternoon transcriptionist.
10 And our Spanish interpreter is Brenda Lopez.

11 Brenda, would you like to introduce yourself,
12 please.

13 THE INTERPRETER: Good morning, everyone. My
14 name is Brenda Lopez. I'm a Spanish interpreter. I
15 will be present throughout the day. If you need a
16 Spanish interpreter you can come up to me and I will
17 help you out.

18 (Interpreter speaking in foreign language.)

19 MS. NEUMANN: That's everyone. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you, Val.

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 yesterday, December 19th, 2021. We have A, general
6 session. We did not have an executive session.

7 Is there any discussion on the minutes from
8 yesterday?

9 If no discussion I'll entertain a motion to
10 approve the minutes from December 19th, 2021.

11 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Madam Chair, Vice Chair
12 Watchman motions to approve the minutes.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do I have a second?

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Commissioner Mehl seconds.

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

17 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is
25 an aye.

1 And with that the minutes are approved from
2 December 19th.

3 We 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 as a result of public comment will be limited to
14 directing staff to study the matter, responding to any
15 criticism, or scheduling the matter for further
16 consideration and decision at a later date.

17 We move to Agenda Item No. IV, discussion on
18 public comments received prior to today's meeting. Any
19 feedback to share? We are doing our best to keep up.
20 It's been remarkable, and thank you.

21 We move to Agenda Item No. V, potential
22 update, discussion, and potential action concerning
23 polarization data and report presentation from mapping
24 consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional
25 requirements.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: No new information this
2 morning.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Thank you.
4 We'll move to Agenda Item VI, draft map
5 decision discussion. We will continue where we left
6 off. My colleagues were in the final stages of giving
7 some direction. This would be the last opportunity to
8 have separate congressional maps to flesh out some
9 remaining ideas that they would like for us to
10 collectively look at.

11 I do believe that we -- many of us have
12 questions, particularly as it relates to VRA
13 compliance, of our legal counsel, so whether we dive
14 right in or have other things we want to discuss with
15 Doug, I'm going to suggest that the Commission vote to
16 go into executive session, which will not be open to
17 the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice
18 to further implement and/or advance these legal issues
19 pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

20 Colleagues, would you like to start with E
21 session to talk through some of our legal questions as
22 it relates to VRA compliance and any other
23 Constitutional questions?

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

1 discuss Voter Rights Act and other issues.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think that the executive
3 session would really only pertain to the LD map, or am
4 I wrong? Because I wonder if we should go through the
5 CD map changes and then while we're in executive
6 session the mapping people can be working on those
7 changes, so just as a procedural efficiency.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I -- I think that there
9 are some questions as it relates to the congressional
10 map, CD6 -- I'm sorry, CD7 and -- and its boundaries
11 with 6, but I think we can certainly finish out
12 fleshing out the ideas, give mapping time, and then
13 meet with legal, so if there is no discomfort with that
14 I think that makes a lot of sense.

15 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I'll withdraw my motion
16 since there is not a second.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Motion withdrawn.

19 So let's continue where we left off. I
20 believe Commissioner Lerner was in the process of
21 sharing feedback, and also if my colleagues here would
22 like some fine-tuning, you know, before you finalize,
23 you know, the -- your request of mapping, I would like
24 to keep us all moving in the same direction. There is
25 a lot that we have going on very right, and, you know,

1 if the maps do go too far away from where we have
2 already accomplished a lot of consensus and good work
3 and if I feel that it's going to be more difficult to
4 get to the end goal by adopting the new map it's
5 possible we'll just go back to the other iteration. So
6 I -- I say that just with the hope that the maps that
7 we're going to be able to look at are going to be good
8 faith efforts to capture, you know, the best map and
9 not, you know, any type of, you know, asking for
10 extreme things, thinking that it's, you know, going to
11 magically make things compromise. And the things that
12 I'm going to look for are the things that I've been,
13 you know, sharing very consistently. I think based on
14 our draft maps we were able to see that we can --
15 without significantly compromising communities of
16 interest we can achieve very high levels of
17 competitiveness in Districts 1 and 6, and I think there
18 are ways that we can potentially even moderate 4 and 8
19 that, you know, even when we don't get a district
20 within the technical competitive range I do believe
21 that there are ongoing forces that are better for the
22 district in requiring greater accountability and
23 attentiveness to constituents.

24 So with that I turn it over to Commissioner
25 Lerner and Watchman.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I -- I don't have
2 access to the map that -- where we are today, right,
3 because I can't find it on my list, and I was trying to
4 find that so I could -- is it -- do we not have access
5 to the maps that we drew? Is that correct?

6 MR. FLAHAN: Correct. That was the request
7 yesterday just getting to the population numbers.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: To the middle. So are
9 you going to pull that up where we are on this one just
10 so we can -- so I can see where we are as we move
11 forward? I know I don't have it before. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: She's one dot -- she's
13 12.0.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: What? But we don't have
15 it.

16 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: It's up.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's up now. Thank you.
18 Okay. Okay. Just to reiterate sort of where we were
19 when we left off to make sure we're on the same page
20 from yesterday, yesterday we asked for Maryvale, that
21 piece of Maryvale west of 99th Avenue to be moved into
22 District 7. We moved -- we asked for Casa Grande to be
23 moved into District 2 from District 6, which would
24 align it with communities of interest. That was the
25 same thing for the first part, for Maryvale as well.

1 For -- excuse me. Okay. Kind of going to go
2 south here a little bit back into District 6 where we
3 were. We were in alignment in -- with District 6 --
4 well, we were in alignment on Leisure World from
5 District 4 to District 5. Correct? I just want to
6 make sure we have all the things we talked about.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Yep, right there. It's District
8 5 going into Mesa.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Great. Thank you.
10 We asked for Gold Canyon, Gold Camp, and Queen
11 Creek to be moved from District 5 to District 2.

12 And then one of the -- okay. Let me get
13 this -- I'm just trying to check off. And we were in
14 line with keeping what Commissioner Mehl had said, that
15 straight line that's there. I think that's the same
16 for both. We're good with kind of aligning the same
17 way.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: You're talking about
19 District 6?

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, just the border
21 between 6 and 2, just that boundary. That's the one
22 I'm talking about. Yeah, you probably thought I was
23 thinking of something else.

24 All right. Poston Butte we talked about and
25 moving that in. That's that area that's near Florence.

1 It's the golf course and development on Hunt Highway,
2 and we still would like to move that into District 5.
3 That will help District 2 because the population is
4 over right now. So we would like to get as much of
5 that population, and I don't think we finished that
6 yesterday. I think that's kind of where we left off.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Correct. You mentioned Gold
8 Canyon and Gold Camp. It actually went from District 2
9 into District 5.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

11 MR. FLAHAN: Per your request.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. The Gold Canyon
13 and Queen -- and Gold Camp and Queen Valley from
14 District --

15 MR. FLAHAN: Correct.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. And then I had
17 asked for Poston Butte, which is on Hunt Highway just
18 southeast of San Tan Valley, so we wanted to move that
19 into 5 as well.

20 MR. FLAHAN: So Brian has got that area on the
21 screen right now.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's just the -- it's
23 just a small piece of it. It's not all of Florence.
24 It doesn't go into Florence, really. It's on the
25 outskirts.

1 MR. FLAHAN: So on the screen there where
2 Brian has got his curser is Poston Butte Golf Club.
3 How do you want us to get there? Do you want us to
4 follow Hunt Highway down?

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That would be -- that
6 would be the most logical approach, because they
7 actually categorize themselves as part of the San
8 Tan -- when they talk about themselves they connect
9 themselves to the San Tan Valley, so that's why. It
10 was to just move them in there to be aligned with them.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: And how far south would that
12 go?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It would be east -- the
14 border east of San Tan Valley, north of Arizona Farms
15 Road, all the way to Highway 79. That would be a
16 compact area, and they are -- they align themselves, as
17 I said, with San Tan Valley, so it's a community of
18 interest reason.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can you give us those three
20 again? Arizona Farms Road -- are they east and west?
21 You want all the way across the Highway 70?

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: All the way to
23 Highway 79. Isn't that 79?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, yes, correct.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, right up to there.

1 That's that community right there.

2 MR. FLAHAN: So to clarify, Hunt Highway on
3 the west would be the road, Arizona Farms on the north.
4 Then Hunt Highway will also be the bottom boundary when
5 it curves out to the east all the way to State Route
6 79, and then up State Route 79 back up to Arizona
7 Farms? That's what Brian is drawing on the map right
8 now.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: You don't want to put
10 that piece of the reservation.

11 MR. FLAHAN: Oh, the military reservation?
12 Brian will take it out in a second.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. It's just a
14 community that connects that we're talking about. So
15 it would be Poston Butte is the south -- is south of
16 Arizona Farms Road. Felix Road would be the one on the
17 east, maybe. You can look for that and see. I think
18 that's what --

19 MR. FLAHAN: Give us one sec while we locate
20 that.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: This is really a
22 community of interest and population balancing piece
23 right here.

24 MR. FLAHAN: So you're talking about Felix
25 Road there, right sort of in the middle between Hunt

1 Highway and State Route 79? If Brian grabs this,
2 this definitely grabs the area that you were talking
3 about discussing, which is the community right at the
4 bottom of that loop.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: There you go. It's just
6 that one community that is pretty new that's emerged,
7 and they --

8 MR. FLAHAN: And that goes into 5?

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes.

10 MR. FLAHAN: So Brian has added that area to
11 District 5 in your map now that you can see on the
12 screen.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

14 Okay. So for -- next thing would be over
15 on -- taking a look at Chandler, and just mostly for
16 population balancing purposes, because I think District
17 5 right now is overpopulated, right, so if we move
18 Chandler north -- that part of Chandler north of the
19 202 from District 5 into District 4.

20 MR. FLAHAN: Are you talking about the part
21 that's under Pecos in the western side, or are you
22 talking about everything north of the Loop 202?

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's just a piece that's
24 north. Just the -- just the north part of the 202 is
25 all we're talking about.

1 MR. FLAHAN: So those four blocks to McQueen?

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Wait. Let me look and
3 see where you're showing.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Are you talking District 4
5 coming into 5?

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm talking about moving
7 Chandler north of the 202 from District 5 to District
8 4.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So just that piece, and
11 that's for population balancing, and also it will
12 align -- that part of Chandler is part of older
13 Chandler, some of it, not all of it, but it aligns a
14 lot of Chandler in there. We could check with our
15 chair. She knows that best. Over to the Gilbert city
16 border, so --

17 MR. FLAHAN: You want it farther over to
18 the -- to the Gilbert border?

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, you can check the
20 population and see. I mean, that's what I was thinking
21 if the population works, so, yeah, the border.

22 MR. FLAHAN: So that highlighted area there is
23 30,110.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: How are we doing then
25 with population then in D5? Because that's where we

1 were moving it out of, D5, to try to population
2 balance.

3 MR. FLAHAN: With that change it will make it
4 4,013 under, and it will make D4 21,267 over.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. I knew that -- I
6 mean, this is a progression, just as my colleagues were
7 doing yesterday.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Just be sensitive
9 that -- I think you're aware that it's starting to
10 really verge into very different communities of
11 interest, because you're moving from, you know, kind
12 of, you know, northern downtown Chandler where there
13 are more minorities and -- and then you're shifting now
14 into real kind of suburban land, and I think the
15 further you go the less political cohesion and
16 community of interest cohesion you're going to have, so
17 just be aware of the progression east and south.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I was trying to
19 just use the 202 because I think that there is some
20 differences in there, but open to your suggestions.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I don't have a -- I'm
22 just generally sharing an awareness of how the
23 communities begin to change.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: So as you're looking at
25 District 5, this will leave 5 about 4,000 people short.

1 Comfortable with that?

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: So should we incorporate
4 this?

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. I'm sure there is
6 ways to make those boundaries -- to modify that for the
7 4,000. And we've added Leisure World in this one
8 already. Right? We keep talking about that for some
9 reason.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. That's in District 5.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So I know that
12 District 4 now is probably overpopulated because of
13 that addition, so we had talked -- on Friday it had
14 been mentioned about making a change of District 1
15 dropping into a little bit more of Tempe, and so I
16 wanted to try to do that, to have District 1 drop south
17 by moving the line to University east of Hardy and down
18 to Broadway west of Hardy. I think that part of Tempe
19 aligns nicely with South Scottsdale. We've talked
20 about that before. And that was mentioned on Friday,
21 again, as an option of connecting those two
22 populations.

23 My goal with all of these changes relate to
24 communities of interest and population balancing, and,
25 also, I'm going to say clearly that competitiveness is

1 a piece of it, but it's not the first piece.

2 MR. FLAHAN: So west of Hardy down to
3 University is that area there.

4 MR. KINGERY: Broadway.

5 MR. FLAHAN: 7,900 people.

6 MR. KINGERY: That's Broadway.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Right. Sorry. Down to Broadway
8 on the west side, as just -- as Commissioner Lerner
9 said.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, Broadway west of
11 Hardy, University east.

12 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. We'll commit this. And
13 then when we go east on University from Hardy how far
14 do you want us to take it, through the entire district,
15 or do you have another road that you want us to take it
16 to, or the city boundary?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Over at University?

18 MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would go -- well,
20 let's see what the population ends up being and whether
21 it goes all the way to the city boundary or stops --
22 let's try that and see where -- I'm kind of trying --
23 in this case how far it goes is population to some
24 extent. I mean, that whole community could be in
25 there. It all aligns with it. If need be we can pull

1 it back over on the east.

2 MR. FLAHAN: So if we go to the Tempe city
3 border that brings it within 1,031 under. It'd be very
4 close on that.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Are you all set?
6 Okay. Sorry. I wasn't sure. Okay. So I think
7 District 1 is now overpopulated.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Correct, 22,378.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. So the change
10 that I'm recommending there is to balance District 1
11 and District 8 between Pinnacle Peak Road and the 101.

12 MR. FLAHAN: So we have Pinnacle Peak and the
13 101 up on the screen. Pinnacle Peak does end at 7th
14 Street. Are you talking about taking a straight line
15 all the way over to connect to the D1 border?

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, it would be
17 taking -- taking that corner out, which should be a
18 pretty good size -- a good population, between -- yeah,
19 between District 1 and District 8, moving that in
20 there.

21 MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha. So down to Scottsdale
22 Road? Is that where you're thinking of taking out of
23 D1?

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just pulling up. Yes,
25 just that block there.

1 MR. FLAHAN: That is 19,471.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. That can go into
3 D8, because D8 was underpopulated, so that should get
4 close to balancing that as well.

5 MR. FLAHAN: So that brings D8 up to 6,609
6 people under, and D1 is now 2,907 over.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So we're getting
8 close. I mean, to me when we're talking about 800,000
9 almost, there is definitely places we can move some
10 population here and there, but I just wanted to get
11 them close. And then that's -- I think that's all I'm
12 going to do up here right now.

13 The other area that's not balanced, based on
14 the sheet that you gave us, is District 7 and District
15 9, so I would like to go down to Yuma, please, make a
16 minor change there. And that's just in the city of
17 Yuma. It should not affect a whole lot in terms of
18 what the mayor was requesting in that area. There are
19 two areas in Yuma that have boundaries that are north
20 of 32nd Street and west of Pacific Avenue. That's a
21 strong Latino population. So basically what we want to
22 do is just switch that population and also give it a
23 fairly consistent border. So this is an area that
24 is -- we're going to move the boundary there to be 32nd
25 Street.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner, are
2 you finding this information from looking at the
3 discrepancies between the boundaries that we looked at
4 from the Yuma Gold map and the Latino Coalition?
5 Because we never rectified those differences, and I'm
6 curious if that's driving some of the changes you're
7 making right here.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Exactly. Yes, it is.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. FLAHAN: Is the area on the screen the
11 portion you were talking about, or did you want to go
12 over into the next hump, too?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No. I think that's the
14 correct area. It's just to -- it's just to --

15 MR. FLAHAN: That is 9,300 people.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: There is another piece.

17 MR. FLAHAN: Which other piece?

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Let me pull this.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just to the west?

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 32nd Street. Do you
21 have 32nd Street as the border?

22 MR. FLAHAN: So 32nd Street is the border on
23 the south. Pacific Avenue is the border on the east
24 side, and then 32nd also does curve up, goes
25 north/south in the middle of the highlighted area, and

1 in that block it goes past 32nd Street to the west to
2 Ray Smucker Park and includes Yuma Regional Medical
3 Center.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Are you talking east north of
5 32nd over here? Is this the other piece you were
6 talking about?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes. That would be
8 right. Sorry, I'm looking at both maps at the same
9 time. Yes, exactly. Thank you. That should help both
10 District 7 and District 9 because 7 was a little low
11 and 9 was a little up, so that's part of that as well,
12 as it's a good, strong Latino population in that area
13 that would work well in that district.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: And, actually, a question for
16 both you and Commissioner Mehl, as we zoomed in I
17 noticed just north of this the Fort Yuma Reservation is
18 not all in District 7. It's that 22-people issue that
19 keeps coming in, so for both of your maps I was going
20 to see if you want us to put it all together.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Put it in 7, yeah.
23 And then I just have two more changes, and
24 that's it.

25 MR. FLAHAN: We're going to draw the Fort Yuma

1 tribal nation right this second.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Will that be able to be
3 contiguous? Can we attach that?

4 MR. FLAHAN: Yes. We've had it in there
5 before so that's not a problem.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Great. And,
7 Commissioner Mehl, you're good with that?

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's a whole 39 people, not
11 going to impact the overall --

12 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. So that change brought
13 District 7 within 2,248 people under, or 0.28 of one
14 percent deviation. For District 7 and District 9, that
15 brought District 9 to 6,007 over.

16 We are ready for your next change,
17 Commissioner.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So we're going to
19 move over into Tucson, because -- and this is the area
20 I'm sure we're going to have -- and, again, happy to --
21 we have been compromising through, and we're happy to
22 continue to take another look, but I'll just give what
23 I am asking for here in terms of balancing the
24 population between District 6 and District 9 in this
25 area by moving the line between Broadway and the river

1 to Campbell Road. So basically I'm going to want to
2 move the boundary south of Grant, north of Broadway to
3 Country Club, which is past Campbell. No. I'm sorry.
4 I'm sorry. I was incorrect. I wanted to move the line
5 between Broadway and Golf Links Road east.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. How far east would you
7 like to go?

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Let me get this on my
9 map. Sorry. I'm just double checking in that area.
10 So in this case the idea initially was to unite the
11 downtown and university areas. That was part of the
12 discussion about what to do with this, and so I'm just
13 trying to adjust to that. We're going to move the
14 boundary -- where did I say -- south of Grant. Wait.
15 Where are you now? Sorry. Let me look at your map.
16 Can you tell me the population difference right now
17 just so I can be sure that I'm doing -- I want to make
18 sure I'm not over-doing anything or under-doing
19 anything.

20 MR. FLAHAN: District 6 is over by 2,228, and
21 District 7 is under by 2,248.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So --

23 MR. FLAHAN: That's a difference of 20 people.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

25 MR. FLAHAN: A difference of 4,020 people.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So basically if
2 you can just pull -- we're just trying to balance the
3 population here right now, just between Broadway and
4 Golf Links Road, just pulling out about 2,500, just to
5 balance, or, actually, you can just balance it.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Do you want Brian to -- by
7 selecting this one block we get within one -- one tract
8 we get within 149 people.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. That sounds good.

10 MR. FLAHAN: So with that one change there it
11 brought District 6 to 149 people over and District 7 to
12 169 people under.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Probably going to
14 have some other changes in terms of -- I mean, on
15 Sunday we had asked to reset -- I'm not sure if this is
16 the map that's doing that, to reset the line between
17 Broadway and the river to Campbell Road. Is that the
18 case on this map?

19 MR. FLAHAN: It should be. Brian is going to
20 zoom in right now.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just want to make
22 sure, because the map I'm looking at doesn't have it.
23 Okay. Great. If you've got that then that's good.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Yep, so it brings it down to --
25 to Broadway.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. All right. At
2 this point I'm pretty balanced. I have -- I mean, I
3 have an idea, but it's a big idea, but I would like to
4 not -- I would like to see if we're -- if we're pretty
5 close to being balanced within most of these districts,
6 within a couple thousand, then I think we're going to
7 stop there.

8 MR. FLAHAN: So the full table is there on the
9 screen. The biggest deviation is District 8 is under
10 by 6,609, and District 9 is over by 6,007. And
11 District 5 is in third -- sorry, District 2 is in third
12 with 4,938.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So District 8 and
14 District 9 can be balanced between them as part of it.
15 Do we have -- and I know that's probably a bigger
16 amount, but in this map -- I'm just checking to see if
17 Sun City -- we've talked always about the sun cities
18 being together, but District 8 and 9 can -- it can be
19 balanced between them.

20 MR. FLAHAN: So the one thing that District 8
21 is missing -- it has Sun City, Sun City West. I
22 believe Sun City Grand is not in District 8 in this
23 map.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I don't know --
25 population-wise that might be too many, but that's

1 something that we could look at in terms of how to do
2 some of that. But, I mean, basically we're looking at
3 now 8 and 9 are next to each other. I'm sure we can
4 find ways to -- to do that balancing with communities
5 of interest in mind. Potentially you could add Sun
6 City Grand into that area and move Peoria north of the
7 303. That might provide a balance into the other
8 district. And population is a bit, you know, similar
9 in terms of their perspectives. So Sun City Grand
10 would go into D8 with the other sun cities, and then
11 Peoria north of the 303 could go to District 9. I
12 don't know if population-wise that could be a good fit
13 or not. You can let us know.

14 MR. FLAHAN: We're going to draw it on the
15 screen.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so the area north of
18 303 that's blue is 16,275, and Sun City Grand was
19 30,000.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So let's hold off
21 on that, and since we're only -- we're 6,000 apart on
22 each one I'm sure there is a way we can balance that
23 later rather than worry about it now because we're
24 close -- and since they're adjacent I'm sure we can
25 find places to do that. There might be another --

1 another thing we can do between 8 and 9 that would
2 allow for that to happen.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: So we just leave them as they
4 were?

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think so. I mean, we
6 know they need to be done. They're in adjacent
7 districts. There is, I'm sure, communities that could
8 be moved around in that area, and it's probably -- we
9 probably should just leave it at this point.

10 How are D2 and D5? Are they pretty well --
11 because they're adjacent as well. Just checking.

12 MR. FLAHAN: D2 is 4,938 over, and D5 is 4,069
13 under.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So that's another area
15 we could do a balance between the two of them, down
16 probably in that San Tan Valley area. There might be a
17 way to add that -- D2 is low, you said, right -- is
18 high, right?

19 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, D2 is high and District 5
20 is -- is under.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. So that -- I
22 don't know what that community that is right to the --
23 yeah, right there. I don't know if that would do the
24 balance. I'm not sure what's there, but it's adjacent,
25 and that -- it's contiguous.

1 MR. FLAHAN: So if we take that corner out to
2 Highway 79 along Arizona Farms, that gets District 2 to
3 254 people over and District 5 to 615 people over.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That sounds -- let's do
5 that.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Commit it.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Gets 2 and 5 balanced.

8 And that's it, Chairwoman. We're done. Thank
9 you.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Gentlemen, would you
11 like to add anything to what you provided yesterday?

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Of course.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can we see our map?

14 MR. FLAHAN: Before you start, let us save
15 this one, and we'll bring yours up.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: No worries.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just want to know if
18 he's going to save it to where we can all see it. Will
19 that be saved to someplace that we can then all take a
20 look at it, or not yet, not until they finish theirs?

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Exactly. While you're in
22 executive session we'll save everything.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Perfect.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Gentlemen, we're ready for
25 your changes.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Is this our map?

2 MR. FLAHAN: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can you -- most of our --
4 I mean, one of the things I guess I wanted to point
5 out, we're pretty close to being balanced. I think
6 we're more balanced than our current congressional
7 districts are in the state, so we feel pretty good
8 about that. We had a couple of areas that we needed to
9 improve upon and so I would like to work on that.

10 The one main area is that our Congressional
11 District 3 is overpopulated, and our Congressional
12 District 8 is underpopulated. Per Commissioner
13 Neuberg's request, if you go to the northern boundary
14 of CD3 and the eastern border of 19th Avenue, CD8 is
15 currently underpopulated by 7,500 folks and CD3 is
16 overpopulated by 8,600, and so I would like to
17 shorten -- or move on the eastern boundary of CD3 at
18 19th Avenue, and I would like to move it west to 43rd
19 Avenue and down to Orangethorpe. And if that wasn't
20 enough to balance I would go down to Glendale -- or
21 down to -- to Missouri.

22 Where are you guys going?

23 MR. FLAHAN: Looking for Orangethorpe.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's just south of the
25 northern border. We're only looking for 8,000 people

1 to swap so you don't have to go two miles down.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. Do you know if it's
3 north or south of Maryland?

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's the first cross
5 street south. It's Orangewood, I'm sorry, not
6 Orangethorpe. It's north of Glendale, south of
7 Missouri -- or Northern. It's right in the middle.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, are you putting territory
9 into D3 or into D8?

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Into D8, because D8 is
11 short, D3 is long, so 19th Avenue to 43rd Avenue into
12 D8.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: So the area between
14 Orangewood and Northern is already in D8, Orangewood
15 is.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. It's in D3.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Orangewood.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: The -- the strip between
19 Northern and Glendale has already been moved all into
20 D8.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So we want to go down
22 to -- between Missouri and Northern, whatever it takes
23 going south there to -- to get that 8,000 people, 8,600
24 people -- or eighty -- 8,500 people.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: We're at -- we're at the

1 Glendale border? I'm sorry. I don't have your map.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right now. This is the
3 change -- the change made yesterday to move that
4 border --

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Between 43rd and 19th,
6 take out of D3 going south, whatever it takes to get
7 that 8,500 people.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Just as a matter of
9 habit, when you're changing around populations for
10 population balancing I think we should still remember
11 to clarify if there are other Constitutional criteria
12 we're shifting around, just to make sure that we're
13 keeping track of all the rationales for these moves.

14 MR. FLAHAN: So down to Maryland gets us
15 11,608 population, a little over than the 8,000 you
16 were looking for.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right, so I would balance
18 along that corridor to get 8 and 3 within balance.
19 And, you know, we are trying to accommodate the Latino
20 Coalition and also trying to balance the CD districts
21 and keep them compact.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And we think that this is
23 an area that is equally compatible either direction, so
24 it's a good place to balance because the people will be
25 well-represented whether they're in 8 or in 3.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

2 MR. FLAHAN: So by moving the boundary over to
3 37th Avenue and taking two blocks north of Maryland on
4 the screen gets us to five people over.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Well, then --

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: And then we're -- and then
7 we're -- what's District 8 now?

8 MR. FLAHAN: District 8 is 976 over.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay. And the only other
10 area that we felt -- District 1, we kept it in the city
11 of Phoenix boundaries. Can you show -- can you zoom
12 out a little bit? So we went north up into the Deer
13 Valley Village. You followed the mountain preserve. I
14 know, you know, we would like to put New River and
15 Anthem in District 1, but I think the Commissioner
16 asked us not to do that.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Let's see what the
18 population would be if we did do that. We'd like to --
19 we would like to look at that.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's moving a lot of
21 people.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think there are two
23 concerns that I identified that I would just suggest
24 that you keep in mind. You know, CD1 in and of itself
25 is an effort to keep as many like-minded people

1 together. We do have suburban and urban blends, and
2 I'm comfortable with it. I like -- you know, I believe
3 that there aren't fundamental inconsistencies. The
4 more we bring in, you know, populations that approach
5 the, you know, more, you know, rural areas, I think we
6 can create populations that might end up getting
7 marginalized in that district or having a district that
8 just doesn't function well together.

9 And the other thing that I ask that you keep
10 in mind is that, you know, just like our draft maps we
11 were able to, without significant detriment, keep a
12 highly competitive district so, you know, I hope that
13 the moves don't unnecessarily change that without an
14 extremely important Constitutional reason for it.

15 MR. FLAHAN: The population of New River is
16 17,290, and if you want to take it, it does border D1
17 already.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. We're close to -- I
19 believe we're close enough in the balancing. I would
20 like to balance 4, 5, and 1 along the intersection on
21 the eastern border north of the 202.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: What --

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, 5 is -- I mean,
24 we're so close. District 1 is under 8,600 people. 5
25 is over 5,000. We're at 3,700. 4 is over 200, so it's

1 roughly 4,000 people. So I would -- I would balance in
2 that area, and I would let you use your discretion, as
3 long as you stay north of the 202.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: You want us bringing District
5 1 south into Mesa in this area or --

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. I want to -- I don't
7 want you to go south of the 202. So would you have to
8 use -- I mean, I would just balance those three areas.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: I guess my question is do you
10 want District 1 coming into District 5, or is District
11 4 picking this up from 5 and then 1 from 4?

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: However you see fit.
13 Because you have, what, that's Red Mountain golf
14 community and Las Sendas golf community.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think they would be good
16 fits into 1, so putting them into 1 is fine.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Red Mountain goes down to
18 Thomas Road. Las Sendas is Red Mountain Circle. Las
19 Sendas is in 4 -- I mean Red Mountain Ranch is in 4.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: So the only question I have
21 is so this obviously goes straight -- it goes straight
22 into 1. It's bordering it. But we don't have District
23 1 coming into -- really coming south of the -- of the
24 reservation.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: I just thought this was an

1 easy area because 4 is also overpopulated a little bit,
2 not much. 3 is overpopulated -- I mean 5 is
3 overpopulated.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: That goes straight into 1, or
5 this can go into 4, and then 1 could pick up that north
6 tip of Tempe to balance them, too. We can go either
7 way, whatever one is your preference.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I like how CD4
9 treats the city of Tempe, including the city
10 boundaries, treat -- treats the old district of
11 Chandler, how it treats the retirement communities,
12 because currently right now 8 and -- 8 and 3 are
13 balanced. 9 is over. 7 is balanced. 6 is close.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- so this should go
15 straight into District 1.

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

17 MR. FLAHAN: By making that change District 1
18 is now 1,209 over and District 5 is now 3,688 under
19 and --

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's all right. Took
21 too much, yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I just ask a
23 question about the population balancing? I mean, I
24 didn't get precise, and I don't know with my
25 colleagues, either. I mean, we know that there is a --

1 moving 1,000 here and there is something we can come
2 back and potentially -- I'm just asking, because
3 otherwise I would probably go back and do the same
4 thing and really try to get it precisely with them, but
5 my thought was we have to see where these maps go and
6 then we can do this fine-tuning a little bit.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think you described it
8 well. We're trying to get within 1,000 or two on all
9 these districts and get close, but we're not trying to
10 nail it.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. And I know I'm
12 off in a few places by a little bit more, but part of
13 it is it's easy to make these changes, I know, a couple
14 thousand here and there. That's why I'm just asking
15 whether I should go back and get that precise with
16 those districts. I guess I'm just asking the
17 Chairwoman what she thinks.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know, I think it
19 would only be important if it's going to require
20 additional, you know, serious deliberation. If it's a
21 simple population switch that isn't going to
22 fundamentally challenge the integrity of the map we
23 have going, that's going to be insignificant, but if
24 you have a major population shift that needs to happen
25 that's going to have, you know, ripple effects to the

1 integrity of districts then I would suggest you figure
2 that out now, so it's really a matter of size and
3 implication, and I think only you can answer that.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. No. When
5 they're done I'll just do -- I think I just have one
6 other place. I'll ask them to show that. I just
7 wanted to check.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: 1 should be under and 5
9 should be about even. That's kind of where I was
10 headed, because 4 is off by 400 votes.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: This is the exciting part of
12 the work. So the whole Las Sendas neighborhood is too
13 many.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, but I think you
15 still -- you need to include the Eagle Crest Drive
16 portion on the eastern boundary. I don't know how many
17 it is. I mean --

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Where is it?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's the loop that runs
20 around Las Sendas golf course. Correct. There you go.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: So everything inside that
22 loop of D5.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Short? 5 is 700 short
24 and --

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, if we take --

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That's close enough for
2 today.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I think that's a
4 good reminder about just our deadline. Doug, can you
5 remind us that it's really by tomorrow night that all
6 maps must be, you know, really balanced for the last
7 check on Wednesday?

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Certainly on the
9 congressional side. We need to do -- this is getting
10 it within 700. You can imagine how exciting it is to
11 get it within one person.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: So that we need to finish
14 Tuesday night and have very small -- really no changes
15 on Wednesday to the congressional map. There is a
16 little bit more flexibility with leg, but there won't
17 be time to do big changes.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Noted.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: And I think that that's
20 all the adjustments we had.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No. We've got one more.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: Oh, we do?

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We've heard criticism of
24 Maryvale being in District 9.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's not -- oh, it's in

1 5 -- 3 on our map.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's in 9, that little
3 western piece of Maryvale. Is that in 9 in our map?

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

5 MR. FLAHAN: The part that's west of the 101,
6 yes.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes. So if we're --
8 Chairwoman, we would be happy to leave it here, but,
9 frankly, if that is bothering we'd just as soon know
10 it, and we do have an alternative to change it.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I defer to you.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Then let's look at a
13 change, and we can go back if people prefer this to the
14 change. But Maryvale, if we're going to unify it,
15 let's unify it, so let's put Maryvale in 3, that last
16 piece. And this is not a big total change. And then
17 we'll balance between 9 and 3 in that northwest corner.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Follow the river.

19 MR. FLAHAN: You want to follow the river?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes. Maryvale follows the
21 river, I think.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: The city map on the
23 right-hand side actually goes to the river.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Follow the city map.
25 That's fine.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: I don't think there is anyone
2 on that western part of the river, but --

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think the portion on the
4 western side of the river is in -- needs to stay with
5 Luke Air Force Base in D9. We had agreed with
6 Commissioner Lerner that the eastern side of the river
7 over to the freeway could be in CD3.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Then that's fine.

9 MR. FLAHAN: So it looks like city of Phoenix
10 map goes over to 99th Avenue.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

12 MR. FLAHAN: And leaves the freeway portion
13 not part of Maryvale.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: For compactness I would
15 include the freeway portion.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Actually, the -- that strip
17 between 99th and the freeway is Glendale territory.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Oh.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Leave it out, then.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's Glendale. Right. So
21 it's 18,600.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And so then put that into
23 3 and then go up to the northwest corner of 3 and
24 staying north of the Gilbert town boundary and up to
25 Northern, just balance in there. Take the same number

1 of people. And those people that are in Gilbert,
2 they're identical in demographics to the people who are
3 just to the west of them already in Gilbert so it would
4 be a community of interest fit.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: Gilbert or Glendale?

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Glendale. Excuse me. A
7 Pima County guy should never do this.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: My guess is that's 75th
9 Avenue to 67th Avenue along the southern boundary.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So I think we then really
11 combine -- we fully combine Maryvale into one district,
12 and we have a very compatible balancing of people that
13 are in Glendale to make -- make up that difference.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: All the way out to Luke
15 Air Force Base.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: So going into District 9
17 would be --

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: People from D3.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, okay.

20 DEFENSE ATTY: That northwest corner of D3.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: From 75th to 67th.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, whatever it takes to
23 balance above -- what road is it?

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's Camelback.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Camelback.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Not that far.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: You don't have to go that
3 far east.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Do we have something -- do
5 we have anything to balance 8 and 9?

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Do you want them --
7 Commissioner Mehl, so they're going to end up with
8 6,000 extra people between the two of them, so between
9 the two of them there is 6,000 extra people. Do you
10 want one of them balanced and the other one 6,000 off,
11 or should we balance them both at 3,000 over?

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No. Leave 9 -- balance 3
13 and leave the difference in 9. We'll play with that.

14 MR. FLAHAN: So with that change that brought
15 District 3 within 320 people over.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: What is D -- District 8
17 currently?

18 MR. FLAHAN: 976 over.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Our biggest off is 9 is
20 now 6,000 over?

21 MR. FLAHAN: Correct, 6,317.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We just took that out of
23 9. Oh, but then we put more back into 9.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Maybe we go a little less.
25 Can we make 3 --

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So the answer,
2 Commissioner Lerner, is, no, we're not going to
3 perfectly balance our map, in case you were worrying
4 about it, but we'll figure -- we'll figure this out
5 soon.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That's a tough spot.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: There -- there is a little
8 finger in 8, that 9 sticks up into 8 up north of Bell
9 Road along the river there.

10 MR. FLAHAN: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: You could put that into 8
12 and take it out of 9.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's the city of Surprise
14 and --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: I understand, but it's
16 also part of Sun City West. How many people is that,
17 Brian?

18 MR. FLAHAN: 3,668.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: That gets us pretty close.

20 MR. FLAHAN: That brings District 9 down to
21 2,649 over.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: And 8 is --

23 MR. FLAHAN: 4,644 over.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Over?

25 MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And is 1 short?

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

3 MR. FLAHAN: Yes, 3,957.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And 2 is 3,000 short, so 1
5 and 2 are both 3,000 short. We're going to helicopter
6 people from 9 over to --

7 MR. FLAHAN: Did you want us to commit this
8 change?

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Between 8 and 1 on the
11 portion around the Deer Valley Village there is a
12 little community north of the canal there, north of
13 Deer Valley Road. Zoom in some more. The other way.
14 Down where the little -- come all the way east. No,
15 you're fine. Right there. No, the other way. Move
16 the mouse to the right of the screen one mile. Keep
17 going, into that -- so you said 8 and 1 were short and
18 long. 8 is long and 1 is short. Correct?

19 MR. FLAHAN: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: So if you stay east of the
21 mountain range there and grab that community there -- I
22 don't know how many people are along there -- you could
23 put those in 1. That's still in the city of Phoenix.
24 It keeps the geographies compact. What's the entire
25 neighborhood all the way up to the top of those roads?

1 MR. FLAHAN: That is 3,400.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: So if you keep going north
3 along Carefree Highway there, I would balance along
4 there, between 8 and 1.

5 You should grab those streets along Cave Creek
6 Dam Road, Brian, underneath the D8 symbol there.
7 That's on the other side of the mountain. Don't
8 include that one.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That's pretty good for
10 now, anywhere right in there.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: He's working on it.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Why don't you include all
13 those small little blocks and just call it a day.
14 That's good enough. It doesn't matter.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, we're close, right,
16 Brian?

17 MR. FLAHAN: Within 48 for District 1.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: And 8?

19 MR. FLAHAN: 8 is 639 over.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Perfect.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: So we've tried to continue
23 to accommodate the Latino Coalition request, and
24 uniting Maryvale with the rest of the city of Phoenix
25 makes sense. City of Glendale is a straight shot out

1 to Luke Air Force Base, and most of the city of
2 Glendale, except for the southeast corner, is in D3,
3 which is part of the city of Phoenix Latino Coalition
4 suggestion, and most of it is in D8. Done the same in
5 Tempe and in greater Mesa, in Gilbert and in Chandler
6 in trying to keep those communities contiguous and
7 connected, and we feel pretty confident it's a pretty
8 fair map, and hopefully the Commissioner likes it.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We are done.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Thank you very
11 much.

12 You as well?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just to make sure I
14 would like to take one last look at this and see where
15 we are with population.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: For your map?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes, please. So -- so I
18 actually think this map does a really nice job in terms
19 of bringing these communities together, and they have a
20 lot in common. What I would like to do is go back to
21 that District 8, 9 that we talked about, the Sun City
22 Grand piece in Peoria, but just pick -- just do Sun
23 City Grand and not Surprise in that area. So, I mean,
24 that should be -- I think Sun City Grand is about
25 18,000 people, so the boundaries would be -- and that's

1 for the 8, 9, because they're almost 6,000 -- they're
2 both 6,000. 8 is 6,000 under, correct, and 6,000 over
3 for 9? Am I correct?

4 MR. FLAHAN: Yes. 8 is 6,609 over, and 9
5 is -- or, sorry, under, and 9 is 6,007 over.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: My eyes again. So the
7 area that I'm thinking in this area is trying to just
8 balance that. Sun City Grand boundaries are Beardsley
9 canal on the west, Grand Avenue on the east, Reams Road
10 on the southeast -- oops. I'll wait for you. So it's
11 Beardsley canal on the west, Grand Avenue on the east,
12 Reams Road on the southeast, and Bell Road on the
13 south. And then if you go up the 303 back to the canal
14 you should get Sun City Grand. I mean, the idea is to
15 combine them with the Sun City communities, which is
16 what they've asked for.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: The area west of 303, the
18 southern border west of the canal -- I'm sorry, west of
19 the 303.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So you have -- on the
21 west you've got Beardsley canal. On the southeast it's
22 Reams Road. Bell Road is also on the south.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: So the canal down to Bell.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, the canal on the
25 west, Grand Avenue on the east, Reams on the southeast.

1 Bell Road then goes across on the south. Beardsley
2 canal is west of the 303.

3 MR. FLAHAN: So like that drawing on the
4 screen?

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. I'm just trying
6 not to have -- I'm not -- yeah, that should be Sun City
7 Grand, right? That's the boundary.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Right. That's 22,913 --

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

10 MR. FLAHAN: -- people.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think you have -- and
12 so what I wanted to do in the southwest corner I think
13 you have a little bit outside of Sun City Grand, but
14 I'm --

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right below where it says D9
16 there is a border. Right?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: 14,000.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So that was 14,000?
20 Okay.

21 And then what I would like you to do then, if
22 you can, is let's go back up to into -- we talked about
23 Peoria.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just before you go over
25 there --

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- just confirming you want
3 this in District 8.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes, please, with the
5 other sun cities. That's the idea, to combine those
6 retirement communities together.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And then basically what
9 I would like you to do is try to balance that with
10 Peoria, the northern part, by moving that piece.

11 MR. FLAHAN: So start on the north border of
12 Peoria and work our way down?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, please. And that
14 northern piece actually fits nicely with the other
15 communities up in that area. They're very well
16 aligned.

17 MR. FLAHAN: So that change got congressional
18 District 8 within 70 people under, and District 9 is
19 now 532 under.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Great. Thank you.

21 And then I notice that there is one other
22 area, District 3 and District 1, I think it is, so we
23 could just add Phoenix Indian hospital from District 1
24 to District 3. That should balance that, because
25 they're -- it's almost identical, 2,921. And that's 51

1 on the east, Indian School on the south. It's that
2 whole Indian medical center area, 12th Street on the
3 west.

4 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Between 12th and 16th.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, 51 probably goes
6 far, but, yeah, there is 16th. We could probably go to
7 51 if we need to. Campbell will be on the north.

8 MR. FLAHAN: How far to the west on Campbell
9 do you want us to go to?

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 12th Street, please.

11 MR. FLAHAN: 12th Street?

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, so if you go 12th
13 Street on the west and go to the 51, and if need be --
14 if it's too many we can stop at 16th otherwise, but
15 it's to take that complex, the Phoenix Indian medical
16 center complex, and the community that lives right
17 around there, and they would work very nicely in
18 District 3 in terms of their alignment, in terms of
19 people that are there.

20 MR. FLAHAN: That change would bring District
21 3 within 158 people under and District 1 to 945 over.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's close enough. I
23 mean, well, I know there is areas that we need to be
24 looking at, but at this point I think it's good to move
25 on. Thank you.

1 MR. FLAHAN: Any other changes?

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think it's probably
3 good at this point to move on. I know there are
4 changes that are needed, but it can go later.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think it's a great
6 start, and we'll be able to take a look at the
7 alternatives and decide the best launching point.

8 With this, maybe it makes sense for us to take
9 a break. We'll have mapping take a break. We can vote
10 to go into executive session, and then maybe take a
11 quick recess for ourselves as well. So I would like to
12 suggest that we -- or I'll entertain a motion to go
13 into executive session in order to seek legal advice,
14 which will not be open to the public, to further
15 implement and/or advance our compliance with the VRA
16 and other Constitutional responsibilities pursuant to
17 A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

18 Do I have a motion to go into executive
19 session?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Commissioner York moves to
21 go into executive session.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Commissioner Lerner
23 seconds.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: With no further
25 discussion, Vice Chair Watchman.

1 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is
9 an aye.

10 With that we will go into executive session,
11 and thank you, and a brief recess for the Commissioners
12 and staff.

13 (Morning public session concluded at 10:38 a.m.)

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