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1 PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT  
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, reconvenes at 2:08 p.m. on October  
3 18, 2021, at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 West Dunlap  
4 Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following  
5 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. Loriandra Van Haren, Deputy Director  
14 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant  
15 Mr. Alex Pena, Community Outreach Coordinator  
16 Mr. Roy Herrera, Ballard Spahr  
17 Mr. Daniel Arellano, Ballard Spahr  
18 Mr. Shawn Summers, Ballard Spahr  
19 Mr. Brett Johnson, Snell & Wilmer  
20 Mr. Eric Spencer, Snell & Wilmer  
21 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group  
22 Mr. Douglas Johnson, National Demographics Corp.  
23 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, National Demographics  
24 Corp.  
25 Mr. Brian Kingery, Timmons Group  
Mr. Parker Bradshaw, Timmons Group  
Mr. Brody Helton, Timmons Group  
Mr. Colby Chafin, Timmons Group  
Ms. Sarah Hajnos, Timmons Group  
Ms. Anna Mika, Timmons Group  
Mr. Ken Chawkins, National Demographics Corp.

P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Welcome back,  
4 everybody. We can resume the public hearing. We are on  
5 Agenda Item No. VII.

6 We can return to VII(B), just to wrap up any last  
7 feedback if the staff would like on congressional map  
8 drawings. Otherwise we can open it up to VII(A),  
9 legislative map drawing.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I do have a question before we  
11 flip to the legislative. But if you guys have anything  
12 first.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: No.

14 MR. FLAHAN: No, we don't have anything first.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: On the majority-minority  
16 districts like the current District 7 right now we've said  
17 is only a little over 44 percent Hispanic, but it's over  
18 50 percent minority if you add the Hispanic, Native  
19 American, and Black; then you've also said that it's  
20 performing great for Hispanics. So the fact that it's  
21 majority-minority even though not majority Latino and that  
22 it's performing great for Latinos, does that -- I guess it's  
23 partly a question for you guys and partly a question for you  
24 guys down there, does that make a difference?

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: And my answer is going to refer it

1 over there. So...

2 MR. B. JOHNSON: So we -- we talked a little bit  
3 about this just real briefly and what I think the conclusion  
4 is, is that we're going to have to, although you can take  
5 the data points right now or ask Mapping to take the data  
6 points, we need to do a little bit more analysis to bring  
7 that back in -- in the context, 'cause one of the cases that  
8 we -- we had previously mentioned was a below 50 percent  
9 one, and so just we want to do a little bit more research  
10 and then we'll bring that back to you tomorrow morning.

11 Is that fair? Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank ya.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think with that we can  
14 probably move into the legislative map.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Excellent.

16 So there are fewer maps to -- to show on this front  
17 just because we end up with fewer branches.

18 Mark is getting them up on the screen here.

19 There we go. 3.0.

20 Okay. So this first map, this will take us back  
21 to -- to earlier discussions from the last meeting.

22 Legislative 3.0, the first goal was to try to put  
23 the Verde Valley with Prescott and to put all of Flagstaff  
24 in District 6, and then to unite the rest of kind of  
25 southern Coconino County and the nonreservation parts of

1 Navajo and Apache County over to the Highway, I believe it's  
2 191 over there on the east.

3 So this is really our first test that didn't work.

4 So the first thought was: Okay, can we get all  
5 those communities in District 7 together with all of Yavapai  
6 County; and that ended up being too many people.

7 You can see in this map, this is -- I believe 7 is  
8 balanced at this point? I'm trying to remember.

9 So we did --

10 MR. FLAHAN: Close.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. So it's very close to  
12 balance.

13 The catch is as that we brought -- there you go --  
14 is that we couldn't get all the way to Prescott. No  
15 surprise. Yavapai County is essentially the population of a  
16 legislative district so when we tried to put all the  
17 Coconino and Payson and Navajo and Apache Communities in, we  
18 ended up too big.

19 So you can see kind of where as we tried to bring 7  
20 west, this is where we hit the population number and we're  
21 done. Obviously this isn't what was requested, because  
22 we're not putting Yavapai County together.

23 The other approach was: Okay, well, let's put  
24 Verde Valley with Prescott in one seat and then put the  
25 Coconino, Payson, Navajo, and Apache areas together in 7 and

1           then go somewhere else for the District 7 population. So  
2           we'll come back to that, we have another map showing what  
3           happens when we do that.

4                     But this is where we're going. We do get -- this  
5           does have all of Flagstaff in 6. I believe 6 is balanced.

6                     Let's confirm that -- yeah.

7                     Yeah. So -- so District 6 works. It was about --  
8           so you can see District 6.

9                     So this is the District 6 that was talked about in  
10          the request where you get the tribal reservations all  
11          together, come around on the east side -- on the east side  
12          of the highway. There are a couple of towns that are on the  
13          highway, so we united those towns in 7. So it doesn't  
14          perfectly follow the highway but it's very close; and then  
15          it comes down to the reservation, to the Apache  
16          reservations, and keeps them in -- in 6.

17                    So 6 we were able to draw what was the request but  
18          7, we couldn't get there in this version. So -- but, like I  
19          say, we'll come back to kind of -- we -- we threw an audible  
20          to show you what would happen if we went another way in map  
21          3.2, but we did want to show you as far as we got within the  
22          instruction here on 3.0.

23                    VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Like we did with the  
24          congressional districts, could we put those data points down  
25          below to --

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh.

2 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- so that we can follow it?

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. Let's -- if it's okay we  
4 won't do it for this one because this one didn't really work  
5 out, but let's do it for 3.1 and 3.2 if that's okay.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Which one is this?

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Because this map --

8 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: LD-3 -- 3.0?

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, this one didn't work. So --  
10 and it -- but, yes.

11 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Just to be consistent, so.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes. And the nice thing is,  
13 is now going forward as we make the maps we'll make them in  
14 the workroom so when we bring them up in your meetings,  
15 they'll -- they'll just show. We don't have to take the  
16 time.

17 Why don't we jump to 3.1 -- why don't we put them  
18 on to 3.1.

19 So 3.1 was the alternate approach of trying to put  
20 the Navajo and Apache County communities together to use  
21 Highway 191 as the connection rather than all of Navajo  
22 County, but then to still keep Verde Valley separate from  
23 Prescott and to do the population balancing we needed in  
24 Flagstaff.

25 So we'll bring this up.

1                   So this one we were able to draw and succeed.

2                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: I have a question on what Mark  
3 is doing there, sorry.

4                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure.

5                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: That funny ST dash whatever M  
6 whatever, is that the right one? 'Cause that's -- that had  
7 a funny label to it and that's the one we've been popping up  
8 all morning, but I'm not sure it's the right one.

9                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Where are you?

10                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's some special --  
11 dah-dah-dah-dah.

12                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Special tabulation, yes.

13                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: Is it -- don't we want to look  
14 at the voting from the Census Bureau voting?

15                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh.

16                  So this is data from the Census Bureau. This is  
17 the citizen voting age population numbers.

18                  So the -- the census, the 2020 census gives us  
19 voting age population data --

20                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

21                  MR. D. JOHNSON: -- but the -- the Census Bureau's  
22 American Community Survey in this special tabulation gives  
23 us the citizen voting age population numbers.

24                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: And that's the one we want to  
25 be looking at?

1           MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, because that -- that's the  
2 eligible voter numbers. Otherwise, you get a lot of  
3 citizenship differences. Obviously not among the Native  
4 American community, but --

5           COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay. I didn't understand --  
6 obviously, I didn't understand that.

7           MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

8           Well, and unfortunately, when we were translating  
9 databases between databases, the -- the titles got cut off.  
10 That's why we have the weird ST, it only got the first eight  
11 characters of the name in there. So that's why they get the  
12 odd numbers.

13           So -- so in this map, this is the -- the alternate  
14 instruction, which is to put the same communities together  
15 we were just talking about in Payson, Southern Coconino,  
16 Mojave, and Navajo Counties. And you end up with  
17 essentially the same District 6, but it -- instead of  
18 putting Verde Valley with Prescott, Verde Valley stays in 7  
19 in this case, and so we simply population balanced in  
20 Flagstaff.

21           So we end up with a population balanced map. We  
22 were able to draw what -- what the Commission requested  
23 and -- zoom all the way in to Flagstaff -- and you can see  
24 we almost were able to follow the -- the freeway.

25           So District 6 when -- when you get into the city,

1 the weird arms on the left are weird arms in the city  
2 border. All -- all of the city of Flagstaff north of the  
3 freeway is in 6, and then the city south of the freeway is  
4 almost all in 7.

5 There we go.

6 And so there is the one bump where it comes across  
7 the freeway just for population balancing where we pick up  
8 the one neighborhood in just 6. But close to following the  
9 freeway through the city.

10 And that was in order to population balance for the  
11 areas that were added into 7 down below.

12 In this map as well we have some changes down in  
13 Phoenix.

14 So go down to Phoenix.

15 So this is if you go into D- -- District 12 in the  
16 south part of Maricopa there.

17 So this map puts the Kyrene School District  
18 together. So this is the map that has a piece of the Gila  
19 River reservation, that I think was just about a hundred --  
20 just under 150 people. It's a very small population piece,  
21 although it's a large territory area; but it's a part of the  
22 reservation that's served by Kyrene, and then it's the  
23 Ahwatukee and -- and Chandler pieces that also go into  
24 Kyrene.

25 So we do get Kyrene together and you can see the

1 shape that results from that.

2 Make sure we get the list straight.

3 Yeah, so that's the main change, and then there's a  
4 little bit of population balancing that goes on as a result  
5 of that. But that's the other one that we worked into the  
6 same map.

7 And obviously those two, what we're talking about  
8 up north and what we're talking about with Kyrene are  
9 independent, you can accept or reject the two pieces  
10 separately.

11 So that's map 3.1. Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can I ask a question regarding  
13 that 3.1?

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just curious why District 1  
16 drops down into the airport there? In Maricopa County. As  
17 opposed to keeping that in District 11.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you --

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: So --

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Oh, sorry. I was -- my  
21 question was, why does District 1 drop down into the airport  
22 there as opposed to keeping it in District 11 like it was?

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so this -- what we were  
24 doing wasn't so much worrying about or -- or -- or focusing  
25 much on the borders between 11 and -- and 1 and 26, what --

1           what we were doing here was making the eastern border of  
2           those heavily Latino districts follow the Tempe-Phoenix  
3           line; and then the pieces inside of that just kind of fell  
4           where they may.

5                        So -- so there wasn't a conscious design decision  
6           to, say, take 1 down and bring 11 up, it was just 11 was  
7           already up and we needed population into 1; 1 used to go  
8           farther east and so we were just pulling it back in.

9                        So that -- that can obviously be balanced.

10                      The one thing we are looking at, though, is the  
11           northeast corner of District 11, you can see the freeway  
12           loop there, so we didn't want to cut and divide the -- the  
13           freeway loop, we wanted to keep that together in  
14           one district. Just traditionally it's been in one district,  
15           but that's certainly something that we didn't have direction  
16           on yet so we didn't want to make our own call there. But  
17           the Commission can obviously give us direction as you see  
18           fit based on what you've heard and your judgment.

19                      But it's not -- it wasn't a conscious design choice  
20           or an instruction to put the airport in one place or  
21           another.

22                      CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Doug, can you help me  
23           understand the lines of where the full city of Chandler lies  
24           within this? Is it currently in D12 and D13 in its entirety  
25           or is it also going into D14?

1 Am I looking at the right map, 3.1?

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: So actually as we drew the Kyrene  
5 seat, well, we actually looked at the city border, so you  
6 can see it's entirely in 12 and 13.

7 Did I get the numbers right?

8 MR. FLAHAN: Right. Yep.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. 12 and 13.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: So that -- that little notch where  
12 12 comes up in the northeast corner, that's because of the  
13 city border there.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: So this really is -- actually this  
16 is a great thing, Mark. This shows you it's Chandler, it's  
17 Ahwatukee, it's the Kyrene portion of the reservation and  
18 then south to South Tempe.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: So I think -- can you highlight  
20 Gilbert?

21 MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. So then you can see the --  
23 the lines. Gilbert does end up in four seats in that  
24 because we -- we were drawing the Kyrene part, and as long  
25 as we were drawing Kyrene we looked at -- at Chandler. We

1 didn't choose to do anything to do with Gilbert at this  
2 point, but that's obviously something the Commission can  
3 look at if you choose to move forward with this map.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And Gilbert is a high-growth  
5 area, so it's another thing to consider with them.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Mm-hm. So let me make sure I've  
7 got all the notes here.

8 District 10.

9 Okay. So, yeah, the one piece -- if you zoom out  
10 so we can see Gila County here.

11 The only thing I'm seeing in my notes is the  
12 instructions from the Commission have been to put the Payson  
13 portion, the north Gila County area, into District 7, and  
14 it's just -- population balancing it worked out well to take  
15 the south portion as well.

16 So all that -- as I mentioned early this morning,  
17 all of the nonreservation portion of Gila County goes into  
18 District 7 here. So it ends up in a little bit of an odd  
19 shape, but it's very clearly a shape defined by county  
20 border and the reservation borders.

21 So I can jump to map 3.2.

22 So this is our little bit of an audible -- again,  
23 this is taking the map that was requested and didn't work  
24 out and saying, well, is there a way we can go a different  
25 direction and -- and possibly get District 7 to reach

1 population balance?

2 So as I mentioned, this case -- the request was  
3 have Prescott with Verde Valley, unite Yavapai County, so it  
4 does all that in District 5. This District 5 is  
5 overpopulated but that -- that could be fixed easily.

6 The challenge is, is so if District 7 can't go into  
7 Yavapai to get the population -- as we showed earlier that  
8 ends up with a very weird district -- so where does it go to  
9 get the population without impinging on the request for how  
10 D-6 should look? And you get all that Gila County territory  
11 and then it goes down into Pinal.

12 Can you zoom into Pinal?

13 So that population that in the kind of unsuccessful  
14 test where we wrapped around Prescott and Prescott Valley,  
15 we're getting that population instead by coming in and  
16 picking up the Super- -- Superior, Florence, all those  
17 areas.

18 We do get -- it's mostly the rural communities of  
19 Eastern Pinal County and then Florence; we do however get  
20 into San Tan a little bit, there was just nowhere else to go  
21 to pick the population up.

22 So we get certainly by no means a majority of  
23 San Tan, but we are picking up San Tan territory and  
24 population into District 7 in this.

25 So this is the same District 6 we showed you in --

1 in 3.0, the big changes come in District 7 to show you where  
2 that would end up if it didn't -- there we go. Thank you.

3 So it's highlighted there as San Tan Valley. So  
4 you can see where we had to come in to get the southeast  
5 corner.

6 So, again, this is taking the instruction that  
7 didn't work out and trying to see how -- how might we finish  
8 it if -- if the Commission wanted to go a different  
9 direction that might work out; and this does.

10 There are -- 15 is way short on population and 5 is  
11 over. So if this was a map that the Commission wanted to  
12 adopt, we would then just shuffle that population through.  
13 15 would move into Mesa, the Mesa districts would push into  
14 Tempe, South Scottsdale, which would then push around to  
15 North Phoenix; and it -- it -- so we -- we can confirm it  
16 can be balanced, we just haven't done it.

17 Oh, the last thing I just saw there I forgot to  
18 mention. If you zoom in on District 1 there in Phoenix.

19 So the -- the odds are District 4. You see the odd  
20 edge of District 4 where it's kind of jagged? That's  
21 following the city border of Paradise Valley. So we're  
22 keeping Paradise Valley all together in District 4 and  
23 that's -- that's the explanation for that strange boundary  
24 there.

25 There you go.

1           That was what we had to report and happy to answer  
2 any questions.

3           And, again, these maps were, as Brian showed this  
4 morning, on that fantastic hub site with all the data sheets  
5 and everything so we can pull all that up, so.

6           COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just had a follow-up  
7 question from our previous discussion.

8           I don't know where this ended up, but we had talked  
9 about the Sedona and Verde Valley potentially connecting  
10 with Flagstaff and at the very least Sedona. Did you play  
11 around with that to see how that could work?

12           Because we do have -- I went back over the weekend  
13 to look at notes and documentation, and we have  
14 documentation from elected officials requesting those  
15 connections.

16           I know it might be harder with Verde Valley but I  
17 didn't know if there would be a way to do that with Sedona,  
18 so I just wanted to know if you took a look at that 'cause  
19 we had discussed it.

20           MR. D. JOHNSON: So yes, any time we're -- when we  
21 talk about putting the Verde Valley with Flagstaff we're  
22 also getting Sedona 'cause it's in -- in the -- in the  
23 middle there.

24           COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

25           MR. D. JOHNSON: When we -- the maps that -- that

1 unite, like this one that puts all of Yavapai County  
2 together, Sedona is a cross-county city so the -- we're  
3 putting the -- -- we're dividing it along the county line  
4 in -- in these test maps.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I was just wondering if  
6 Sedona -- even if we separated it from Verde Valley since  
7 it's -- it is a separate location; and we had two or three  
8 city council and I think the mayor from Sedona speak to it,  
9 and I don't know -- I didn't know if you'd looked at seeing  
10 if that could swing down into -- with Flagstaff if it was --  
11 I think Flagstaff is what, District 6?

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's correct. Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I'm just asking if you --  
14 if you kind of looked at how that configuration would work  
15 since that had been a pretty strong request from that  
16 community, and if you looked at -- I guess that's my  
17 question.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. So it wouldn't work in  
19 this version because Flagstaff is in 6; and so, yeah, we --  
20 there's just -- there's a -- there's some population south  
21 of Flagstaff so we'd be -- we'd be moving quite a bit of  
22 people into 6 that would then have to come out, and 6 is  
23 pretty much just reservations and Flagstaff at this point.

24 So to get Sedona in with Flagstaff we would have to  
25 take Flagstaff people out of Flagstaff in this test.

1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:  If we're looking at 3.1, I  
2                   don't know if that would --

3                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  Right.

4                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:  -- make a difference.

5                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  So 3.1 -- that's correct.  So in  
6                   that case Sedona is with the southern half of Flagstaff.

7                   So, yes, 3.1 does achieve that.

8                   So that portion of Flagstaff that's on the south  
9                   side of the freeway is in 7 and then Sedona is -- is with  
10                  the -- is in 7.  So 3.1, you're correct, they would be  
11                  together.

12                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  Is there a particular region  
13                  or area that you suggest, you know, that would be  
14                  particularly helpful to start from?

15                  And also with the -- with the Latino Coalition  
16                  submitting their legislative maps, what's the time frame  
17                  through which we'll -- we'll be able to compare our maps  
18                  with theirs, et cetera?

19                  MR. D. JOHNSON:  So on this one I guess the --  
20                  we're much more of a big-picture question of:  Does the  
21                  Commission want to proceed with either 3.1 or 3.2 -- 3.0 is  
22                  the test that didn't work out -- or go back to 2.0, the last  
23                  adopted map and -- and consider, you know -- consider  
24                  working from that one?

25                  So that would be one piece.

1 I don't know a timeline -- do we have a timeline on  
2 the Latino Coalition letter -- or, map?

3 MR. FLAHAN: They should be I think all in the  
4 system as of right now.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If you don't mind having  
6 someone taking a look at the --

7 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- after we vote on which  
9 iteration we're going to start from.

10 So maybe you'd like to review for us, it -- it  
11 sounds like there are two options to choose from, maybe you  
12 could reiterate the difference and we'll take a vote.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: So yes, we have two new maps that  
14 we -- three but we recommend not doing 3.0 since it didn't  
15 work. So two maps to focus on that are new maps, 3.1 or  
16 3.2, and if the Commission chooses not to move forward with  
17 either one of those, then we would start again from 2.0.

18 So you don't have to -- you don't have to vote to  
19 start again from 2.0, that's just where you would end up if  
20 you don't approve 3.1 or 3.2.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think on -- at least from my  
22 view on these legislative maps, we have more work to do than  
23 we did on the congressional even, and no matter which one we  
24 start from I think we have a lot -- there's going to be a  
25 lot of adjustments coming, so.

1           But I would make a motion that we start with 3.2, I  
2 think it's the better starting point of the two maps.

3           COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sorry, I'm smiling because I  
4 was going to just suggest 3.1, so -- and I was looking at it  
5 from the -- I think that's a little bit better from a tribal  
6 perspective, trying to see if that could work a little  
7 better for District 6.

8           And that was -- the primary reason I was looking at  
9 it was I think that 3.1 -- there's not huge differences  
10 between them overall, but I thought we might have less  
11 adjustments to do if we start with 3.1 from the tribal --  
12 from District 6 and District 7.

13           And it -- and District 7 seemed a little more  
14 compact in that case, too. So that was my reasoning for  
15 looking at 3.1.

16           MR. D. JOHNSON: As actually Mark is showing on the  
17 screen, I forgot to mention one change.

18           In District 6 in 3.1; obviously, District 6 has  
19 lost a little bit of Flagstaff because Flagstaff is divided,  
20 it makes up for that population down in the south end of  
21 District 6, it -- it actually picks up Mammoth and  
22 San Manuel and Dudleyville, that kind of southeastern  
23 corner, and Oracle. So just to ex- -- that was the last  
24 piece I forgot to mention about 3.1.

25           COMMISSIONER MEHL: I thank you for pointing that

1 out because those people really expressed a strong interest  
2 in not being a part of the district with -- with the  
3 Navajo -- with -- with the Native Americans. So I think  
4 that's a very good reason to go with 3.2.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could you give us a -- what's  
6 the population difference between -- in District 6 since  
7 it's below -- well, District 4 is also quite a bit below I  
8 see, in 3.2.

9 What's the difference populationwise between the  
10 two maps, 3.1 and 3.2?

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: In District 6?

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes. District 6 is a little  
13 low and District 4 is significantly low in 3.2, so I'm  
14 curious about how that looks between the two maps.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so in maps -- in maps like  
16 this -- this is a good point to make. In these maps where  
17 there are districts that are short, on the spreadsheet  
18 there's a note at the bottom highlighting how they could be  
19 balanced. So, obviously, we -- it wasn't part of the test,  
20 but it -- but, to reassure you, the -- we have looked at how  
21 that transition could happen and it can be done.

22 But, yes, for -- for -- so 4, I would say don't  
23 worry about because we would need to balance it; but for 7,  
24 which is obviously a focus of this test and -- and 6, you  
25 end up in -- in this map we're at a little -- a little short

1 but very close to balanced in both of them.

2 And you've got a Native American population in 6 --  
3 can you read that?

4 MR. FLAHAN: It says voting age --

5 MR. FLAHAN: 174,234.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's low in 6? With 3.1?

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, what's the -- the percentage.  
8 The Native American percentage in 6?

9 MR. FLAHAN: Oh, 58 percent.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: What's in 3.2?

12 MR. FLAHAN: In 3. -- that is in 3.2.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. What's in 3.1?

14 MR. FLAHAN: 3.1 for 6 is 58 percent.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I was actually asking  
16 a different question. I'm sorry, I wasn't clear.

17 I was just looking at overall population size, I  
18 was noticing that District 6 is short by -- by about 4,000.

19 But -- but it is a good question actually in  
20 general. So Mark, you know, if it's 57 percent at 3.2 and  
21 58 percent you said at 3.1, right, for Native American?

22 MR. FLAHAN: For District 6 on 3.2, Native American  
23 is 58 percent; and on 3.1, District 6, Native American is  
24 58 percent.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Is what?

2 MR. FLAHAN: Both are 58 percent, the same.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do either of my other two  
5 colleagues have a preference as it relates to 3.1 or 3.2?

6 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Madam Chair,  
7 Vice Chair Watchman here, in -- in looking at the two -- and  
8 3.2 just came out early this morning, I focused a lot of my  
9 attention on 3.1, and so my preference with all my notes is  
10 to start with 3.1.

11 3.1, sorry.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And that's merely because you  
13 just took notes on 3.1. It's not because you prefer the  
14 actual map? I just want to be clear about the reason.

15 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Primarily because I have not  
16 had time to --

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- look at 3.2. But 3.1 does  
19 have the numbers that I think are reasonable; and, you  
20 know -- and then of course, you know, I'm looking at the --  
21 the Native American ability and their -- and the percentages  
22 for them to support a candidate of their choice.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: I like two things on 3.2,  
24 actually: The fact that Flagstaff was completely all in  
25 District 6; and I also like the way that 3.2 treated

1 Maricopa County.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I make another -- just  
3 another point on 3.2 that was of concern to me and I  
4 certainly can look more closely at it, but the population  
5 numbers -- the target deviation, I know you said that  
6 there's ways to adjust it, but with 3.2 we're starting with  
7 a lot more deviations than we are in 3.1.

8 At least it -- that's what it looked like to me  
9 when I was looking at it. There's a lot more areas that  
10 will need to be fixed and adjusted. Whereas with 3.1 -- I  
11 mean, we're not talking about major differences in the two  
12 maps, but one seems to have fewer problems in terms of  
13 population; and that's part of what I also liked about 3.1,  
14 we don't have to be manipulating as much in terms of the  
15 overall population as part of it.

16 And so that -- that was another reason that I -- I  
17 also liked 3.1 for that perspective. I also like the way it  
18 works out in -- just in the same way as Commissioner York, I  
19 actually like the way it distributes the population in  
20 Maricopa County as well.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I was feeling that the  
22 distribution of Maricopa County was a little bit stronger in  
23 3.2.

24 The other thing that -- in 3.1, District 3 does not  
25 include New River and they asked specifically to be included

1 with Anthem and -- and that Carefree area.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I think we're going to  
3 have that issue, I mean anyway, we're going to be having to  
4 move around; and in 3.2 we'd have a lot of moving around to  
5 do because when we look at the populations, there's a lot of  
6 very large populations deviations in that, significant ones  
7 it seems like.

8 So we -- we'll certainly be doing -- I agree, but  
9 that's what they asked for so we want to have things like  
10 that.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Actually, I ask my colleagues  
12 to think about it through that lens, can you look at this  
13 starting map and see a vision of -- of where you feel we  
14 need to go to meet our constitutional criteria?

15 And let's not, you know, be too perfect 'cause  
16 neither one is going to be where we're going to be and --  
17 and to be honest, I'd really like it if we can get consensus  
18 and I'm not choosing which map.

19 So -- I will, you know, but -- but -- but can you  
20 look at each map and -- and see where you need to go and is  
21 it possible to get there from either one?

22 And -- and if, you know, not and -- and if you have  
23 these, you know, very strong opinions on both we'll -- we'll  
24 take a vote.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could you do an overlay of

1 the two so we can actually look at the two maps and see  
2 exactly where the differences are? That might be helpful.

3 MR. FLAHAN: Hang on one sec.

4 Okay. So you got 3.1 here on the bottom and when I  
5 overlay 3.2 on top of it, you can see the one piece that  
6 comes in and takes the west part of Yavapai County here next  
7 to District 5. You can see that we're the same down here;  
8 and then down here in the southern Pinal County, instead of  
9 District 6 coming over in the 3.1 version, 3.2 version  
10 District 7 comes down and District 6 -- doesn't take it as  
11 far down.

12 And in Flagstaff here you have 3.1 that's here, and  
13 when 3.2 comes and overlays, you can see the portion here  
14 that it comes down past the I-40 to the south and into the  
15 southern half of Flagstaff. So that's 3.1; and 3.2 you can  
16 see comes down farther as a staircase.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Are those all the changes?

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Madam Chair, we heard a lot of  
19 people in Flagstaff saying they wanted to keep Flagstaff  
20 whole; we heard a lot of people in the Globe-Mammoth area  
21 saying they didn't want to be part of a northern district.  
22 I think those are two compelling reasons to go with 3.2 and  
23 I stay strongly in favor of 3.2.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I know we heard from  
25 people that said it would be okay to divide Flagstaff

1 depending on the situation, that they were not all -- again,  
2 not all wanting to be together; Flagstaff has had divisions  
3 in the past.

4 I agree that we heard from some folks certainly in  
5 the Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside areas saying they wanted to  
6 have their separate district, which this would still do,  
7 3.1.

8 Mark, would you mind also looking at some of the  
9 differences in -- further south, 'cause those are the  
10 north -- to see what -- what significant differences we  
11 might also have in other areas.

12 MR. FLAHAN: The biggest, I think, difference --

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I -- I was also going to ask  
14 before we go there. Are -- are any demographic variables  
15 going to make a difference for my colleagues as it relates  
16 to these decisions or is that premature?

17 I'm -- I'm wondering where your heads are with --  
18 with how strongly you feel about this. Do you want to look  
19 at demographics now? I mean, that -- that ultimately is  
20 going to be important to me as it shapes up, but I'm  
21 wondering what you need to make this decision.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm fine if you want to do  
23 that, but I think these districts are going to get tinkered  
24 with so much that I'm not sure it's going to matter a lot  
25 exactly where they are right now.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I don't oppose. I'm fine.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do you need them?

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I want --

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Then -- then let's go south.

5 MR. FLAHAN: I think one other change that I didn't  
6 show the first time is this is 3.1 in the -- in the  
7 Phoenix -- Central Phoenix corridor here. You can take a  
8 look at District 2 here which is in green, District 4 here  
9 which is in blue, and then District 1 here which is in  
10 purple.

11 This is what 3.1 looks like. When I overlay it  
12 with 3.2, you can see that District 1 comes up farther;  
13 District 3 then blends over here into District 4 into the  
14 North Phoenix-Scottsdale area.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: I -- I would add too, though, that  
16 there are, as Mark is showing, a number of changes in the  
17 Phoenix-Tempe-Mesa area in the two maps. That's largely  
18 because we have not population balanced 3.2, so as we  
19 population balance, most of the things that you see in 3.1  
20 can be done in 3.2 as well as we work -- as we population  
21 balance through that region.

22 So there are differences but they are really  
23 independent of the choice of test of the two, so.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Yep. And then in 3.2 District 8 comes  
25 over and takes the Sky Harbor portion that was pointed out.

1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: And could you -- I mean, just  
2 take a -- let us just see the Tucson area as well if you  
3 don't mind.

4                   MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

5                   So on the screen here is the Tucson -- greater  
6 Tucson area for 3.1; 3.2 is overlaid on top of it and you  
7 can see there are some changes here, you can see the red  
8 District 20 going into Casas Adobes. If I overlay 3.2 over  
9 here you can see District 17 comes over and takes that red  
10 area, and District 16 takes the very edge of the  
11 3.1 District 20.

12                   You can also see here the split between District 17  
13 and District 18 in the Tucson area at 3.1; and when I  
14 overlay the 3.2 area on it, you can see that District 18  
15 takes a different shape and now its northern border is the  
16 river in Tucson.

17                   And you can see District 17, then, is the northern  
18 part of the river and now comes down a little farther south  
19 in 3.2.

20                   And that is what 3.1 looks like. So you can see  
21 District 18, instead of following the river, it's cut off at  
22 Grant Road, comes over and it takes the eastern southern  
23 half.

24                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: What one is this?

25                   MR. FLAHAN: This is 3.1.

1           So when I turn on 3.2 you can see when District 17  
2 follows the river, it takes that southern portion down  
3 Huntington Road like that.

4           Where 3.1 comes over, you can see it cuts across  
5 Grant Road and then District 18 takes that southern piece  
6 here.

7           Let's see.

8           MR. D. JOHNSON: If -- if you -- if you've had a  
9 chance to look at the spreadsheets, there is a difference in  
10 the number of competitive seats for 4 in 3.1 and 6 in 3.2,  
11 but that's only because of the balancing that hasn't  
12 happened in -- in the Gilbert region. Once that was done,  
13 they would both have the same number of competitive seats.

14           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: For expediency purposes I'm  
15 going to suggest that we entertain a motion of approving --  
16 I mean, I'll entertain more discussion if there's  
17 substantive, you know, dialogue or further questions that  
18 will lead to a different vote; otherwise, this is just a  
19 starting point and I'd love to save time for a real  
20 deliberation.

21           So where are we at? Are we ready to entertain a  
22 motion or are there further clarification questions that you  
23 need to inform your vote?

24           COMMISSIONER MEHL: I've made a motion that we  
25 adopt 3.2.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: I'll second --

2 Commissioner York seconds.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Any further discussion?

4 Vice Chair Watchman.

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: No.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I will just for the record  
10 say that we prefer 3.1, but in the spirit of compromise we  
11 will move forward with 3.2.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an  
15 aye.

16 And with that, a 4-1 vote, we will move with 3.2.  
17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Question. Should we wait 'til  
19 they're further balancing with 3.2 before we suggest --  
20 suggest modifications?

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Before we get into any  
22 modifications in the Mesa-Tempe-Phoenix area, yes, let's  
23 wait for that.

24 The one question I would ask in there is the -- the  
25 Kyrene school modification that I believe was actually shown

1 in 3.1 -- is that where we were on this? Yes.

2 So in 3.1 we showed that modification that takes  
3 part of the reservation and puts Kyrene together, it would  
4 be good to get your feedback on whether you like that change  
5 or not; and if you like it, then when we modify -- when we  
6 balance 3.2, we'll work that into the balancing as well.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry. Could you --  
8 could you -- I'm just pulling up 3.2 because I'd had 3.1 up.  
9 So I'm sorry if I wasn't focusing on what you said --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Is this 3.1, Mark?

11 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, this is 3.1 to show the Kyrene  
12 School District as District 12.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: So I would suggest ignore the fact  
14 that this is in 3.1 and what's around it, just take into  
15 account: Does that shape of District 12, is that something  
16 you -- you'd like to see that has the Kyrene School District  
17 united or would you prefer that we keep the reservation  
18 border as the southern border of District 12?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think we heard that that was  
20 a community of interest was Kyrene School District.

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: And that was fine. I think  
22 the Gila River Indian community was okay with being in two  
23 legislative districts, so that's -- I think that's how it's  
24 reflected right now.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. I think they actually

1           asked -- requested that too, so.

2                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN:   Yeah.

3                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:   Yeah.

4                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN:   Since we approved 3.2, can we  
5           put the data down below now?

6                   MR. FLAHAN:   Yeah.   Let me open 3.2 first.

7                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN:   Okay.

8                   MR. D. JOHNSON:   So Commissioner York, to your  
9           earlier question, yes, I think other than that Kyrene  
10          question, I think we -- we'll balance out the North Phoenix  
11          over to -- to Apache Junction, shift of all that population  
12          and come back with that modified map for you -- for you to  
13          react to.

14                   But if you do have direction in other parts of 3.2  
15          that you'd like us to take into account, we're happy to  
16          accept that instruction now.

17                   For example, in the West Valley or in -- or in the  
18          south or...

19                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:   I wouldn't mind an overall  
20          assessment of how extreme these districts are.

21                   Up to now, you know, we're -- we're focusing  
22          appropriately on communities of interest and, you know,  
23          compactness, contiguity, all of it.   I'm just curious,  
24          these -- these maps we're making, roughly, you know, how  
25          wide the spreads are and...

1           MR. D. JOHNSON: So it's a little hard to say  
2 because a bunch of the districts aren't balanced yet and  
3 that will shift things around; but we are looking at, I  
4 believe, six districts that qualify in any part of our -- of  
5 the Commission's competitive definition. So I think we'll  
6 end up with two that are -- get my numbers here straight.

7           I think we'll end up with one or two that are in  
8 the highly competitive range on the vote spread and that are  
9 swing; and then probably four that are in our 7 percent  
10 spread and/or have at least one election where they have  
11 swung.

12           We -- we can, if -- if the Commission wishes, as we  
13 do that part -- well, I guess we could assume it's part of  
14 the Commission's direction unless you tell us otherwise. As  
15 we population balance the -- the districts from North  
16 Phoenix over to -- to Apache Junction, we can try to see  
17 where there might be, you know, obvious opportunities to  
18 improve competitiveness within these other instructions  
19 you've given previously, but we'll probably have to come  
20 back to that as a follow-up analysis to do in -- in more  
21 detail and look for more opportunities after that.

22           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I'm thinking about it  
23 through the lens of, yes, those six meet our -- you know,  
24 our criteria of competitive, but then there's a continuum,  
25 how many within the range of ten, how many within the range

1 of 15; and then obviously logical communities of interest,  
2 it may be, you know, more -- it might be wider.

3 But yes, I -- at least on my mind, as we honor our  
4 constitutional responsibilities to empower as many  
5 communities of interest as possible, I do believe that  
6 creating as many com- -- increasing competitiveness all  
7 across the board increases accountability to communities of  
8 interest; and so because of that, I'd like to keep in mind,  
9 you know, how far the ranges are with the goal of keeping  
10 accountability to communities of interest.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I wouldn't want to disappoint  
12 you by not having comments.

13 I think all of us are interested in the number of  
14 Latino and -- and Native American districts that we end up  
15 here and -- and we want to -- the goal is to at least  
16 achieve what the last Commission did on having eight total  
17 minority districts. So we certainly -- and I -- and I think  
18 in our earlier look collectively at it we think we may be  
19 short one here, so as you're balancing keep that in mind.

20 And then secondly, it's really important that  
21 Oro Valley and Marana end up in the same legislative  
22 district and that -- that's not close here, and that will  
23 create ripples and issues that I can't understand but that  
24 hopefully you can; but I would -- I would really like to see  
25 a version, even if it's a separate version, that shows what

1 would it take to get Oro Valley and Marana both in that  
2 District 16.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: District 16 or 20?

4 Marana is right now in 20, are you trying to figure  
5 out how they can connect together?

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think -- I think it's going  
7 to be better to get District 16 with Marana 'cause District  
8 20 is one where I think if we bring it down and play with  
9 it, it could become a -- a minority district --

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, okay.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- that we're seeking and 16  
12 then would have to pull back from somewhere up north.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Do you --

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think Commissioner Mehl is  
15 on to something here.

16 I heard that loud and clear.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I -- I think -- definitely  
18 understand the request; and as Commissioner Mehl mentioned,  
19 it's -- it's not a simple fix, so we can certainly...

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And it may take 17 -- the  
21 border between 17 and 18 where 18 would go a little further  
22 east and 17 would go out towards the freeway and -- and 20  
23 come down and slide over into where 18 is a bit; and there  
24 may be a way, then, to make 20 more of a minority district  
25 by doing that and retain 18 as -- as a minority district,

1 and we may -- we may be able to pick up the lost district  
2 we're searching for.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, and -- and definitely right.  
4 And the challenge is, is that Oro Valley will come out of  
5 16 -- well, Oro Valley, the --

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No, Oro Valley would stay in 16  
7 and Marana would go into 16.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So that creates issues for you  
10 up north. Good luck.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Exactly. Exactly.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: District 20 is already low on  
13 population, so...

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think there's just -- there  
16 are so many -- and this is part of my concern about having  
17 done 3.2 not 3.1, is there's so many places to balance the  
18 population that I think when we get the next map it's going  
19 to be -- have to be pretty different from what we have now  
20 seen because there's some big numbers that have to be moved  
21 around as part of that.

22 I -- I did have a question, too, about the -- you  
23 said that the Latino Coalition map came in?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

25 MR. FLAHAN: Yes.

1           COMMISSIONER LERNER:  Would it be possible since  
2           we're talking about that as a -- would it be possible to do  
3           an overlay just to see what they had for the legislative  
4           districts that would get us thinking on the VRA piece?

5           Or is it not in a form that can be done?

6           MR. FLAHAN:  It would be possible overlaying it as  
7           individual districts, I don't have the eight stitched  
8           together at this time.

9           So we have eight individual submissions.

10          I can overlay one -- one other map at a time.

11          COMMISSIONER LERNER:  Would it be possible to get  
12          those stitched together?

13          COMMISSIONER MEHL:  Yeah, let's look at them one at  
14          a time.

15          MR. D. JOHNSON:  That was actually going to be --  
16          that was actually going to be my suggestion.  If you want as  
17          part of this test, you know, and bring in more things, we  
18          can just bring those districts in.

19          As I mentioned, we haven't spent a lot of fine- --  
20          time fine-tuning the South Phoenix seats, we've kind of been  
21          waiting for their submission to get input from them, so we  
22          could just incorporate into this their South Phoenix seats  
23          and bring that to you tomorrow within this map.

24          It's always something if you disapprove we could  
25          reverse it back to your older version.

1                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I mean, when -- I don't  
2                   totally love that because you're going to be doing all that  
3                   work just based on their submission without us even looking  
4                   at it. I mean, I -- you know, maybe we want to just gaze  
5                   and give some direction first.

6                   I mean, I don't -- I don't know about you-all.

7                   MR. FLAHAN: Could I suggest we take a 20-minute  
8                   break and I'll see if I can get it stitched together and we  
9                   can come back and reconvene and see it?

10                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That sounds like a good idea.  
11                  Thank you.

12                  MR. FLAHAN: Perfect.

13                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Actually, a 20-minute break  
14                  for you guys? Oh, you said 12-minute break?

15                  MR. FLAHAN: Fourteen.

16                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Take it. I'm wondering,  
17                  staff, if this might be a -- oh, not a good time to go for  
18                  you -- nope? Okay. We're just taking a recess.

19                  MR. FLAHAN: Twenty minutes would be preferred if  
20                  we can have that. We'll try to be back as soon as possible.

21                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Nineteen minutes.

22                  MR. FLAHAN: Done.

23                  (Recess taken from 3:00 p.m. to 3:13 p.m.)

24

25                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. We will resume as soon

1 as our mapping team can come on up and show us some new,  
2 interesting maps.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Nice job, Mark.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That was faster than 20  
5 minutes.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Prepare.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Yes, that's the motto.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's more like prepare for things  
10 to go wrong and then they usually don't. Don't prepare for  
11 it. That's my thing.

12 MR. FLAHAN: So on the screen now is the eight  
13 legislative districts that the AZ Latino Coalition sent  
14 over. You can see there for District 6 there's a big  
15 southern legislative district; and then at the border of  
16 Yuma County, Pima County, and Maricopa County, that's what  
17 starts District 5 that goes up through Gila Bend up into the  
18 Phoenix region.

19 Do you want to start looking at the Phoenix region  
20 or the Tucson region first?

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Phoenix.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Phoenix?

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is that okay?

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yes. Phoenix.

25 MR. FLAHAN: So you can see District 5 comes up

1 pretty much the 84 freeway up here until you get into  
2 Buckeye and then it cuts over and goes down the 10 freeway.

3 It takes a little bit to the north of the 10  
4 freeway, if you'll notice up here on the border it doesn't  
5 follow the freeway exactly; and then it ends pretty much at  
6 the brand-new 202 loop that's in the West Valley that  
7 connects the East Valley.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just -- I can't see. I can't  
9 see.

10 MR. FLAHAN: 5. The lime green is 5.

11 And then right under 5 in the aqua color that's  
12 going out to the east, that is District 1 and that's pretty  
13 much taking most of South Phoenix, including Downtown  
14 Phoenix. As you can see it cuts up there, it sort of cuts  
15 Downtown Phoenix in half and goes out to the airport  
16 property; and then coming back down which I think is 143.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: 143.

18 MR. FLAHAN: Yep, exactly; and then it does include  
19 the city of Guadalupe.

20 If we go back up to the north, D-4 is what is  
21 sitting right on top of D-5 and that includes Luke Air Force  
22 Base, probably the southern half of Glendale if you want to  
23 turn on the city layer.

24 You guys are getting my first read on this too.

25 So it is taking the southern half of Glendale, the

1 leg that sticks out here and below it, it is also getting  
2 probably Litchfield Park.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: How far north does D-4 go?

4 MR. FLAHAN: It goes all the way up -- to Northern  
5 Avenue is the top border there.

6 It does include Litchfield Park. It probably does  
7 include the western part of Phoenix also.

8 And I'll turn off Phoenix.

9 Yep, it does include the western part of Phoenix  
10 and the eastern border is 67th Avenue.

11 And at 67th Avenue, that is where District 3 picks  
12 up, it has parts of the city of Glendale, it has parts of  
13 the city of Phoenix. It does peak, it goes up to the next  
14 street which is Olive Avenue, goes across Olive to the I-17,  
15 comes down I-17 and then it takes the next major block to  
16 the east of I-17 which is 19th Avenue. It goes down 19th  
17 Avenue to -- Indian School Road is the bottom line here for  
18 District 3.

19 And then just south of that in the blue color is  
20 District 2. It is a narrow east-west district, and on the  
21 west again it is 67th Avenue; the top border is Indian  
22 School; the southern border is McDowell until it dips down  
23 at the Loop 202 and then it goes to Buckeye; it takes  
24 Buckeye to 19th Avenue, comes up 19th Avenue and then cuts  
25 across the Downtown Phoenix area on Van Buren Street, all

1 the way over to Papago Park and the zoo, and then it comes  
2 back up -- and back up to Thomas and then it takes Thomas  
3 all the way over and that's that top border.

4 And those are all of Phoenix.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just tell us on the west --  
6 westernmost district, does it go over into Tolleson or  
7 Avondale?

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: District 5 is in Tolleson, yes.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It is? Okay. I just didn't  
10 catch that.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Tolleson is basically at the --  
12 where the Highway 202 comes into the 10.

13 MR. FLAHAN: The -- the red is --

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: District 4.

15 MR. FLAHAN: -- Tolleson.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. FLAHAN: I believe it probably does include  
18 some of Avondale, but I can put that on the screen.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think it's going all the way to  
20 Buckeye.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's got Buckeye, it's got  
22 Goodyear, it's got --

23 MR. FLAHAN: Avondale. Yep. Goodyear, Buckeye.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So -- so this may be an  
25 unfair question 'cause you haven't had time to really, you

1 know, digest the map, but what I'm curious about because  
2 this is just -- it's hard for me to absorb all of this, how  
3 do they have eight and we have seven? Where are those  
4 differences and where are those points that we maybe should  
5 study tonight to see --

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- differences, yeah.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: So actually just to clarify. They  
9 have eight Latino seats, so when you add a Native American  
10 they would actually have nine compared to ours.

11 So ours currently has -- the current working map  
12 has probably six; one of those six actually doesn't perform  
13 on the governor's race, it only performs on the attorney  
14 general's race, so five and a half or six in the current map  
15 plus Native American; and so they -- this would essentially  
16 have two more than our current map does and one more than  
17 the exist- -- existing legislative districts that are in  
18 place now have.

19 So -- so there will be big changes between our map  
20 and -- and that was -- obviously, that was expected. We  
21 have not spent a lot of time trying to redraw ours in  
22 anticipation of this input coming in.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And -- and we had also talked  
24 about the fact of eight plus the two opportunity that  
25 happened last time. So this eight-plus-one would kind of

1 fit within that, right?

2 Will this be available for us, then, tonight?

3 MR. FLAHAN: Yes. It's been shared. It's actually  
4 in the redistricting system and it is shared to everybody  
5 that has a redistricting account, including the public. So  
6 anybody that wants to take a look at these eight districts,  
7 you're more than welcome to.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And how are they labeled? Is  
9 it Latino...

10 MR. FLAHAN: Oh.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The Latino Coalition or what?

12 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah. Go ahead and go "open," and  
13 it's "AZ Latino Coalition Legislator," this very top one.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you.

15 MR. FLAHAN: You're very welcome.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Will we be able to pull  
17 demographics from it or not because it's an incomplete of  
18 the whole...

19 MR. FLAHAN: You can pull demographics. Here's the  
20 demographics here on the screen that you're looking at.

21 So if we took District 1 here, it looks like the  
22 Latino percentage for District 1 is 46.34. Just be aware  
23 that there is this big unassigned district of 5 million  
24 people, which is just -- just ignore the gray "unassigned."

25 But yes, the -- the percentages for ethnic groups

1 is correct per -- per district that's there.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

3 MR. FLAHAN: And -- and so with the competitive  
4 data before each district, too.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And could you show us the  
6 southern Arizona impact on this in a little more detail,  
7 too?

8 MR. FLAHAN: Yes.

9 So D-6, that big southern lime green district, that  
10 does come up; I do not think that it goes into Arizona City,  
11 which it does not; it comes down, leaves out the city of  
12 Marana -- just to make sure I'll put the border on the  
13 screen -- yep, it borders -- it just borders the Marana town  
14 limits so it doesn't cross there -- yep.

15 It does cross the I-10 freeway it looks like in the  
16 River Road area, that's down here; and it goes down to west  
17 Roger Road and Garden Lane -- or Gardner Lane.

18 At that point it comes back to the I-10 freeway and  
19 it goes back west on Grant Road and then sort of snakes down  
20 the Camino Del Solo Road -- I might have just butchered  
21 that, you're more familiar in the area than I am.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Close enough.

23 MR. FLAHAN: And then it cuts down.

24 But we'll -- you will notice that it sort of has a  
25 D-7 in the middle here. So this is D-7 and it comes across,

1           it takes in Ajo Highway, which is I think State Route 86, it  
2           comes across I-19 over to Tucson Boulevard -- hold on, let  
3           me -- let me turn some of this stuff off.

4                     There we go. I can read it better.

5           Yep, up Tucson Boulevard and then back up to the  
6           north and sort of takes the city core of South Tucson and  
7           Tucson up to the north until it ends at Roger Road.

8                     COMMISSIONER MEHL: So on the map I've asked for  
9           just the additional version to look at that would have  
10          Marana and Oro Valley together, I think there's actually  
11          things that we can learn from -- from this map that would  
12          help us with that.

13                    So I would encourage you to achieve the map I've  
14          asked for, to take a look at this and see how much of it you  
15          can incorporate in. I don't think it comes in whole cloth,  
16          but I think there's some good things that actually combine  
17          this with what I was asking for.

18                    MR. FLAHAN: And then the last district, District  
19          8, you can see over here comes out, Davis-Monthan Air Force  
20          base is included in that; and it goes out to the east,  
21          crosses the I-10 freeway; goes south, Sahuarita is included  
22          in District 3 -- or, sorry, District 8; goes down, Green  
23          Valley is included in their District 8; and it continues to  
24          go south all the way down to Nogales out to Patagonia and  
25          out to Eagle and out to the east.

1                   And then it's --

2                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: For -- for my requested version  
3 map, don't -- don't take it all the way out to the east  
4 there. So I'm not too fond of that one, but...

5                   MR. FLAHAN: It slowly goes around Sierra Vista and  
6 out to the New Mexico border.

7                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I think those are -- I  
8 think the reason it's going all the way over there is that  
9 you've got Douglas over there which is a very high --

10                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

11                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: You know why. Okay.

12                  MR. FLAHAN: And that would be all eight of the  
13 districts they submitted.

14                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: When -- when you incorporate  
15 this all in, then you'll just renumber them as they would  
16 fit into our system and so we can kind of see how -- how it  
17 all fits together, right? That's --

18                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Well, that -- that is what we're  
19 looking for is -- is direction in terms of how much of this  
20 you really would like to see us incorporate in as we -- as  
21 we draw the next version, Commissioner Mehl talked about in  
22 the city of Tucson trying to incorporate that.

23                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, well, I'm just kind of  
24 struggling with the populations.

25                  The LDs are supposed to have roughly how many --

1           how many people? Two hundred, I thought.

2                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: 240.

3                   MR. FLAHAN: I can grab that, hold on.

4                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: 238, 384. I have it in big  
5           print on my paper.

6                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, well, I can see it over  
7           here but this map has quite a bit more in some and quite a  
8           bit less in others.

9                   So maybe, I mean...

10                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: They're pretty close in  
11           looking at it, right?

12                  The numbers aren't too far off; they're not exact,  
13           but they're pretty close.

14                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

15                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Just -- the challenge of -- of  
16           importing this quickly, the -- the target deviation and  
17           target deviation percentage it's calculating are off the  
18           congressional map. So we'll fix that, so.

19                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

20                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: They're not actually 75 percent  
21           short; they're very close.

22                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

23                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I guess that would be my  
24           question is could we -- if it's okay with everybody, can we  
25           see if we can have these incorporated into map 3.2?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Version of that, yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That version of 3.2, put  
3 these in there and then we can work, including Commissioner  
4 Mehl's request on Oro Valley and Marana, and then see how  
5 those look?

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, and that may be several  
7 different versions. That doesn't necessarily mean that's  
8 just one -- you may have two or three ways of wanting to  
9 look at it that you'd want to show us.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Get the population balance of  
11 Maricopa County in.

12 MR. FLAHAN: I -- I reset the target deviation to  
13 be the correct deviation.

14 So you can see here, the biggest deviation is 4.06  
15 for District 3. It's about 9,600 people off.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: So, yeah, so that sounds like  
18 consensus, am I correct, that we should incorporate these in  
19 and see how they -- the impact is we fit them into the --  
20 the rest of 3.2 and --

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would encourage you that if  
22 you -- you might want to do one version where you totally  
23 incorporate them in and then do another version where you  
24 take a lot of what they have but not necessarily all of it,  
25 and try to incorporate it with other things you think that

1 work well.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Because they get to eight  
3 minority districts, right?

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: And, I mean, plus the Native  
6 Americans, I mean, we're -- we're striving to get to eight  
7 which is what we currently have.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: So this would actually be nine.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right, no, exactly. So I guess  
10 that was what I was saying.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Along Commissioner Mehl's  
12 comment, I'm happy to go along with, you know, drawing what  
13 may, you know, happen, incorporating all of their feedback;  
14 but -- but more importantly, I'm interested in how that  
15 feedback can help us accomplish our goal and fit in with our  
16 larger vision; and -- and so I know that that does, you  
17 know, give you some responsibility in playing around with  
18 the iterations of the maps, but -- but we've created a  
19 vision and I don't want that map to drive, you know, the  
20 larger decisions, you know, emanating outwards.

21 But I'm open to two maps where we go with the full,  
22 you know, Latino group and see what -- what plays out; and  
23 if it's wonderful then, hey, you know, it's great.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: And it is notable to -- to the  
25 earlier discussion about the congressional map, too, it's

1           worth noting these eight districts drawn -- doing a quick  
2           count -- six of them are not 50 percent Latino. So the  
3           question about District 7 and can we get to 50 percent,  
4           well, you know, it's more about do they perform and are they  
5           effective than it is hitting that magic number, 'cause  
6           here's, you know, eight presumably effective districts  
7           coming from the coalition, that are -- six of which are not  
8           at 50 percent but they all perform and hit our benchmarks.

9                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, that's -- so of the  
10           Latino legislative districts that they submitted, did any --  
11           I mean, how many of them reached the 50 percent threshold?

12                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Two.

13                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Just two.

14                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah. Number 2 or number 7.

15                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

16                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Or number 6, I'm sorry.

17                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Number 7 is within --

18                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, I think we're going to  
19           find that there's a lot of reason we don't need to worry  
20           about getting all the way to 50 percent as long as it  
21           performs under all these tests but we'll hear -- we'll hear  
22           from our esteemed counsel tomorrow more on that.

23                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, especially when our aim  
24           is to be empowering the Latino community to the greatest  
25           extent possible.

1           So we'll see what we can do.

2           COMMISSIONER LERNER:  And there's some others that  
3           are -- are very close --

4           COMMISSIONER YORK:  Yeah.

5           COMMISSIONER LERNER:  -- to that as well, so  
6           they're within -- they're certainly within range.  You have  
7           one which is six-tenths off, so it's -- but -- but it would  
8           be interesting just to kind of -- I think to me it would be  
9           interesting and I'm all for just kind of seeing how they  
10          worked together, that's why I was curious on the overlay and  
11          having two maps -- or at least two maps tomorrow, one with  
12          them and one where -- which incorporates some of the other  
13          things that we've been talking about and seeing how that all  
14          fits together and then -- I'm not sure of the other one, the  
15          second map.

16          COMMISSIONER YORK:  Well, this is a -- this is -- I  
17          think we got a good start.  We've got to reset the Maricopa  
18          County population on 3.2 and then kind of try to incorporate  
19          this and see where we land?  Is that...

20          MR. D. JOHNSON:  Yes.  Just summarizing I think  
21          what we've heard to make sure -- so we've got:  Work from  
22          3.2, do the population balancing as you're just saying;  
23          we'll do the Kyrene School District challenge -- change; do  
24          the Oro Valley -- put Oro Valley and Marana together in one  
25          legislative district; and then incorporate -- incorporate

1 the Latino Coalition districts and maybe incorporate them in  
2 one, very -- very likely end up needing two to show the  
3 different ways of incorporating.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Can we have that by 8 o'clock  
6 tonight to review? That's probably --

7 MR. FLAHAN: Couldn't hear it.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Anything else that  
9 would be helpful for you just in terms of decision-making  
10 and -- and helping you have -- have focus?

11 MR. FLAHAN: You know, I do have a question on 3.2.  
12 We had the north and south district in Phoenix following the  
13 river.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's Tucson you're showing.

15 MR. FLAHAN: Tucson, sorry.

16 Is that something that you guys want to continue  
17 incorporating? I know this isn't 3.2, but following the  
18 river?

19 I can bring it up.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think that's a -- I think  
21 that makes sense.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, I think -- I think that's  
23 excellent. That's one of the -- one of the things I liked  
24 about 3.2 is the way that was shown, the difference.

25 And if anything, District 17 -- if 18 had to push

1 over to the -- to the east a little in order to get more  
2 stuff working for 20 on the west or whatever those districts  
3 end up being, if 17 had to give up something in the inner  
4 city and go out a little farther to the freeway past Casas  
5 Adobes, that probably would be an improvement.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. So that's -- that's keeping the  
7 river sort of as the boundary?

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

9 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And that's going to be a -- a  
11 swing district, that's going to be a toss-up district, or --  
12 you know, one way or the other. Yeah. So it will be one of  
13 the very competitive districts.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Which district again? Could  
15 you give me the number again? I'm sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: D-17.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 17. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: North of the river.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So is that one where  
20 you're -- are we taking Casas Adobes -- leaving it there or  
21 we putting that with Oro Valley? Because I seem to remember  
22 that they wanted to be together.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: At this point we're leaving it  
24 where it is.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But that might change at some

1 point?

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I kind of remember --

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think we're going to have a  
5 bunch of different things to look at.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I remember the  
7 discussion and I thought that they were interested in being  
8 further north with that district, but...

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I want to remind my  
10 colleagues that at some point we're allowed to vote to lock  
11 things in. And I'm not suggesting we do it today, but  
12 tomorrow is Tuesday. And as -- I mean, I'm just saying that  
13 I'm -- I'm starting to begin to hear some consensus of  
14 general issues and -- and just if there are even just tiny  
15 little areas without the broader picture, just bringing that  
16 out there as an option for not today.

17 MR. FLAHAN: I -- I don't think we have anything  
18 else from our side. I could go check the workroom to see if  
19 they have any changes that were made this morning if you  
20 give me a second to step out.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, that -- that'd be great  
22 and if there's anything on the CD front that you want us  
23 to -- is that what you just said? Okay.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's what he's going to check  
25 on. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

2 And what we'll do is, after this we'll adjourn.  
3 There is some Executive Director's report, but I believe  
4 that we'll address that tomorrow since we addressed whatever  
5 timely issues we had today.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I have a question.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: In terms of this -- the  
9 racial -- racially polarized data, when is it a good time to  
10 start bringing those in?

11 Now that we're looking at the legislative maps,  
12 should we be looking at those in the counties? Should we --  
13 at some point we need to start bringing that information in  
14 as we're starting to narrow down our focus.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I would say -- I would just  
16 note -- for Legal talk to you. We are using that data.  
17 Each time we check the -- those citizen voting age  
18 population numbers and the attorney general's race and the  
19 governor's race, we are -- the reason we're checking those  
20 is to ensure we're meeting those polarized voting target  
21 numbers.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And do we have those for each  
23 county?

24 Like, I'm thinking -- I'm looking over here at --  
25 I'm just getting familiar with -- with map 3.2 so, but I'm

1 looking and we have Cochise County as pretty much almost its  
2 own district right there.

3 So do we have some of those other counties, are we  
4 able to look at that or you're going to look at every  
5 legislative district and kind of run those numbers? Is that  
6 what you're saying?

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: So the -- the nice thing of using  
8 the benchmark elections, the governor's race and the  
9 attorney general's race is that those incorporate into them  
10 the dynamics of each county, so you'll -- those reflect the  
11 changing crossover as we go from county to county.

12 So I don't know if Legal has anything to add to  
13 that as well.

14 MR. HERRERA: I mean, I would just add a couple of  
15 things.

16 One is we have obviously seen some of the polarized  
17 data at the county level, at least for some counties in  
18 Arizona, through Lisa Handley's presentations. I think we  
19 will be ready to do a district-by-district analysis. We  
20 have a meeting, actually, with our experts at 6:00 a.m.  
21 tomorrow to finalize that, but it looks like we'll be ready  
22 to do that tomorrow, and then we can provide that kind of  
23 information at the district level.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Great. Thank you.

25 MR. FLAHAN: So they are working very hard in the

1 workroom, they still have a little bit more to go, so we're  
2 not ready -- we don't have anything to show you right this  
3 second on the congressional districts; but we hope to get it  
4 done soon and then share it with everybody as soon as  
5 possible.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And in terms of process,  
7 you -- you let the staff know, the staff will text us or  
8 just let us know when -- when the maps are live?

9 MR. FLAHAN: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Awesome. That would  
11 be great.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And you should be able to get  
13 us the legislative sometime tonight, you think?

14 MR. FLAHAN: I -- I think we should have time to do  
15 the legislative. At least one, but I think there's plenty  
16 of time to do two.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Certainly we'll try; don't  
18 be surprised if we're finishing legislative tomorrow morning  
19 while you're debating the changes in the congressional map.  
20 We may need that time, but we'll try.

21 One of -- one of the things -- just so you  
22 understand, the change -- one of the things that happened is  
23 when we pull the Latino Coalition proposed District 7, turns  
24 out it has a huge impact on our configuration of -- of the  
25 rural District 2, and so we've got to go back and revisit

1           how we implement that with -- while minimizing that district  
2           which we already have tons of direction and Commission  
3           guidance on.

4                        So those are the complications that everything  
5           ripples around, but they're working through it.

6                        CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  If there's no other questions  
7           on that item, we're going to skip Agenda Item No. VIII,  
8           Executive Director's report and discussion thereof, for the  
9           sake of time and defer that to our agenda tomorrow.

10                      Agenda Item No. IX, in-person public comments.  We  
11           can skip that as well given the conversation we had the  
12           other day.

13                      Agenda Item No. X, next meeting date will be  
14           tomorrow, October 18th, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.  I look forward  
15           to seeing you again bright and early.

16                      Agenda Item No. XI, closing of public comments.  
17           Please note members of the Commission may not discuss items  
18           that are not specifically identified on the agenda.

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

24                      We get to Agenda Item No. -- oh.  I -- did I say  
25           XI?

1           I think I have my numbers all mixed up. What's the  
2 next -- I have IX but I think it's XI? I have my numbers  
3 all mixed up.

4           It's Agenda No. XII, adjournment. I will take a  
5 vote.

6           Vice Chair Watchman.

7           VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

8           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

9           COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

10          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

11          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

12          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

13          COMMISSIONER YORK: That's an aye.

14          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an  
15 aye.

16          With that, we adjourn.

17          I'll see you tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

18          (Whereupon the meeting concludes at 3:42 p.m.)

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22                   ***"This transcript represents an unofficial record.***

23                   ***Please consult the accompanying video for the official***

24                   ***record of IRC proceedings."***

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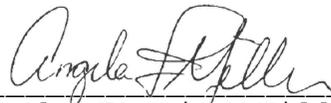
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