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1 PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, reconvened at 12:28 p.m. on
3 October 15, 2021, at Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 West
4 Dunlap Ave, Phoenix, Arizona, and online via Webex, 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. Loriandra Van Haren, Deputy Director
14 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Administrative Assistant
15 Ms. Michelle Crank, Public Information Officer
16 Ms. Marie Chapple, Community Outreach Coordinator
17 Mr. Alex Pena, Community Outreach Coordinator
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19 Mr. Roy Herrera, Ballard Spahr
20 Mr. Daniel Arellano, Ballard Spahr
21 Mr. Brett Johnson, Snell & Wilmer
22 Mr. Eric Spencer, Snell & Wilmer
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24 Mr. Brian Kingery, Timmons Group
25 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group
Mr. Brody Helton, Timmons Group
Mr. Colby Chafin, Timmons Group
Ms. Sarah Hajnos, Timmons Group
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Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, NDC

PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS:

Ari Bradshaw

P R O C E E D I N G

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3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Welcome back,
4 everybody. Thank you for your patience.

5 With that, we're going to resume our conversation
6 about legislative districts.

7 And I'll turn it back over to Doug.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: So, thank you.

9 It's really at the Commission's discretion if you
10 want to focus on kind of the Yuma District 23 Tohono O'odham
11 district or focus on the Tucson area first.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I don't have a preference. I
13 think Tucson is more complicated, so what do my colleagues
14 feel up to right now?

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm prepared to rattle off a
16 few things for the Tucson area.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Let's go for it. It would
18 feel good to go into the weekend with a sense of
19 accomplishment.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Doug, the maps are not up on
21 the WebEx yet, no?

22 MR. FLAHAN: They're not.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: I know.

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Madam Chair, before we do
25 that, just getting back to District 11, and I reread some of

1 the information, and it does appear that Stephen Lewis, the
2 governor of Gila River, did indicate that for the
3 congressional districts -- yes -- one district would be
4 suitable for them; but legislatively they're okay with a
5 split. So the northern part adjacent to Ahwatukee and the
6 Chandler area and the southern part.

7 So no direction on where the split is, but they
8 indicated that for legislative districts be included with
9 the two areas, and so just wanted to note that for the
10 record. I think I said one district for the legislative.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Excellent. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: It saves us the trouble of digging
14 that up, I appreciate it. Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yes. Thank you.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, that's good.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: All right. A priority would be
18 to combine Oro Valley and Marana into the same district, and
19 looks like District 16 should be that district; and it looks
20 like both sides of the freeway from Marana.

21 And -- and then District 17 should come all the way
22 over to I-10, and that brings District 20 down quite a bit.
23 District 17, since it's a picking population towards I-10, a
24 little bit of the Central Tucson should go into District 18;
25 and then 20, 18 you can play with those boundaries.

1 And I'm not sure how any of this turns out, but it
2 will be worth looking at and then working from there.

3 So Marana, Oro Valley into 16; 17 area over to the
4 Freeway; 18 scootches a little to the east; and 20 comes
5 down and scootches a little probably to the east.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could -- could you keep -- I
7 agree Oro Valley and Marana need to be kept together with
8 Casas Adobes and Catalina Foothills. Could they stay in
9 LD-17, then, if you combine them all?

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Um.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I mean, that would be a big
12 difference to the district, I know.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Marana, Oro Valley combined
14 with it would be too many people.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: You could keep Oro Valley --
16 Oro Valley and Casas Adobes together, is that what you're
17 suggesting?

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But you really want Marana and
19 Oro Valley together, they're really similar communities and
20 they want to be together.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I agree with that. I
24 agree Oro Valley, but I'm asking about how they could be
25 connected to Casas Adobes. Could you keep them -- and I've

1 got it pretty far in here just looking at where they all
2 are.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And it seems like Oro Valley
5 and Casas Adobes might be good together.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It would work together, but I
7 don't think it's going to populationwise work together; and
8 17 should be an extremely competitive district right now
9 leaning Democrat, and still will be with the changes I made.
10 It will actually be one of the more competitive districts in
11 the state, so.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But it will -- and it may lean
14 even strongly Democrat. It's not a Republican district, but
15 it's a community of interest that, really, we need to
16 reflect.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, so I was asking if
18 maybe we can look at your changes and see if maybe -- I'm
19 not tied to it, I'm just thinking from testimony and all
20 that -- Casas Adobes, maybe they can look at a couple of
21 different options to see if that can be included as well.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, I suspect we're going to
23 continue to play around with this, so.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: This will not be a final.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, and I -- I agree with you
2 on what you --

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, that Casas Adobes exit it
4 cuts in half, is that Orange Grove off of I-10, which --

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- which is the kind of
7 dividing line for a lot of stuff, so.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, it's just a matter of
9 where it goes. I'm not -- again, I don't --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- don't know where exactly
12 it should go, but it seems like it --

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, Ina goes north, Ina goes
14 across 17, goes across the freeway.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Gets to Casa Adobes.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just the connection.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: At least making those
19 adjustments will be closer and then we can work in more
20 detail later.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

22 So that's mostly District 17 you're talking about,
23 right?

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And -- and then 16 coming
25 across Marana.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Across Marana?

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 16 right now includes
3 Oro Valley, and then it would -- then you'd come across and
4 it would include Marana, which means you would need to bring
5 it down.

6 It will be good for it not to go all the way north
7 to where it is; you've got it all the way up into Maricopa
8 County, which it would be good for it to get not much past
9 Casa Grande.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, if you split the Gila --

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- then you could make it --
13 that work.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, and I --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: The Maricopa --

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I think you could do
17 that.

18 Commissioner York, you have to remember to...

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: I know. I have to get up here.
20 Slouching, sorry.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I just -- I wasn't sure
22 what you were saying. You were saying to the north part of
23 the District 16?

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, if the population works,
25 you could split southern part of the Gila Reservation can be

1 part of 16, and the northern part of the Gila Reservation
2 could be part of that Kyrene School District area we were
3 talking about.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, no, that makes sense.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And that's all for now.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: You don't have anything on 21?
7 23?

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So what -- in terms of --
10 okay, that's it for -- for -- you're just talking about in
11 the northern part mostly for Tucson, correct?

12 Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We may want to look in the
14 Southern Tucson area where we're likely have a
15 majority-minority district there to look at the Latino
16 population.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, and that's --that's
18 what I was looking at was the District 21 a little bit.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, 21 will -- will meet with
20 the minority tests.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, but it goes all the way
22 up to --

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That goes all the way to the
24 border, right?

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And that could -- could -- to
2 some extent you could just actually have it follow parts of
3 it, at least that northern part. I'm not sure whether it's
4 there for population.

5 I'm just looking at my little -- there's that one
6 little area in District 21 where it goes to the east of I-19
7 -- otherwise, it follows I-19.

8 Oh. Never mind. Not completely.

9 Yeah, it takes in all of I-19. There's just that
10 one part of District 23 that takes in a small piece of -- if
11 that. I didn't know if that was for population. Is that --

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's actually a piece of the
13 reservation.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Ah. Thank you. That
15 explains it.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm also wondering if it
17 makes sense to bring up the congressional map of the Latino
18 Coalition. If I remember correctly -- and I may be wrong,
19 we've been looking at so many maps -- I think their
20 congressional district goes all the way up to Tucson and
21 touches on that population. I'm curious about the
22 boundaries that they had in the city limits.

23 Okay. So it's -- that's not going to be a lot of
24 help.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's a good try.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Forget it.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, we're not going to forget
4 it, but -- just so the community knows, we're going to use
5 it, but we're just not adding it to the discussion today.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I don't have any further
7 comments on legislative maps.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The only other thing, do we
9 want to look -- LD-23 might be the only other thing that may
10 be in the south.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: But it's a pretty solid
12 majority-minority -- majority-minority.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It is.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: To me I thought that that was
15 our -- that was one of the two in the south that we -- that
16 we needed to keep.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I --

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's actually, just on the
19 numbers, 23 is a very interesting district. It's -- it's a
20 third majority-minority seat down there because 20 and 21
21 both perform, both are effective Latino seats.

22 It's both a 50 percent seat that is right on the
23 cusp. So it's the one I mentioned earlier that the Latino
24 candidate for governor loses, but the Latino candidate for
25 attorney general wins. It's also in our 7 percent

1 competitive range, so it's a very interesting mix.

2 And it's worth noting, in Yuma County it's not
3 following the current split just because of population
4 reasons -- I don't think. It has almost all of the city of
5 Yuma in it: 10, 23.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, well, it follows I- --
7 I-8, which I think is appropriate.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. That -- that was what I was
9 looking for your feedback on or --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Do the other Commissioners
11 agree with me?

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I think that it does --
13 I'm sorry.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You're all right.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I think it does. I think
16 -- I think it takes out of the communities, but it does
17 follow I-8; and there's a couple of communities that it puts
18 into District 30, which I think works from them.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm confused Doug, though, if
21 this is going to be a majority-minority district and they
22 elect a candidate of their choice only some of the time, I'm
23 confused about the ramifications of that with honoring the
24 VRA.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's a good question, it's

1 probably a detail question to defer until we have the legal
2 team analysis they talk about having next week to get kind
3 of a more -- this is exactly the kind of guidance -- or
4 exactly the kind of district where both that feedback would
5 help and more local feedback would help, this kind of a
6 thing where the performance with one candidate and not with
7 the other; you know both are close races, could be
8 problematic or could be just fine. A lot of it depends on
9 the local --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: It has a lot to do with the
11 candidate, I believe.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Pardon?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: It has a lot to do with the
14 candidate is kind of what you're saying.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think you're probably right, but
16 I'm not going to make that characterization.

17 But it does a take detail analysis of "are we
18 comfortable with that," and we can certainly come back to
19 that question for you on a scale.

20 And a big part of that would be if -- if the local
21 community feels like the lines in -- in Yuma County makes
22 sense.

23 And I think the stairs -- the stairstep just south
24 of the freeway, as the Commissioner mentioned, that's
25 keeping those communities on the freeway together, I think

1 that's also the Base border.

2 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, that should be the Barry
3 Goldwater Range.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh. Okay.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: So that's how -- that edge is
6 actually quite well defined for -- for locals, because
7 there's military guards on it.

8 Don't want to wander onto that Base by mistake.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I was seeing that
10 Welton -- Welton and is there another one?

11 But Welton would be then in District 30 and
12 probably something they'd prefer.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I do think we may get
17 feedback from people in Yuma that would make us want to
18 adjust somewhat, but I'm fine with how it's showing right
19 now until we get more feedback.

20 MR. FLAHAN: I will say that the tail end of the
21 district is on the screen, it does go a little north of I-8
22 when you get into the Yuma area.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: With regard to the -- the
25 tribes near Winterhaven, North Yuma, you got the Quechan

1 Tribe. I know they -- I know they parallel or they're
2 adjacent to the Colorado River, but I'm not sure how far
3 they go.

4 And so do we have that Indian reservation covered,
5 the Fort Yuma Tribe?

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think it's all in District 30,
7 but let's confirm that just to be sure.

8 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Well, I'm just looking at the
9 -- the northern side of -- is it 23? -- 23, north side of
10 Yuma.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: District 23.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. There we go.

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah. Looks like we get it
14 all, yeah.

15 And then -- and then going back over to Tucson, if
16 I'm not mistaken, they have lands in the Sahuarita area and
17 I don't see that covered.

18 And so if you look at -- like, for example, their
19 casino is off of I-10 and Sahuarita Road. It's not included
20 in 23.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Where is that?

22 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: This is in Tucson. It's
23 south of Tucson.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's on the freeway between Green
25 Valley and Tucson.

1 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Right.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's the area --

3 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's in District 21, correct?

5 That's the --

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

7 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah, well, but -- yeah, I
8 haven't heard from the Tohono O'odham Nation. We've heard
9 from some members, but we haven't heard from the tribal
10 leaders. So keeping the reservation intact at this point,
11 unless they have something different.

12 But I know there's a little community San Xavier
13 and then where their casino is and I think it's called the
14 Sahuarita --

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think it's Desert Diamond
16 Casino, and I think it's all in that purple part of 23 along
17 with the other -- along with the San Xavier. I think it's
18 actually covered the way you're going to like it.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. Yes. Actually, Google maps
20 is always the fastest.

21 So -- so the casino is actually on that -- the
22 green, it's right on the freeway, it's actually in that --
23 in that east-of-the-freeway piece.

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah, it's east of the
25 freeway and so...

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's right in there.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh. So that's why it goes
3 east?

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what you were saying?
7 Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, that 23 has that --

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can you zoom in?

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Is it 23 or...

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: 23 is the Tohono O'odham
12 reservation, isn't it?

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Right.

14 Well I see it in 21, the casino. Am I on the right
15 map?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Maybe not.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Where are you seeing it?

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Zoom in. More.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Am I on the right map?

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, maybe when you --

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: It's on Komelic Road, but
22 maybe when you -- you go down there, you hang a left off the
23 freeway there.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh. I see. It's right
25 there.

1 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah. Yeah.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can you satellite view it?

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is that -- is that --

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: You can see it on the satellite.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- the casino?

6 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I don't know what the lands
7 are, but it's --

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- has the casino there, so.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So maybe we just wait to hear
11 from them?

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Well, yeah. And I guess --
13 but the big point is that we haven't heard from the tribal
14 leadership; we have heard from some tribal members, and what
15 I glean from that is keep -- well keeping the whole
16 reservation intact, and that includes Sahuarita. And I
17 think there's also some interest in keeping it close to
18 within Tucson, but we need some more feedback.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: So, tech is such a new world.

20 So that is the -- we are looking at the casino.

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: That's the casino, yeah.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: So if you can zoom out so we can
23 see the borders around it.

24 There you go.

25 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah, it could be like the

1 Glendale location, maybe it's just a little island; I don't
2 know.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it is -- it is -- well, you
4 can see on this it's very -- nope, too far. Zoom in. Is
5 that -- there we go.

6 So you can see that it is isolated, but it is in
7 that southeastern corner of the reservation just over the
8 freeway, and it is in the district with the rest of the
9 reservation lands.

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay. Good.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep.

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Just wanted to make sure.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Any other conceptual feedback
16 areas of the map that would be constructive that maybe in a
17 different geographic area that doesn't have as many ripple
18 effects that, you know -- or -- or, you know, this is an
19 enough? That's good, too.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, just for those watching who
21 may listen to the Yuma conversation and dig into that, the
22 challenge with -- the reason -- well, the reason District 30
23 has such a small piece of -- of Yuma is that is really just
24 about all that 30 can take populationwise. So if -- if
25 there is interest in 30 coming farther south into Yuma, just

1 to residents who want to comment on that and share those
2 thoughts, you have to figure out to make -- how to keep
3 District 30 population balanced if it picks up more of Yuma
4 because the north if it is all the whole counties.

5 So that's -- that's our challenge there to get --
6 that's why it doesn't follow the current split.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And -- and this is where I'm
8 going to channel Commissioner Lerner about competitiveness.

9 That's going to be a very right-wing, you know, R
10 district, and let's be sensitive to communities of interest
11 that may be marginalized. I mean, you know, let's just be
12 careful about who is going to go there for population
13 purposes and make sure that -- that it truly fits.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Do we approve this or do they
16 go to work?

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: They go to work.

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: One more thing with 23, I'm
19 sorry. I'm looking for the Pascua Yaqui Reservation, it's
20 off Valencia Road -- west -- west Tucson.

21 I don't know if they're in 23 or 20.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I'm assuming right around
23 there.

24 We actually did check that when we were mapping
25 'cause the Commission -- you had mentioned that -- the

1 Commission mentioned that before --

2 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- but the reason 20 comes down,
4 the pink comes down in that somewhat odd finger there --

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Right.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- is because it's coming between
7 the eastern tip of Tohono O'odham as Brian is showing there,
8 and the Pascua Yaqui to make sure that both of those
9 reservations stay in 23.

10 So can you like just to the left -- there's a
11 reservation just to the left of the pink.

12 Oh. Missed it.

13 There you go. So, yes, that -- that segment is...

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: That's why that pink shape is the
16 odd shape it is, because we're being careful not to take the
17 reservations out.

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Got it.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Anything else on the
20 legislative front?

21 This was very productive. It was, you know, I feel
22 really good about our progress. I know we gave a lot of
23 information to our mapping team.

24 I believe our mapping team would now like to excuse
25 themselves for maybe 15 minutes or so just to be able to

1 orient themselves to work on some of our direction. So
2 please feel free to, you know, move into the other room and
3 join us when you're ready.

4 I'm going to suggest that we take advantage of some
5 of this time, we can dive into business before we go into
6 the congressional map.

7 Excuse me, I'm going to turn it over to our legal
8 counsel first.

9 MR. HERRERA: Just clarification, Madam Chair. I
10 don't believe that the Commission has voted to adopt this
11 legislative 2.0, so we would need to do that so that the
12 mapping consultants can then work on the adjustments given
13 today.

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: We did.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We voted on -- I thought we
16 voted on 2.0 at the very beginning this morning; we did not
17 vote on any of these suggestions, but is there anything we
18 need to vote on in order to give them marching orders?

19 MR. HERRERA: No. No, I think both Brett and I
20 must have missed that this morning. So maybe we were
21 talking to each other. My apologies, Madam Chair.

22 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Lerner and Watchman did the
23 motion and the second, right?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Sounds good.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Thank you very much.

1 (Whereupon the mapping team exits at 12:52 p.m.)

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3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: With that, I'm going to
4 suggest we move to Agenda Item No. IX, which is what led us
5 to have some guests today -- which ended up to being a
6 delight -- in-person public comments.

7 We had this agenda item here, we thought maybe it
8 would be connected to VIII(D), which was talking about our
9 schedule post-draft map. We just wanted to open it up again
10 to dialogue and thought about how we want to engage direct
11 public comment as we're moving forward. There was and is
12 this interim period before we're going to be on tour where
13 we're going to have opportunities for the public to give
14 direct testimony.

15 I want to be honest, I have heard some feedback
16 from the public that they miss giving that live feedback
17 while we're mapping.

18 As we think about it, there are a lot of
19 complexities and some very new situations that are different
20 than ten years ago: We are open 24/7 for, you know, written
21 comment; there is the COVID realities; and then I also think
22 about, you know, if there was a way to identify an efficient
23 hour each day in the middle of the day that we knew Mapping
24 was going to be occupied that would lend itself to public
25 comment live, but then again this is such an organic process

1 we cannot schedule that.

2 So there's complex issues with trying to insert
3 that and we just wanted to give the Commission another
4 opportunity to talk about what made sense for us, and if
5 anybody has any different opinions.

6 I'm struggling and I don't have a different
7 opinion, but -- but we thought it -- it was something that
8 we just wanted to do due diligence and make sure that we're
9 comfortable that, you know, this period would be written,
10 you know, public comment and we would reserve once again the
11 live feedback for the public hearing post-draft map.

12 We want to avoid what happened today where there's
13 any miscommunication about the public showing up to give
14 public testimony.

15 So, any thoughts?

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Madam Chair, I would encourage
17 us not to take public testimony when we're trying to finish
18 these draft maps, and then we've got a solid 30 days where
19 we should take a huge amount of public opinion live.

20 But I think that we'll be more productive if we can
21 get through this, and there will be -- will be really
22 significant changes from what I understand the last two
23 times from the draft map, that we'll approve hopefully the
24 end of next week until the final map. So there will be a
25 lot of opportunity for input and public opinion.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would agree with that as
2 well. I think that we'll have a lot of opportunities to
3 hear feedback and people can continue to give feedback every
4 day as they've been doing; and we encourage that.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I hear my Commissioners loud
6 and clear.

7 I mean, you know, I think just at the end of the
8 day the public should know that we've given this great
9 thought and we're trying to maximize the efficiency of
10 hearing your feedback, along with our responsibility to
11 spend as much quality time analyzing, discussing, and
12 deliberating the lines.

13 So if there's no other feedback, I'm -- I'm
14 comfortable, you know, moving forward as we've decided in
15 the past; and we'll make sure that in the future there's --
16 there's no agenda item that suggests that there might be
17 in-person public comments while we're deliberating.

18 But again, you know, the public comments are
19 desired and wanted throughout the deliberation process. It
20 may -- you know, it may be a different format than what, you
21 know, previous years have experienced, it may not be live;
22 it's just as powerful, it's just as effective in written
23 form. So, keep it coming.

24 Is there -- we could move to Agenda Item No. VIII,
25 I don't know if there's anything that, you know, I think the

1 bulk of that we're going to defer to next week when we have
2 a, you know, concentrated amount of time; but if there's
3 anything that the staff would just like to update us on and,
4 if not, we'll just recess until Mapping comes back.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Do we not have someone in the
6 audience that wants to make a few comments?

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I didn't hear you.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: I said: Do we not have someone
9 in the audience that wants to make a few comments?

10 SPEAKER BRADSHAW: I do, but I can wait until you
11 all are ready take public comment.

12 Mostly I want to, I mean, I can submit written
13 comments. I've already submitted a map as to written
14 comments.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Didn't these people speak this
16 morning?

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes, we can go back -- since
18 it's in our agenda, we can go back to, you know, Agenda Item
19 No. IX, in-person public comments. So, please, if you have
20 something to share --

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Give them the mic.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- the microphone is yours.

23 SPEAKER BRADSHAW: Hello, Commission. I hope you
24 are doing well.

25 As a resident of Arizona for my entire life, minus

1 my university career; born and raised throughout Phoenix,
2 Scottsdale, and Oak Creek over in Yavapai County.

3 And I do -- oh. Sorry?

4 Oh. My name is Ari Bradshaw, I do apologize. I
5 spoke last to you-all at the Mesa meeting.

6 And I have some concerns I suppose with the draft
7 map and I wanted to make sure you all are taking into
8 concern [verbatim] most of the communities of interest.
9 I've submitted a map called "Communities of Interest
10 Master." It's a ten-page document attached to it that has
11 kind of the explanation of all six of the criteria as
12 talking about that map. I understand it's not going to be
13 the map or anything, but I would love if you all could take
14 a look at this document, read through it and see kind of the
15 ideas found.

16 Some of the primary concerns I have are the
17 splitting of communities arbitrarily. I don't like the idea
18 of splitting the Apache Nations, I don't like the idea of
19 splitting Colorado City from Fredonia, I don't like the idea
20 of splitting Yuma in the congressional districts -- these
21 are all congressional district, not legislative district
22 comments by the way.

23 And most importantly, I think that splitting Yuma
24 -- or, sorry, splitting Tucson into three separate districts
25 when you consider the Tucson, it's suburbs, and its exurbs

1 is dangerous to the voice of the people in Yuma -- or,
2 sorry, in Tucson. Instead, I believe that we need to have
3 two districts there that consist of Tucson proper, plus a
4 few of its suburbs, maybe the Tohono Rez and Sahuarita, and
5 also one that takes into account most of rural Arizona plus
6 some of the Tucson exurbs, perhaps even Santa Cruz County.

7 The last comments I'll make right here that you all
8 can go check in the document later are, within Phoenix I
9 think we need to avoid drawing these ridiculously straight
10 lines for the sake of compactness over competitiveness and
11 communities of interest in particular.

12 Right now I think in the Maricopa area a lot of
13 straight lines on the draft map have been drawn, and as
14 someone who has lived in Phoenix my entire life and as
15 someone who knows tons of people at every age and every
16 demographic and every religion throughout Phoenix, the
17 straight lines I don't think make sense. We need to -- I
18 would just love you all to try to look at the map and try to
19 rethink some of the areas where you've drawn some of these
20 areas within Maricopa County; I think they're quite
21 concerning as someone who has lived in Maricopa my entire
22 life minus a stint in Nashville, minus a stint in Yavapai.

23 Thank you guys so much.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you. And I think
25 you've submitted a couple of maps, haven't you?

1 SPEAKER BRADSHAW: I have. I keep updating it.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what it was.

3 SPEAKER BRADSHAW: The most recent one, the
4 Communities of Interest Master is the map that's most
5 updated. I'll -- I might submit another update over the
6 weekend if my friends and I see any changes based off of
7 this. I know that we have one we're going to make on two of
8 the districts, but I will be continuing to make draft maps
9 and I will continue to send updates to that draft maps.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Because I have seen
11 your map in there.

12 SPEAKER BRADSHAW: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Madam Chair?

14 Have we covered Item VIII on the agenda or was
15 it...

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, I believe that the
17 staff is going to present a more thorough report early next
18 week.

19 Is there a specific question you'd like to bring
20 up?

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I only thought that if
22 they -- if they were prepared today while we had this
23 moment, we could -- they could do that.

24 MS. VAN HAREN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Lerner,
25 we will have a more thorough report on all of Items VIII,

1 but specifically the public locations, we had several
2 meetings with the public this week, and several groups
3 wanted until the end of today to submit their suggestions
4 for locations for the tour, and so we wanted to abide by
5 those wishes and give them until 5 o'clock today to be able
6 to send over their locations.

7 And we've already received several from those
8 meetings.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Since we're waiting for the
10 mapping team, I would suggest a quick break. Unless someone
11 else has something.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: I had a question regarding
13 location. Did you have dates? Are you going to suggest
14 updates also next week?

15 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

17 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, Commissioner. Yes, we will
18 suggest dates and locations.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Why don't we take a
20 five-minute break. Let's not go too far or linger too long
21 so that as soon as the mapping folks come in, we're able to
22 jump in.

23 (Recess taken from 1:02 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.)

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25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: While we're waiting for Mark,

1 why don't we discuss the next meeting date, Agenda Item
2 No. X.

3 We are scheduled for 8:00 a.m., can we have a very
4 brief discussion about how late that may go. Some of the
5 Commissioners are asking about the end of that day just for
6 scheduling purposes; and -- and it may be a recommendation
7 from Mapping.

8 I mean, you know, from my perspective deliberation
9 comes first, but I don't want to limit the Commissioners
10 from having a personal life afterwards if it's just going to
11 be dead time.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Hard to predict. But I think
13 there's -- there's flexibility, I think, at that point.

14 To some degree at that point in the process it
15 might be better to wrap up a little earlier and let us jump
16 on the changes that you requested so that we can get them as
17 much in process for Tuesday. So that may help actually move
18 things along.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So I do think Monday from
20 8:00 to 4:00 would provide us eight hours obviously with
21 some breaks.

22 Is that comfortable with my colleagues?

23 Can we go to 4:30?

24 No?

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Will we see the new maps in

1 advance of the meeting? Will we get something by Sunday
2 night?

3 'Cause it really is helpful to have some time to --
4 rather than walking in here Monday and seeing them cold, if
5 we get something Monday afternoon late afternoon where we
6 could look at them Monday night, it would be really helpful.

7 MR. FLAHAN: I think for the weekend we're striving
8 to have everything done by the end of Saturday with maybe a
9 tiny bit of bleed over to Sunday if that's what happens to
10 -- to proof everything.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That would be terrific.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: 4 o'clock should be fine,
13 shouldn't it?

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think 8:00 to 4:00 is a
15 very solid day, the first day of the week knowing that we'll
16 have three additional full deliberation days after that. So
17 let's say 8:00 to 4:00 on Monday.

18 Okay. With that, we will return to Agenda Item
19 No. VII, and we are going to dive into the congressional
20 maps -- or map.

21 MR. KINGERY: Well, we do have three versions. The
22 2.0 version that I'm going to pull up right now we actually
23 started working on in session the last time we met on the
24 5th; it did take in some of your feedback, but not
25 everything.

1 So what I would like to do is CD test map version
2 2.0 is publicly available, it's successful within the system
3 and on the draft map website; but what I'd like to do is go
4 ahead and look at 2.1, because I believe that includes more
5 communities of interests, Commissioner feedback, population
6 balancing.

7 And once -- and once we applied 2. -- changes to
8 2.1, we used that as the foundational plan for 2.2, which
9 there's only one difference and I've previewed that
10 difference on Tuesday of this week where Yuma County is
11 completely included in that southwest district.

12 So everything stays population balanced and within
13 the target deviation when Yuma County is put into the --
14 into that single district for 2.2.

15 Let me go ahead and pull that up.

16 And let me make sure that I'm sharing on the WebEx.

17 All right.

18 All right. So this is congressional test map 2.1.
19 Let's see.

20 Let's change District 7's color just so it doesn't
21 blend in with District 1.

22 All right. So, Doug, where would you like to start
23 on this one?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Do you want to do the walk through
25 the change log?

1 MR. KINGERY: Yes. So with the auto log that we're
2 in the process of posting on the website -- let's go on over
3 here.

4 So we had 1.0 and 1.1 that was presented on --
5 during the October 4th and October 5th sessions. 1.1 was
6 accepted and adopted in the next iteration from grid map to
7 Series 1, and then that was used as the foundational map for
8 Series 2 maps: 2.0, 2.1, and 2.2.

9 So although we did look at splitting Tucson and
10 including the northern tribes from District 9 to District 2
11 in 2.0, we can look at that one, but I don't think that's
12 going to meet much of the community of interest feedback; it
13 does meet population balance and it does pass all the
14 integrity checks.

15 But I think that 2.1, because we consolidated all
16 of our notes after the October 5th session, we had more of
17 a, you know, grander vision of what you-all -- we thought
18 your intent was for 2.1. So that's where I would like us to
19 focus on for this.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I believe we need to vote
21 on a starting point and I'm -- I'm comfortable with starting
22 at 2.1 if my colleagues are.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I actually like 2.2 a little
24 better the way that -- the way the southwest boundary is.

25 MR. KINGERY: And the only change between 2.1 and

1 2.2 is how Yuma's --

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

3 MR. KINGERY: -- Yuma County is handled; and that's
4 shown on the very last step. Step 65 is the last addition
5 to the audit log for 2.1; and 2.2, essentially just we added
6 Step 66 where we took Yuma County from 7 to 9 in its
7 entirety.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: My preference is 2.1. Again,
9 partly as response to Yuma's interests.

10 So I prefer starting with that map if we can.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The reason I would make a case
12 for 2.2 is I think District 7, which goes from Nogales all
13 the way up into a part of the urban Maricopa County area,
14 I'd really like to see that pulled away from Maricopa
15 County. So it's going to need population and that's why
16 including Yuma then would make that more possible.

17 So when we get to comments, that's one of the main
18 comments I'll make; and that's why for that reason starting
19 with 2.2, would be my preference.

20 But we can start either one and then I'll make the
21 same comments, so.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can I -- I believe Counsel
23 has a point or question.

24 MR. B. JOHNSON: Quick question, Brian.

25 Is there anything from the comments that you

1 received in creating these two maps that you were not able
2 to include?

3 MR. KINGERY: No, and I think the audit log shows
4 what we can include. So nothing comes to mind right now.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. If you don't mind,
6 'cause I was a little distracted, can you just succinctly,
7 not in depth, describe the difference between .1 and .2?

8 MR. KINGERY: .1 is what is being shown on screen
9 right now. The only difference is -- I'm turning this
10 compare plan on, I have 2.2 loaded --

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yuma -- just...

12 MR. KINGERY: Yuma County is in District 7.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I think this may affect a
14 majority-minority area also if we -- with some of this.

15 But if it's okay, can we start with 2.1 and then
16 you can make your comments and we can go accordingly?

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Sure.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I will entertain a motion to
19 approve a starting point of 2.1.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So moved.

21 Commissioner Lerner.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Commissioner York seconds.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Any further discussion?

25 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 an
9 aye.

10 With that, we've approved Congressional District
11 Map 2.1 as a starting point for deliberation.

12 Commissioner Mehl, would you like to again explain
13 some of your rationale for moving those lines?

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Actually, I would rather go a
15 little bit more similar to this morning and start on the
16 very north, 'cause I think if we can get the rural areas
17 covered better, then it's easier to move into the urban
18 areas in the south.

19 And one of the most common things I've heard for
20 ten years was the problem of having the northern District 2
21 come all the way down in the old district all the way into
22 -- into Pima County, but this one still brings it all the
23 way down to the southern edge of Pinal County; and it just
24 doesn't make any sense to do that.

25 And in order to -- you could have a clean northern

1 district if you include Mohave County with everything else
2 on the north; and then District 2 doesn't have -- it should
3 still come down into getting the Apache tribes, but it
4 shouldn't come down into Pinal County at all.

5 And you're -- it's still going to be a competitive
6 district, but it's going to lean -- you're trading
7 Republican voters for Republican voters, frankly.

8 But it -- but it makes it a much better community
9 of interest and a much better map.

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Madam Chair, if I could
11 comment. I think if you look at the last two rounds,
12 District 2 in this case was never included with
13 Mohave County for many reasons, and so I -- I don't know
14 what the numbers would look like, but the current
15 configuration I -- I like because, yes, it doesn't go all
16 the way down to the southern border and it probably includes
17 a little bit more of Yavapai County.

18 But I'm still a little bit concerned about
19 including Mohave County in District 2.

20 I think there's -- I'm not sure about the
21 competitiveness as you mentioned, David.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's going to be similarly
23 competitive, I guess would be the better way to say it.

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Either way it's going to be an

1 R-leaning district now or -- or by flipping the Pinal for
2 the Mohave.

3 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: And for this --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Or you could draw it down as
5 far, Commissioner Watchman, as the San Carlos Reservoir --
6 Reservation.

7 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: So it does include both --
8 both Apache reservations; doesn't it, Doug?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think so.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: And then it comes around and
12 includes --

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: San Carlos.

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- San Carlos, White
15 Mountain, Gila, Ak-Chin; and then going north, Navajo and
16 Hualapai, Havasupai, Hopi, Kiabab, San Juan Southern Paiute.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just it -- Commissioner Watchman,
18 Gila and Ak-Chin are -- are in 7.

19 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: They're in 7?

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay. But then in the
22 Prescott area you have Yavapai-Apache Nation and Yavapai
23 Prescott and then the Tonto Apache south of Payson, so.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And my adjustment would still
25 keep all of those tribes together in District 2.

1 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah.

2 I guess, just to maybe respond, well, for me,
3 there's -- there's a different community of interest if you
4 look up at the current setup in District 2 as we see here
5 than -- than what I'm familiar with in the Mohave County
6 area; you know, those -- those communities of interests to
7 me are more associated with activities along the Colorado
8 River.

9 And so I think if you move toward -- you move east,
10 you have reservations obviously and then you got
11 Grand Canyon. They're both tourists, I guess. Maybe that's
12 probably the commonality, but just -- just different --
13 different types of rural nature in my opinion.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well...

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But right now it's picking up
16 Pinal that is not rural.

17 I mean, you're picking up the cities in Pinal that
18 are high-growth cities and -- and much more urban, that's
19 why I think Mohave is a better fit, because it is rural.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And so I also feel that
21 putting them in Mohave would not fit with the nature of it.

22 We're looking at areas -- some of these areas if
23 you think about what we've heard, they talk about mining,
24 they talk about forest, versus what's going on in Mohave
25 County, which is a very different way of -- you know, a

1 different way of life in terms of what their communities of
2 interests are.

3 You mentioned the competitiveness. Right now that
4 district would still fall pretty close to being competitive,
5 46 to 54. You add Mohave County and you are really not
6 making it -- that's going to significantly change that.

7 So while that spread, 46 to 54, isn't truly, you
8 know, competitive, you'll really take all of that away.

9 And then I would be concerned about minority
10 representation, tribal representation in that area by adding
11 Mohave County. I would rather see -- I understand your
12 perspective, but that county -- that district is always
13 going to be big just because of its nature and the
14 population that's there.

15 So I understand your perspective of -- of what
16 you -- of Pinal County. We could put into that Graham and
17 Greenlee into that area; and that -- if you attach those
18 two, as part of it, have it go down to that area, not
19 necessarily all of Pinal, you will be keeping together
20 tribes, you'll be keeping together some of the -- it's still
21 going to be a Republican-leaning district, it's not that
22 that changed, but it -- they have more in common than what's
23 going on on the border -- on the Colorado River as part of
24 it.

25 You keep Apache and Navajo Counties whole, you keep

1 Coconino County whole, you add in Graham and Greenlee and
2 you might be getting pretty close to a population that you
3 need.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think this is one where it
5 would be good to see it drawn a couple of different ways so
6 we can review it.

7 So I would -- if it's okay with you,
8 Commissioner Lerner, I would ask them to draw both of those
9 and let us take a look at them.

10 So either way you're getting Pinal out of there,
11 and one way you're going Graham-Greenlee, the other way
12 you're going more Mohave.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And you might still have some
14 parts of Pinal in there.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Pinal is growing enough where
17 you might have to split it. So it's not that all of
18 Pinal -- but I understand what you're saying in terms of
19 some of these communities that are growing very quickly,
20 that they need to be maybe moved out.

21 But I think you could -- and I'm fine with having a
22 couple of different variations of that as part of it, and
23 maybe a portion of Pinal that's the more rural component in
24 there.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: And, Commissioner Lerner, just --

1 and Commissioner Mehl, just to clarify, the Apache Junction
2 down to Queen Creek, all of that extremely fast-growing
3 area, all of that is in District 5.

4 So the District 2 pieces in Pinal are, I guess it's
5 Gold Camp which is kind of on the edge of growing. It's not
6 Gold Canyon, but Gold Camp. Where we're looking at is
7 Superior and then down around to Coolidge and Casa Grande.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, I would argue Casa Grande
9 should be part of District 5.

10 I was trying to -- I had a question Doug or Brian,
11 when you look at 2.0, that District 5, what were you trying
12 to accomplish there by going on to the east? Is that to
13 pick up the Copper Corridor?

14 I know it's not the map we approved, but I just was
15 curious.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: I'm not even sure if -- is 2.0
17 balanced?

18 MR. KINGERY: 2.0 is balanced.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: It didn't balance, correct?

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: It is, yeah, that's what I was
21 just asking them. 2.0 is balanced.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: It was balanced, okay. Yeah.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, this was the first stage of
24 the Commissioner directions before we came back to the map
25 in the afternoon.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, one of the things I
2 thought was clever about District 5 in that map is that it
3 picked up those fast-growing cities along the south part of
4 Maricopa County and northern part of Pinal County all the
5 way over into the west side of Maricopa County, where you
6 had all the new roads and infrastructure and all the things
7 that theoretically is top of mind.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, part of the reason we jumped
9 off this map, too, keep in mind, District 5 also includes
10 one of the Apache reservations, not both of them, too. So,
11 yeah.

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Can you say that again?
13 District 5 includes?

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: This is on map 2.0,
15 Commissioner Watchman.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, this is -- this is kind of
17 our interim map, not the --

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Not one of the --

19 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay. Got it.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- maps we presented to you.
21 That's part of the reason we didn't present it, it was in
22 progress.

23 So, yeah, where that mouse is now, the eastern end
24 of what is shown on District 5 is the reservation.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's the San Carlos.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's the southern one.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I do think there's a merit in
3 the rest of 5 if you peel the reservation back off, but --
4 but go into 5 and maybe you need to take -- take it down a
5 little bit. But there's some -- there's some good things on
6 how that is swinging around there.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: You have the electrical vehicle
8 industry and all the stuff that's going down there in Casa
9 Grande now.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But we're -- but we're
11 working off of 2.1.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah. I understand.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just trying to -- trying to
14 keep track.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: And keep in mind this District 5
16 has Avondale and Tolleson, all that area.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, that's where that new
18 loop, the 303 comes up and through there.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Half of south of Phoenix, so.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So if we go --

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I would guess it's probably
22 close to the majority of that population of that District 5
23 is in Phoenix and the west -- southwest Phoenix.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Of the numbers?

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: The other thing on 2.1, I liked
2 the way it matched up with the Latino congressional district
3 suggestion.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So for District 2, part of
5 the concern there is that we have a very heavily tribal -- a
6 lot of tribes represented in District 2, so that's where I
7 think we just need to take a closer look when you come back
8 with your two versions, kind of see how the demographics
9 look as well.

10 And I know it goes around -- I don't know if
11 there's any way -- and probably not -- but to include --
12 because I think it would probably look a little odd, but
13 Gila River and Ak-Chin into that.

14 I'm not sure if that's possible, but just in
15 keeping with --

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's not very compact, I don't
17 think.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, I --

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, it isn't; I know that.
20 That's why I said I don't think it's possible.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I was just about to say that.

22 This is -- this is a difficult conversation, but we
23 have to be careful that we're not doing gymnastics here to
24 accommodate a community of interest at the expense of other
25 communities of interest.

1 So -- so let's -- let's keep in mind all
2 demographics of Arizona, the population percentages and
3 redistrict for a hundred percent. So -- so we have to be
4 cautious as we're trying to to accommodate all of these
5 maneuvers; and that has to do with the compactness.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I a hundred percent
7 agree. That's why I even said I don't think it's possible.
8 I agree.

9 We don't want to do all of that, but it was just...

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I was thinking that, too,
11 Madam Chair.

12 And I think maybe in the first -- maybe one of the
13 earlier versions the Ak-Chin and Gila were included with the
14 big district; but as I was looking at it, I agree with you
15 that it's going to be kind of challenging. But it's a good
16 consideration to get the tribes -- more tribes in the more
17 than one district, but it may not be possible.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: So, yeah, I was looking at the
19 numbers. So, obviously, you'd have to keep Pinal in
20 District 2, but roughly -- we'd have to confirm this in
21 mapping, but roughly the Gila River and Ak-Chin are about
22 the same population as Coolidge. So Coolidge would have to
23 go from D-2 into District 5 and then the Gila River and
24 Ak-Chin would have to go into -- into District 2.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And, again, that's not a

1 critical thing, I just -- I'm more concerned about the other
2 pieces of it than that; that's very secondary.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. Sorry. And with the other
4 changes you asked for, it wouldn't be possible because Pinal
5 couldn't be there anymore, so.

6 But something to think about when we come back to
7 those maps if you end up keeping Pinal in there.

8 The -- the challenge it comes -- you can't -- the
9 challenge that comes is you can't come and get Gila and
10 Ak-Chin from the other side 'cause that's where District 7
11 is coming up and getting all that population.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So now what we can do
13 is maybe get a couple of examples for District 2, right, for
14 the next time?

15 Those -- those were all my comments. I don't know
16 if anybody else...

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The advantage of keeping Graham
18 and Greenlee down in District 6 is that it really needs the
19 population, especially if District 7 came down out of
20 Maricopa County a bit; and it would -- District 7 then would
21 cut into a little bit more of Tucson. So that's one reason
22 I favor keeping Graham and Greenlee with that District 6.

23 And I would suggest on District 6 at a minimum, and
24 its a minor population thing, that it needs to go north of
25 that Pinal County line to pick up sort of the greater Marana

1 and Saddlebrooke area; and it needs to go up, you know, a
2 third -- up to Red Rock, up past Red Rock on the I-10.

3 And so it picks up Saddlebrooke north of Oro Valley
4 and Red Rock north of Marana. Those are going to be major
5 growth areas.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I would agree that it
7 should pick up Saddlebrooke as well. I think that's a
8 good -- good suggestion.

9 My -- my main thoughts on -- and this may be a
10 discussion point we have a few times, it's just the Graham
11 and Greenlee Counties, I don't see them as relating to the
12 border to the same. Cochise is such a border county,
13 there's so much that goes on there that relates there.

14 Graham and Greenlee in terms of what they do and
15 the economy in there, just doesn't -- I don't see the
16 connection --

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: There's actually some mining
18 connection --

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- with Cochise.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- and ranching connection.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: There's some. There is some.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I see them connecting more to
24 the north in terms of their economy is all I'm saying. Not
25 that -- there is, of course, some, but that's why I'm

1 looking at that as a possibility.

2 But I do agree about Saddlebrooke that you're
3 saying, those -- those points.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And Red Rock, yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Just out of -- just out of
7 curiosity, and I'm not asking you to do this calculation,
8 what is the rough competitive range of -- of this district?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Which one? 6?

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: He's saying which district.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Current District 2?

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: 6.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh.

14 You got it.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's a toss-up.

16 MR. FLAHAN: 50.7 for the Democrats, so it's very
17 competitive. Would be within 1.4 percent.

18 You can see it there on the screen.

19 Why don't you put on the CompRep votes, too.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

21 MR. FLAHAN: Put on the RepComp votes for Democrat
22 for key elections data.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, just -- just so you all,
24 know, so Districts 1 and 6 are in your 4 percent highly
25 competitive spread, District 4 is in the 7 percent

1 competitive spread; and all three of those are competitive
2 on our -- they're swing districts as well, they've gone each
3 way.

4 And then Districts 2 and 8 are in the 7 percent
5 spread but -- but do not have a history of swing elections,
6 so they're somewhat competitive.

7 So five of these are at least in the more broad
8 definition of competitiveness that the Commission has
9 adopted.

10 MR. KINGERY: Can you make Mark the presenter?

11 MR. FLAHAN: I think I have to join the WebEx.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can we overlay the Latino
13 congressional district over -- over District 3?

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Pardon me? I'm sorry?

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: I said, can we overlay the
16 Latino congressional district over District 3, please?

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so.

18 MR. FLAHAN: What do you want? The Latino?
19 No, no. The Latino congressional district.

20 MR. FLAHAN: No. Go up to review.

21 MR. KINGERY: This one?

22 MR. FLAHAN: No, no. Go back where you are. Go to
23 review tab. Go to open plan.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: I will say it's -- the team drew
25 this district before we had the -- we had received the file,

1 but we hadn't processed the file into the system.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's almost identical.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's a nice coincidence that they
4 came out very similar.

5 Good to know that the Commission's directions were
6 taking in almost the same communities of interest that the
7 coalition was looking at, too.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: When I pulled up their map
9 and was looking at, you know, the juxtaposition I was
10 smiling.

11 MR. FLAHAN: So the yellow is the AZ Latino
12 Coalition's southern congressional district that they turned
13 in.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, we wanted the one that
15 was adopted in Phoenix.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: We want the other one. The
17 Phoenix one.

18 MR. FLAHAN: Oh, you want the Phoenix one?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

20 MR. FLAHAN: Pull up the Phoenix one.

21 MR. KINGERY: Which one?

22 MR. FLAHAN: Phoenix.

23 So the yellow is their Phoenix district that they
24 turned in.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, so you can see in the yellow

1 there's the black line in the northwest corner and the black
2 line kind of in the northeast corner.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yep.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: So those -- those black lines are
5 the lines of the -- what are we on? 2. --

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: 2.1.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: 2.1.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just goes a little bit east of
9 I-17 there.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Yeah, so.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Picks up a little bit of the --
12 what do we call -- the Indian School corridor there along
13 the top of the 202.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so the -- just -- the
15 proposed district from the Latino Coalition goes a little
16 bit wider in the north and doesn't go as far west as the 2.1
17 map does.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: I like that it picks up
19 Guadalupe as well as does yours as a South Mountain
20 community.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And that meets the -- the
22 VRA, that what they've put together versus what we have, I
23 think still meets the VRA requirements.

24 Or I guess we would look at that on Monday.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. Actually, just -- you're

1 correct, District 3 does perform, it is an effective
2 district by Dr. Handley's benchmarks; and I think it's safe
3 to say since they proposed it, it would be an effective
4 district in the eyes of the coalition as well.

5 So -- so both of them would qualify.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: In District 4, that I think
7 needs to move up into South Scottsdale and take all of
8 Tempe.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, District 4 we're going
10 to take a -- right, South Scottsdale and be sure that we
11 have -- weren't we combining that with the Salt River
12 Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as well into that?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think so.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But definitely
15 South Scottsdale, yeah.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: So the - certainly understand,
17 the -- the obvious tradeoff would be to then bring
18 District -- if we're taking District 1 into District 4 into
19 Tempe, then the other way around, District 1 would come down
20 into District 4 in the middle of Mesa, but I don't -- I'm
21 not sure that makes sense.

22 So I don't know if that's your guidance or -- I
23 guess, since these our balanced, everything District 4 picks
24 up, it has to give up something. So I don't know what it
25 should give up -- or if you have an opinion on what it

1 should give up.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I think maybe -- there
3 may be parts of Gilbert that could move into District 5 if
4 we --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, should move --

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- if we pick some of that
7 part of Tempe and South Scottsdale into 4.

8 You take the western third of Mesa, maybe a little
9 bit of Gilbert and some of Chandler.

10 I'm not sure about population balance, that's what
11 you-all would know.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right, right.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Doug, if you moved the
14 community of Ahwatukee into the Chandler district and you
15 moved District 4 up around into through Arcadia into around
16 the Biltmore, and took in Tempe and South Scottsdale, that
17 would be sort of what the current District 9 looks like
18 currently, correct?

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: So Ahwatukee into -- into with
20 Mesa?

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think Ahwatukee is in CD-9
22 now.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: I don't remember how are the
24 boundaries.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. I think, again, it's

1 part of that alignment with the school districts a little
2 bit --

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- and I think they have a
5 lot --

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, Brian -- Brian's got the
7 current lines on there for you so you can see.

8 So Ahwatukee is in District 9 right now, so.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, some of the -- one
10 question would be if we're -- if we're thinking that we want
11 to look at the Latino Coalition's District 3's proposal,
12 once you insert that instead of our, the 2.1 District 3,
13 other things would then have to be -- it's like the domino
14 effect, right?

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: In kind of Central North Phoenix
16 and the West Valley, yes; not in the southwest. Our -- our
17 lines are essentially identical along the Phoenix, Tempe
18 border and Guadalupe and that area.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, so what I was thinking
20 for CD-4, which I think is similar to what you were saying,
21 Commission York, is we take Tempe, we have South Scottsdale,
22 some of the, again, the western part -- pretty much like you
23 have it in many ways, western third of Mesa.

24 Gilbert Road, I was looking at that, that's kind of
25 like a good breaking point. That's for -- for downtown,

1 where Downtown Gilbert goes and part of Chandler; and then
2 you could do, I think you mentioned Camelback, Arcadia as
3 part of that and Central Phoenix kind of as it is today.

4 If possible, it would be good to be able to move --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: I'd move, yeah, District 8 over
6 is what I would...

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: And pick up all of Peoria.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And if there's a way to move
10 the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in and
11 Fort McDowell into CD-4. It's not a pig population area in
12 that piece, but mostly because, again, that connection with
13 the Salt River folks with the schools and the communities,
14 they do a lot of interactions with that and that might help
15 in terms of the CD as well.

16 But populationwise, that might come close.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: So couple of clarification.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- so Fort -- Salt River, as
20 you mentioned, I think really wants to be with Mesa; I think
21 Fort McDowell wanted to be with Scottsdale, though.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. That's fine. That's
23 fine.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: So can you -- can you run through
25 that one more time? I didn't -- I couldn't keep up with it.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think -- so you'd have
2 Tempe, South Scottsdale -- a portion of South Scottsdale,
3 right? The western third of Mesa, sort of the areas we've
4 been -- that have been together.

5 A part of Gilbert just up to, like, the downtown,
6 not the -- not the southeast most portion of Gilbert, but a
7 little bit more on the northwest portion of Gilbert; and
8 then up in the Camelback, Arcadia, Central Phoenix piece
9 kind of as it is today; and then Salt River like you said.

10 Fort McDowell, I don't know about like you -- like
11 you commented, they want to be with somebody else; but,
12 certainly Salt River.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'd like to say that I'm also
14 interested in this general area of Ahwatukee, Chandler,
15 Tempe, Arcadia, South Scottsdale.

16 You know, right now we don't like to refer to past
17 districts. There's this interesting CD-9, I think the
18 tentacles go a little illogical, you know, up north and I'm
19 not suggesting that I'm supportive of that, but it does tap
20 into, I think, an interesting hub of communities that are
21 quite competitive, and I think it -- I think many
22 communities of interest are served well in that area.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: But I'd like to try to make
25 it more compact and contiguous than the last iteration.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure. Sure.

2 So the reason I'm struggling is I'm trying to get
3 the picture where the population ends up, but I think it may
4 work with the Pinal shifts. As District 5 picks up
5 District 2's part of Pinal then -- that would pull it out.
6 That may go against us, actually.

7 Okay. Well, we can -- we can take this as a
8 direction and see what we can do with it. It's going to be
9 a tricky way to get the population moving one way to come
10 back to the other side of it and then the southwest valley,
11 but we can figure out and try to look at it.

12 The main goal is to have kind of that -- and I'm
13 asking this, just to confirm my understanding, the main goal
14 is to have kind of Central Northern Tucson,
15 South Scottsdale, all in one seat as opposed to --

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Tempe you mean.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. I'm sorry, what did I --
18 yeah. So, yeah, Central and Northern Tempe together with
19 South Scottsdale in a district and --

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well and, also, I think
21 most -- I think all of Tempe would end up going in there
22 with -- you've got Ahwatukee and parts of Chandler and
23 Gilbert.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, West Mesa is probably
25 more like Tempe than Chandler.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Well, I agree. West
2 Mesa for sure, but I think -- I'm also thinking of West
3 Chandler. I'm not thinking of all of Chandler or all of
4 Gilbert either.

5 I was thinking for CD-5 you would basically have
6 Gilbert -- most of Gilbert in there; East Mesa would go into
7 5, that's where you could put in things like Queen Valley,
8 things like Gold Canyon which wants to be together in that
9 area; you could have San Tan Valley, Apache Junction, and
10 that would cover most of Gilbert.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Queen Creek.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Queen Creek, right.

13 Into that CD-5 and then that would hopefully
14 balance out -- it may not be much of Gilbert that's in this
15 CD.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: And -- and where would -- where
17 would Ahwatukee go in this?

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Ahwatukee would stay in --

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: District 4.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- with District 4.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. With Tempe and
22 South Scottsdale?

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: With Tempe and South
24 Scottsdale.

25 And -- and when I'm saying Gilbert, I mean Gilbert

1 may or may not end up in there depending on population. I'm
2 just thinking just a small piece of Gilbert, I thought we
3 need it for that as I was looking at numbers; but once you
4 start putting that together, you'll have a better feel.

5 Because I think CD-5 has a lot more of Gilbert in
6 there. And Gilbert is so big it may have to be split with
7 the size with the other communities that want to be attached
8 to it. Because Gilbert is obviously a big, growing
9 community; but since we have other communities that would
10 like to be connected in that way, I thought we could take a
11 -- potentially take a slice of Gilbert and put it in CD-9
12 and goes with some of those other communities:

13 San Tan Valley, Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, those folks.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: My only concern is is that
16 creating an extremely partisan District 5 where some
17 communities may end up getting marginalized?

18 I mean, I'll have to wait to see the data, but that
19 seems to me to be getting pretty extreme and -- and -- and,
20 you know, let the chips fall where they, you know, fall with
21 as it relates to communities of interest; but -- but in my
22 mind, it's not the competitiveness, it's looking at what
23 communities of interest might be marginalized in that
24 district.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: District 5 or District 4,

1 Commissioner?

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm looking at 5, but I need
3 to play it out. I don't, you know --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm not exactly sure where
6 the boundaries are based on these little lines.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, no, I think this is good
8 direction. I think we can work with it.

9 I think -- my concern is I think we're pulling D5
10 both directions, which won't work; but -- but -- but I could
11 be wrong about that. So we'll try and come back to you and
12 this may be one that you don't approve if it doesn't work
13 out.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, you may have to give us
15 two or three options on that to show us how that works.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Because it could easily be
18 something different than what we're saying as we go through.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And right now based on this
21 grid map, I mean this version 2.1, CD-5 is very balanced one
22 way much more than another as you said, not competitive.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I have a question on District 7
24 as it comes up into the Phoenix area.

25 Is there a bunch of population right up into that

1 very northern tip that's next to D- -- I mean, is that -- is
2 there a reason these -- the District 7 has to come up this
3 far?

4 And what happens to that population if it didn't go
5 in District 7? What would -- is there room to move it into
6 District 3 or -- but is that a bunch of people in there or
7 is it a...

8 MR. KINGERY: So if I recall, 89,000 people are in
9 Avondale and 95,000 are in Goodyear; and we initially had
10 put both of these communities into this district, and then
11 for population balancing we brought District 9 down and for
12 population balancing took the northern tip of Goodyear and
13 we had to split the northern tip of Avondale into D-3 and a
14 little bit into D-9.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So I guess if we could get D-7
16 out of -- out of this area and move -- move it more into the
17 southern part of the internal part of Tucson, and it sort of
18 flows with why I want Graham and Greenlee staying south
19 because then -- then that district, District 6 in Tucson,
20 loses some population in that Central Tucson area, it picks
21 it up -- it keeps it in Graham-Greenlee; and in my mind, it
22 would be good and make it -- make more sense for District 6
23 to actually reach up into Kearny and --

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: So, Commissioner, well --

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: That section just doing some quick
2 math is 75 -- yeah, 75- or 77,000 people.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's a bunch of people.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, but I argue they're part
6 of Buckeye and the western corridor as opposed to Yuma.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: So from a community of interest
9 standpoint, I just -- I don't -- there's no commonality
10 there at all and so if --

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And --

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: If we're, like, manipulating --
13 our job is not to, our job is to follow the cons- --

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- they are a very
15 fast-growing community --

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- that, you know, really
18 needs consideration and I wonder if they're going to be
19 represented.

20 They more and more are identifying, I think, with
21 the broader Maricopa County with the transportation links;
22 it's really filling out and moving out.

23 They're urban, so.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, they're a suburb.
25 There's Amazon, there's all kind of stuff out there.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could you do the -- isn't
2 this other district that the Latino Coalition put in? Are
3 we on CD-7 now?

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Could we put in --
7 could you put that in there, because I know they also
8 extended in there --

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: They did.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- and I know that's
11 definitely something we need to talk about.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: It wasn't very compact is the
13 problem.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, yeah, that district
15 can't be compact because of population, but it had -- hadn't
16 -- it could be.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: It had thoughts. Yes, it had
18 some thoughts.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. It kind of goes up
20 into that area.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But to -- to finish my thought
22 on District 6 while we're looking up that, I can see
23 District 6 then going all the way up into Payson. So you
24 really had that whole eastern area of the Copper Corridor
25 around mining all down -- going all the way down into

1 Cochise and Tucson to create a real eastern -- southeastern
2 district.

3 'Cause you'll need that population if you take
4 population out of the center of Tucson in order to give it
5 to 7, because 7 drops down.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But that -- then you would
7 have to go east and pick up Mohave County to get that, which
8 I don't think fits that population as well.

9 So that's -- I know that's part of what we'll look
10 at next time when we see how these two different versions
11 work.

12 But I don't think we can take population away from
13 District 2 as part of that to fill out District 6, so.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Well, and I was saying that all
15 of my thoughts go together so, yeah, it would include having
16 Mohave go that way.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, and -- and, Commissioner
18 Mehl, the challenge is I think as you're somewhat going
19 there, so we would have already taken Pinal out and traded
20 Pinal for Mohave; so then we have -- so then when we take
21 Payson out, we have to get something else to take care of
22 that.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And maybe it doesn't work to go
24 up that far, but to go up to certainly to Globe and up
25 through there.

1 These are all works in progress.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it might involve adding
3 La Paz into District 2 to offset Globe kind of thing. I'm
4 just guessing at the numbers.

5 But would that be something you want to see?

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think that will hurt
7 District 7 on trying to get the Hispanic
8 majority-minorities. I don't think that would be good.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. No, no. La Paz is over in
10 District 9, so it wouldn't -- it wouldn't impact.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Oh.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Excuse me.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: It would -- it would push 9 to be
15 a completely Maricopa seat is what it would do; and 2 would
16 essentially pick up all the river that's not in 7.

17 Oh, here we go and we got -- you can ponder that
18 while we come back to this.

19 MR. KINGERY: That would change the color. Here we
20 go.

21 So in the submission they include all of Avondale
22 and then -- they include all of Avondale and the western
23 portion of -- well, all of Tolleson and western portion of
24 Phoenix and Glendale.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And what's it look like as you

1 go south on their proposal?

2 MR. KINGERY: In their focused district is showing
3 everything in the yellowish-orange.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: So to your point earlier about the
5 growth rates, it's interesting. So we're -- we're taking --
6 in the current 2.1, we're taking Avondale and Goodyear south
7 of the freeway; they're not taking Goodyear and instead
8 taking all of Avondale.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I don't recollect and maybe
10 staff or -- or colleagues recollect, have we heard from
11 leaders or many constituents in Avondale and Goodyear about
12 their preferences with the congressional lines?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just recall Goodyear, I
14 don't really remember anybody from Avondale; and Goodyear
15 spoke to what we said, the growth.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We see them going out and
18 connection to Phoenix but also the west.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: I just remember the
20 Avondale/Buckeye/Goodyear comment that was made was that:
21 Our population matches Yuma, why don't we get our own voice,
22 so.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I recall that as well.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It just seems odd to me that
25 people that are clearly up in the Phoenix metro area would

1 be represented by somebody down in Tucson by -- by causing
2 it to be drawn this way.

3 Although I realize that's the way it's been also
4 this last decade, but it doesn't seem to be a good thing to
5 me.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The issue, I think -- the
8 issue in general, right, when we get into these areas, the
9 more rural areas, it's difficult to find that balance in
10 terms of the representation; and so it's -- it's -- it is
11 what we've had, it is what we're going to continue to have
12 to some extent in terms of that.

13 But we can't find -- it's hard to find those
14 connections with that.

15 We could play around with taking some from
16 District -- you know, from District 2 from Pinal County and
17 placing that in District 7 as well, as a possibility.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: If you look at -- well, if you
19 look at this map they took out a certain population out of
20 Yuma to able to add Avondale, I'm guessing.

21 If you look down in the bottom.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think the underlying point
23 is neither community will be well served. I don't think
24 Yuma will be well served.

25 Because this is such a fast-growing powerhouse of

1 an area that will warrant significant time, attention, they
2 won't be served well by the distractions on the border,
3 and -- and so I just think fundamentally they're very
4 different groups that we need to, you know, do our best to
5 try to -- to try to respect that.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And this -- this is also the
7 VRA district, so we have to figure that out as well as part
8 of it in terms of those connections.

9 This has the Quechan Tribe.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: District 7 is the VRA area
11 district.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes. Yeah, that's the one I
13 was --

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: I know.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Isn't that the one we're
16 talking about?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah. You said "this," so I
18 want the public to know.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Did I say the wrong one?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, no. You're fine.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Yeah.

22 So this would be Yuma, San Luis, Santa Cruz, Tohono
23 O'odham.

24 It would include, what? Summerton, the Quechan
25 Tribe which is right along the border as well.

1 But the problem is getting that population, right?
2 Does it go north or does it go a little bit further east and
3 pick up some of Pinal?

4 It's a struggle.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: I mean, if it's the Commission's
6 wish, we can take a look at what happens if we take
7 District 7 out of the kind of West Valley area and instead
8 take it into the District 2 part of -- of Pinal and see what
9 happens.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: My feeling is we need to play
11 around --

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That would be a worse solution
13 taking it into Pinal.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would go into Tucson.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would -- I would be
16 interested in seeing how that would work. As -- I mean,
17 we're going to need a few different options to look at and
18 see.

19 And I'm concerned a little bit with Tucson about
20 diluting Tucson if we -- we need to have -- I mean, Tucson
21 as a large city needs a strong representation as well.

22 But, I mean, I think we're going to ultimately,
23 Doug, I think we're going to need a few different
24 iterations, so I'm fine with two or three different ones.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Is that -- I think that's what I

1 just heard is there's one approach -- well, the goal of
2 taking District 7 out of the West Valley would, one option
3 would be to take it into Pinal, and the other option would
4 be take it into Tucson and District 6 go into Pinal.

5 The alternative...

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, which is what I think is
7 the better option.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. I agree with that.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But can we see -- I would
10 like to see both of those -- two or three of those
11 variations like what you've got.

12 I think you know which ones to -- you know the...

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Mm-hm.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I want to make sure all the
15 southern tribes are -- are kept together, and I was just
16 speaking with Vice Chair Watchman just -- and I believe
17 there may be one tribe that's slightly out of District 7
18 right now that needs to be included; is that correct, Vice
19 Chair Watchman?

20 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I believe it's the Quechan
21 Tribe.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, the same one over in -- the
23 same one over in Yuma?

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah, there's two tribes.
25 There's --

1 MR. KINGERY: Back to 2.1.

2 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- Cocopah is near San Luis
3 and then you got the Fort Yuma, but that's the Fort Yuma
4 Reservation, but the tribe is -- they're named the Quechan
5 Tribe.

6 And so it's -- it's right, you know, Winterhaven,
7 right -- right below that on the Colorado border.

8 This tribe -- actually, this tribe goes into
9 California, too, yeah.

10 MR. KINGERY: Way over here.

11 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah, so. But I think it's
12 cut off right...

13 MR. FLAHAN: Right here.

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Right there where the cursor
15 is, yeah.

16 MR. FLAHAN: Turn on the districts.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: On some of these where we're
18 asking you to do multiple variations, do you have to balance
19 the entire map and do the entire map for each variation or
20 can you just show us some alternatives for a given area and
21 not worry about what happened on the rest of the map?

22 For -- I'm just trying from a practical standpoint
23 what we'll -- 'cause we'd be fine looking at it that way;
24 and then if we liked one a lot, then we could give you more
25 guidance, and then you could try to balance it all out. I

1 don't know if that would be helpful to you or not.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. Similar to what we did at
3 the last meeting with the legislative map where we didn't
4 balance it, but we -- we knew where we would balance it.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: That kind of thing we would
7 definitely be able to do just to save the drawing time. We
8 need to be able to tell you where it will be just so we
9 don't trap ourselves in a map.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: But, yes, we can certainly do
12 that.

13 As long as we know where we would do the work, then
14 we can show it to you without actually doing -- taking the
15 time to do that work.

16 So on the tribal reservation, do we figure out
17 where the population -- is it all in District 9 or is it in
18 District 7 as well?

19 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I think it's -- I think it's
20 all in 9.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: It looks like it crosses the state
22 line in three places there.

23 MR. KINGERY: One, two, three...

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

25 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: All right.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: I don't know if they all have the
2 population.

3 We can look and see if they all have population in
4 all the three parts.

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Well, on the Arizona side
6 that's where the capital is and the casino, so on this side
7 of the river right north of the Fort, that's where most of
8 the Quechan members reside.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, they -- most of them that
10 reside near the casino there in that piece?

11 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah. Yeah.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Good.

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Right north of the casino.

14 They have the other casino in California, but
15 that's -- that's about five miles. Where the I -- I-8 sign
16 is, that's where the other casino is; but that's the
17 California.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. We can certainly take a
19 look at it.

20 But the piece that Brian is showing right now is in
21 District 7 with the other southern tribes, but we can take a
22 look and see if we're missing any population from the other
23 pieces.

24 Just taking a look at where they are, it might be
25 -- we'll look and see...

1 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Take a look.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: It might be hard to get to them
3 because it's densely populated, but we'll find out.

4 MR. FLAHAN: There's about 20 people in the two
5 wings that come up that are sitting in District 9 right now.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: 20 is 20.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Are they in the middle one or the
8 far one?

9 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I think there's more than
10 that.

11 MR. FLAHAN: Right near the edge.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, they're in that piece.

13 Okay. So...

14 MR. KINGERY: Right up here.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: And 15 of them are in that Brian
16 has highlighted in that blue from District 9. So there's 15
17 in there that are adjacent, so we could move that easily.

18 The other five -- what?

19 MR. FLAHAN: There some more people in there?

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, you're getting all...

21 MR. KINGERY: Just what I have highlighted on the
22 screen.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, the blue from District 9 is
24 the -- is the only piece there.

25 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I think the point is it

1 splits the reservation.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

3 Yeah, the only -- the only concern about the other
4 piece is we have to look and see how many -- how many
5 nonreservation people are between District 7 and that piece.

6 Certainly we can get to 15 and take a look and see
7 if we can get to the other 5 as well.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If we can create districts
9 that are only 5 or 20 people feel a little upset, I think
10 that's, like, pretty great.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep.

12 The other piece of this map as you probably have
13 seen, is -- is that border between 7 and 9 is very rough
14 right now; obviously, we did not finely coordinate that.
15 Those little jig and jags are not chosen by choice, they're
16 just getting to the population number. So we can clean that
17 up.

18 So we came into today with only one congressional
19 map; we may be coming back with four. So, we'll see.

20 But...

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Would you like us -- would
22 you like us to narrow those decisions down right now?

23 Or --

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, no.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- or here's another

1 alternative, would you like us to move to other areas that
2 may have, you know, strong opinions that may then have
3 ripple effects that will give you feedback about those other
4 lines?

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I don't think you need to
6 narrow 'em. I think we may -- may end up taking advantage
7 of Commissioner Mehl's suggestion, is to come back -- the
8 four we bring back may not all be fully balanced, they may
9 just show you what happens with your request, and then you
10 can instruct us whether to proceed with those or not.

11 But, yes, if you want to give us any other guidance
12 on the -- on the congressional map, we welcome it.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Are there other areas that
14 strategically make sense, you know. So -- so that, you
15 know, we understand the implications that it has for the
16 other, you know, districts?

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: So one thing to point out to you
18 just to show you -- if you can zoom in on the eastern border
19 of District 9. Where 9, 8, and 3 come together.

20 So...

21 MR. KINGERY: I'll move this down.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, thank you.

23 So the shape of District 9 there where it extends
24 into District 8, that's -- into District 8, that's the Sun
25 City. So that's putting -- that's taking the Commission's

1 instruction to put all three Sun Cities together. So,
2 they're -- they're all in District 9.

3 And then the kind of neck where District 9 is --
4 yeah, there we go. So that's picking -- that's why it has
5 that unusual looking shape is it's following the city
6 border.

7 And then the neck below there where 9 is sticking
8 east, that's -- that's following the city of Glendale
9 borders. So it's picking up Luke and getting western
10 Glendale all together, so that's why it has that kind of
11 neck between the two major roads look to it, as it's
12 following the city line.

13 So not looking for any specific direction, just
14 wanted to explain why those lines look the way they do
15 there.

16 If you have suggestions, we're open to it of
17 course.

18 The District 3 piece -- go back, highlight Glendale
19 like you did there.

20 The District 3 piece in Glendale is Ocotillo
21 council district, it's the heavily Latino part of Glendale
22 that actually has a Latino council member as well.

23 So that's explaining that three-way split of
24 Glendale.

25 But to the Commission's -- the one thing the

1 Commission had mention there, not as a major point but as a
2 side point, is this is keeping Luke Air Force Base with all
3 of Western Glendale together, not -- not splitting the Air
4 Force Base off from the city.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: The western boundary of -- I
6 mean, the eastern boundary of that, we'll call it the pan
7 handle of District 3 there, that goes a little bit -- on the
8 Latino map goes a little bit east over into 19th Avenue, if
9 I remember correctly.

10 And you have it drawn right now on I-17.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. The eastern border you're
12 talking about?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. The eastern border of
15 District 3?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

17 Yeah, that's the Alhambra corridor.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep. Yeah, I guess that could be
19 a possible direction if the Commission wishes to give it, is
20 should we alter District 3 to match the Latino Coalition
21 request; or, if you wish to give us that instruction, we
22 can. If you want to wait and not do that at this point,
23 that's fine, too.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: I'm good with that.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Pardon me?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would recommend matching the
2 Latino recommendation.

3 The other Commissioners all right with that?

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: What?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah -- this is 2.1 District 3
6 suggestion, which is almost identical to the Latino
7 Coalition suggestion, there's a few changes the Latinos did
8 that their suggestion that I was okay with adopting the
9 Latino suggestion.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: For District 3?

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yes. I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm good with that as well.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So then we covered just
15 about everything except if you have anything on north -- on
16 the District 8. Do you have any specific instruction on
17 District 8-District 1 boundaries or you're comfortable with
18 the way it is?

19 The one thing we note is obviously District 1 kind
20 of wraps around District 8. The reason we made that choice
21 -- and feel free to agree or disagree with it and give us
22 other direction -- it's an unusual kind of C shape, but it
23 means that Anthem, New River is with Cave Creek and
24 Carefree, which is the reason for taking them around instead
25 of taking them straight down into District 8; and we had

1 some comments about that.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm curious, I know we're not
3 locking in, but I'm curious about some of the demographic
4 variables in 1 and 8 in terms of competitiveness, just in
5 spreads.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so I actually had that in my
7 notes.

8 So District 1 is in your highly competitive range,
9 it's less than 4 -- oh, you've already got it up there.

10 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah.

11 So which one you want? 1?

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so 1 is -- oh, Brian has got
13 it highlighted there -- 50.45. So that's well within the 4
14 percent, almost perfectly balanced.

15 And 8 is -- oh. And 8 is 47 -- yeah, so it's...

16 MR. FLAHAN: 6.1.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Perfect.

18 So it -- so 8 is in our -- our competitive range,
19 and 1 is in our highly competitive range.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: But 1 is going to change a
21 little bit with the change of 4, so.

22 We'll have to see how that...

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: And -- and the other piece, too,
24 on the -- on the swing measure of the nine elections, did it
25 swing? District 1 does swing from election to election;

1 District 8 did not.

2 If you're -- without --

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: If you can --

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Unless you have specific
5 directions in that area, we can just simply see what happens
6 to District 1 as we make those changes down around Tempe,
7 South Scottsdale and go from there.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

9 So District 8 is a lot of Peoria then, right? I'm
10 just trying to get the cities up here.

11 Oh. Am I looking at the wrong map?

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so -- so, you're right.
13 It's almost all but the far north Peoria; and then in
14 between there and it's the north half of Glendale.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, that's Peoria there
17 highlighted in red on the screen.

18 Oh. Go back to Peoria there, Brian.

19 There you go.

20 Yeah, so that eastern bor- -- I'm sorry, the
21 western border of District 8 is -- is for the most part
22 following the border of Peoria to get almost all of it.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And it really can't go west
25 because otherwise you're stuck bringing all of those

1 populations in, right? Because otherwise you will be
2 dividing some major communities of interest.

3 So I'm just --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, but if you change the
5 West Valley, we're going to have to pick up that population
6 someplace else. So there's some shifting going to go on
7 here, so.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think what we're confronted
9 with, what we've known all along, right? Ev- -- with all of
10 the rural districts we're going to have to pick up
11 populations from some the metropolitan areas; and so it's a
12 matter of which ones and how do we do that?

13 And it's not always going to align with the rural
14 population that's there, and I think that's going to be the
15 struggle. Whether we pick it up with a part of West Phoenix
16 or a part of North Tucson, we're always going to be
17 struggling to pick up that population and which -- which
18 population gets pulled in.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The alternative is to allow
21 the rural outer skirts of Arizona to become more extreme.
22 And, I mean, you know, there are alternatives. I'm just
23 saying, you don't have to say that it's a given; there are
24 alternatives.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sounds good. I think -- and I

1 think we've covered all the areas, if -- if the
2 Commissioners have other directions we're open to them, but
3 I think we have a good set of marching orders.

4 MR. KINGERY: So is that seven or eight total
5 versions? Sunday afternoon?

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: We can get you to ten if you
7 want.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No, but -- but, seriously,
9 you have us all here and if there's deliberation that will
10 be helpful, you know, for us to sit and wrestle with some
11 decisions, we can.

12 I mean, I'm certainly not asking for tough
13 decisions prematurely, but -- but, you know, if there are
14 directions that would significantly help you before the
15 weekend hits, please let us know.

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: You have 30 seconds.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, I think we have a good set.

18 I mean, the challenge for us will be to take these
19 away and see which ones we just kind of test and bring back
20 to you not fully population balanced, and see which ones we
21 roll into a possible next map.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: As you do it, I just request
23 out of, you know, honoring what our legal counsel is
24 suggesting, to not only document what we do do, but also
25 document what we can't do because we're accountable for that

1 as well.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Mm-hm.

3 MR. B. JOHNSON: Madam Chair, if I may?

4 Real quick, would it be beneficial just because of
5 the timing constraints to take a small little break, see if
6 you can condense possible questions that might lead to less
7 work for you all this weekend before we adjourn -- or before
8 the Commission adjourns?

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We absolutely have time.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, I think let's compare notes.
12 Definitely.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So why don't we take -- take
14 a 15-minute break? 20-minute break?

15 MR. FLAHAN: 15.

16 MR. KINGERY: Yeah, let's -- let's go with 20, we
17 ran out of -- let's go to 20 minutes.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Why don't we take a 20-minute
19 break, we'll reconvene and figure out what the best strategy
20 moving forward is.

21 All right. Thank you.

22 (Recess taken from 2:31 p.m. to 2:51 p.m.)

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24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Welcome back,
25 everybody.

1 We look forward to your feedback, Mapping.

2 MR. FLAHAN: So we discussed all of your comments
3 and the different options to go forward.

4 So, what we would like to propose is starting with
5 a 3.0 map and take three of the common themes that you guys
6 talked about. So we want to take the AZ Latino Coalition's
7 District 3 and lock that in wholeheartedly and use that
8 geometry; then we want to step the Barry Goldwater Range
9 that is on I-8 going down towards Yuma, so that way we get
10 the populations from both sides of I-8, so we keep the
11 communities together; and then the third piece will be
12 taking the Fort Yuma tribe, the three pieces that
13 Commissioner Watchman talked about with the population of
14 22, and include those in District 7 instead of District 9.

15 And that's what we would like to start as the 3.0
16 map, and then draw the other items that you guys would like
17 with the northern district with the district that would go
18 down into Graham and Greenlee, and then figuring out where
19 to go with Pinal.

20 Yeah, Mohave and the northern district 100 percent.

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Those would be separate?

22 MR. FLAHAN: Right, so every map after that would
23 all be based on the 3.0 where we just tied those three
24 points that I just talked about together.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think we actually have -- we

1 actually have a request for Pinal to go into D5, Pinal to go
2 into D6, and Pinal to go into D7. So we'll be -- we'll be
3 drawing a bunch of maps based off of that 3.0 star.

4 MR. FLAHAN: But I think with all your feedback and
5 comments, I think that was the most that we could lump in to
6 get sort of a common set to add those three changes.

7 Doug, I don't think you saw anything else.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: No. Well, and then -- so we have
9 the changes to Pinal and then the changes to the greater
10 Tempe area should we call it.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, and West Valley also,
12 yes.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes. Sorry. Thinking of
14 that as the D7 into Pinal is also the -- and D7 into Tucson
15 as the West Valley.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So what you're suggesting is
17 -- or requesting -- is a potential on starting a new point
18 of CD 3.0 from which we will then begin our further
19 deliberations?

20 Well, you will do your further mapping, we will get
21 those additional maps, and we can deliberate; but are you
22 looking for a vote to provide that feedback for you to move
23 into the weekend?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, I think actually we -- we'll
25 just -- it will be a little quicker, we won't ask you to

1 vote on it --

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- until you see it.

4 But I think the thought is we'll vote on 3.0 on
5 Monday and then we'll immediately have 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 for
6 you.

7 MR. KINGERY: 5, 6, 7.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

9 MR. FLAHAN: 8, 9, 10.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, there -- there won't be the
11 need to then provide feedback on that voted on map because
12 you've already given us the next steps. If that makes
13 sense.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Got it. So we don't need to
15 vote on any direction for the weekend?

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And do you think that we
18 would be able to get any number of those prior to Monday so
19 we can look at them Sunday night?

20 MR. FLAHAN: We are going to try our best to get
21 them to you before Monday.

22 I know we said we'd try to get them to you
23 Saturday, but that was before we learned about all the
24 versions that we want to come out here in the afternoon
25 session.

1 So as soon as possible we will get them to you; and
2 with two different teams working on the legislative and the
3 congressional, maybe one will finish before the other and we
4 would be able to send them to you sort of as we complete
5 them, instead of a whole package at one time.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That will be great.

7 MR. FLAHAN: And we can send 3.0 right -- right
8 when it's ready, that should be a quicker one to build.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, and -- and the interesting
10 thing for you to look at when you get 3.0 and for the public
11 to react to is when you draw in the Latino Coalition
12 proposed District 3, but at that point we want to balance it
13 so that all districts right around it that are impacted by
14 that will be a little off balance.

15 So you can -- you can start to take a look at if
16 none of the other tests work out the way you want it, how
17 would you then direct us to balance this?

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And that's actually very
19 helpful, that if you get one version done, you know, post
20 it; you don't have to have all of them done at the same
21 time. I mean, we can take advantage of whatever time we
22 have for the different versions.

23 MR. KINGERY: And sending it to you is in the form
24 of posting it on the draft maps page of the hub site for 3.0
25 congressional, as well as the plans in the redistricting

1 system; it will be shared to the draft maps public, as well
2 as to the draft maps that you all have access to.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We just ask if somebody can
4 text us when it's posted so we don't keep, you know,
5 refreshing the page.

6 MR. FLAHAN: We will let Brian and Lori know
7 when -- when it is up there.

8 MR. KINGERY: Bat signal.

9 MR. FLAHAN: Yes, we will put up a bat signal.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: The map signal I think.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Or we can just all hang out
12 together this weekend at the Sheraton.

13 MR. FLAHAN: And then we'll also have the
14 demographics and the competitive sheet that we were
15 referring to with the drafts.

16 Anything else you got?

17 Brian?

18 MR. KINGERY: I'm good.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, and the other thing just so
20 you know what we're watching for as was mentioned earlier,
21 we have our fingers crossed that the Latino Coalition and
22 perhaps other groups who may be sending in maps, too, so we
23 -- the legislative map we were still waiting, so you may be
24 getting other maps from residents to look at over the
25 weekend in addition to the ones that the mapping team will

1 prepare.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That would be great, thank
3 you.

4 And I want to thank you for your help in uploading
5 their data and making sure it's in multiple formats and in
6 Esri, I know you've been very helpful.

7 MR. FLAHAN: I think that's all we have from the --
8 from the mapping side for today.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: All right. Well, thank you
10 so much. We know that you're working, you know, overtime
11 and, you know, thank you for accommodating, you know, our
12 very busy schedule.

13 We know it's going to be long days ahead of you,
14 but we're deeply appreciative. So, thank you.

15 With that, we are going to jump to Agenda Item
16 No. X, next meeting date.

17 It will be October 18th, Monday, at 8:00 a.m., and
18 we will plan to go from 8:00 to 4:00.

19 With that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. XI,
20 closing of public comments.

21 We'll now close public comment. Please note
22 members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not
23 specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant
24 to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public
25 comment will be limited to directing staff to study the

1 matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the
2 matter for further consideration and decision at a later
3 date.

4 With that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. IX,
5 adjournment.

6 I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: This is Commissioner Lerner.
8 I move to adjourn.

9 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Vice Chair Watchman seconds.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: With no further discussion,
11 Vice Chair Watchman.

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an
20 aye.

21 With that, we will adjourn.

22 And I wish everybody a wonderful weekend. Thank
23 you for your collaboration, your commitments, and I will see
24 you Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.

25 (Whereupon the meeting concludes at 2:59 p.m.)

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