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1 PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT  
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 1:12 p.m. on  
3 December 9, 2021, at the offices of Snell & Wilmer, 400 East  
4 Van Buren Street, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the  
5 following Commissioners:

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

11 OTHERS PRESENT:

12 Mr. Brian Schmitt, Executive Director  
13 Ms. Lori Van Haren, Deputy Director  
14 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant  
15  
16 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group (via Webex)  
17 Mr. Brian Kingery, Timmons Group (via Webex)  
18 Mr. Parker Bradshaw, Timmons Group (via Webex)  
19 Mr. Doug Johnson, NDC (via Webex)  
20 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, NDC (via Webex)  
21 Mr. Randy Trott, Timmons Group (via Webex)  
22  
23 Mr. Roy Herrera, Ballard Spahr  
24 Mr. Daniel Arellano, Ballard Spahr  
25 Mr. Eric Spencer, Snell & Wilmer  
Mr. Brett Johnson, Snell & Wilmer

P R O C E E D I N G

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2  
3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Welcome back, everybody. I  
4 hope everybody had a nice lunch.

5 We are on Agenda Item No. VI, draft map decision  
6 discussion. We are deliberating on the congressional maps.

7 I believe my colleagues might be ready to make some  
8 suggestions to mapping folks for a few ideas. Am I correct?

9 Would you like to go first?

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'll let Commissioner Mehl go  
11 first, because we're going to be asking for two different  
12 maps to be drawn.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, actually --

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Or three maybe.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- if you're not going to go  
16 first, maybe I'll go first.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Sure.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: All right. I would like to  
22 start to work on the information provided by Councilwoman  
23 Pastor from CD-3.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could we get clarification?  
25 Are we going to be having potentially -- like, these are --

1           these are all going off of 8.1 and then we're all going to  
2           have potentially different versions from 8.1?

3                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:   Correct.

4                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:   Okay.  Thank you.

5                   COMMISSIONER MEHL:   Unless you like what we're  
6           saying so much you want to just give it a thumbs up.

7                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:   Right.  No, and -- and to be  
8           honest, I'm only going to make a few suggestions and you may  
9           all want to go further than I am, and anybody is welcome to  
10          adopt my suggestions with theirs, as long as you don't  
11          change it, you know, or not; but I'll start with the kinds  
12          of things that I want to make sure I see in one map.

13                   So starting with CD-3.  The recommendation is to  
14          include the area between I-17 and the 51 freeway from the  
15          I-10 up to and including Sunnyslope neighborhood.

16                   So, I will do my best to look at my map and try to  
17          give you directions.  It's not my strength.

18                   I would like in the area where D3 borders D1, for  
19          that line to move north to Camelback -- actually, I take  
20          that back.  Because if we move it to Missouri we can include  
21          two more historic districts.

22                   So let's do that for now.

23                   I'd like it to travel east to the 51, come down  
24          south on the 51, then head east on Indian School.

25                   And that could go just to the --

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Chair?

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Chair, sorry. When you're saying  
4 "it," you're talking about District 3, correct?

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Correct.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So starting at 19th you're  
7 bringing it -- starting at 19th and -- no, no. Brian, can  
8 you move the map north a little bit so I -- we want to see  
9 the top of D3.

10 So -- so on 19th where are we starting up at?  
11 Camelback or all the way up at Lincoln?

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Missouri.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Missouri.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: And 19th?

15 Missouri. Which is -- is that just north or just  
16 south of Camelback?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: North of Camelback.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Can you zoom in, Brian, and  
20 find that?

21 There we go. Okay. So starting at 19th and --  
22 19th and Missouri and then we're coming across Missouri,  
23 okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: East on Missouri to the 51;  
25 go south on the 50- --

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- south on the 51 to Indian  
3 School, at which point you cut east and take that up until  
4 the Phoenix city boundary.

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Which is where?

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you draw the boundary  
7 there, please, or you -- do Phoenix city boundary?

8 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Oh, he's putting it in now.  
9 All right.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- so we're talking Papago Park  
11 and all that area in that to D3?

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No, no. I do not -- no.  
14 Papago Park I believe should go with, you know, Tempe,  
15 South Scottsdale.

16 We could talk about it. But I don't envision  
17 that -- envision the zoo area, the whole area in this, in  
18 D3.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: So you're talking about 44th  
20 Street.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So -- so should we take --  
22 then we have to take Indian School east to -- should we stop  
23 at 44th then?

24 Can you zoom out a little bit, please, Brian?

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I thought eastern.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: So --

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Sounds like my colleagues  
3 think that make sense.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's the current boundary.

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: City boundary, but that's...

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's the current boundary of  
7 the Latino district.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. I think that makes  
9 sense.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: At 44th Street.

11 So 44th Street would be the east boundary.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

15 And then is there an area we're trading for that?

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Not at this point.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: You said -- Doug, what she said  
18 she'd like to see our proposal incorporate that boundary.

19 Okay. So we'll do our best --

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: We'll do our best to trade.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right. Other things that I  
23 would like to see happen -- and, again, you can take these  
24 ideas and build a map if -- incorporating my ideas or, you  
25 know, people can help me build my own map.



1 I believe D8 should take in all of Peoria, Sun  
2 City, and Sun City West using the Agua Fria River and Grand  
3 Avenue as the western boundary of the districts.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Wait, wait, wait. Peoria, Sun  
5 City, Sun City West.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: My goal is to keep El Mirage  
7 and Sun City Grand together in D9; and keep El Mirage and,  
8 you know, as much of Surprise together as possible.

9 MR. FLAHAN: You said you wanted the Agua Fria  
10 River as the border?

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Brian, can you highlight  
13 Surprise, please?

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: It's not signed.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, there. That's your -- there  
16 we go.

17 Oh, can you take the color so it's not the same as  
18 the others?

19 Okay.

20 So Surprise, all of Surprise -- oh, so  
21 Sun City Grand would go on in D9 on this or D8? The Sun  
22 City that's in Surprise, should that be in D8 or D9?

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Hold on.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: You said D9.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sound like D9, I think.

1                   MR. FLAHAN: I think that was D9 was what she said.  
2                   With El Mirage.

3                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: El Mirage and Sun City Grand  
4                   in D9, yes.

5                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: And Surprise there, too,  
6                   right?

7                   You have Surprise in there as well?

8                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. Yes.

9                   MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- okay.

10                   I think it may -- oh. So we'd be moving  
11                   Sun City Grand. Okay, I was going to say it's almost there  
12                   but, yeah, we have to do Sun City Grand.

13                   Okay. That will work.

14                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Now, from that, those are my  
15                   priorities for right now; and if any of my colleagues would  
16                   like to build on my ideas, I welcome that and add or you can  
17                   build your own.

18                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think if you wanted us to go,  
19                   we will go and we will build on that, so.

20                   And Doug, you want to talk through Maricopa?

21                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, so the first thing that I  
22                   would probably encourage us is compactness and move D1 over  
23                   across the top of D8; and then -- I'm not sure that puts us  
24                   population-wise, there was a finger on the D7 district that  
25                   is the Glendale airport area that chops Glendale up, and so

1 I would either move that into D9 or into D8 and I would take  
2 that out of D3.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: What about D7?

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, it I would come out of D7  
5 and I would not add it to D3.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you be specific, Doug,  
7 please?

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's north of Avondale.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's Avondale -- basically  
10 it's -- where is it?

11 It's I believe it's --

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Latino Coalition map went  
13 beyond Avondale and Tolleson to the area.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: So the airport is not a lot,  
15 it's Camelback. North of Camelback of D7.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: One person at a time, please.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can't hear Doug.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: D7 to Northern -- I mean,  
19 sorry, Camelback. I mean to Northern, that top part of D7.  
20 That's -- that's the city of Glendale, doesn't really have  
21 anything to do with Avondale or Tolleson.

22 So I was -- that's -- then there's a fairly large  
23 chunk of population there.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And you're saying to move it  
25 where?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: You can move into 8 or to 9.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just -- just real quick, Brian,  
3 can you check the area between Glendale and Camelback, just  
4 north of Camelback. Is that within another city or is that  
5 unincorporated?

6 Right -- right -- yeah, right where your mouse is.

7 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: It's Glendale.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Is that a city?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Is that a city?

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

11 MR. KINGERY: That's part of Phoenix.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So Commissioner York, is it  
13 okay if we follow -- if we take all of the city of Glendale  
14 out and --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Essentially we can -- we use the  
17 city border of Glendale for that?

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Or do you -- or do you want us to  
20 follow Camelback all the way across?

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, that's fine.

22 And then there's a chunk over at Tolleson there  
23 that's the city of Phoenix along the 101, you know, I had  
24 that going into D3, but I don't know how the population  
25 balances, but that's kind of -- Tolleson sits there,

1 Avondale sits to the west, and that helps your -- that's  
2 your -- basically your D7 minority representation.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So you're moving it out of D7  
4 into D3?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. No, no. Not Tolleson or  
6 Avondale.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: If you go north of the 101  
9 there -- of Tolleson that little section of D3 isn't really  
10 part of the minority district, it's -- it's a -- so I would  
11 move that, that little section there along the freeway, into  
12 D -- into D3.

13 Does that make sense, Brian?

14 North of Tolleson up to -- what is that?

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So you're moving a bunch of  
16 stuff out into D7. Are you going to have some other stuff  
17 going in?

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, the way this map works in  
19 my mind, you were short -- you were long I think -- long or  
20 short population, I can't remember, in 7 and 6, so the map  
21 rotates counterclockwise --

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- to accommodate the D1  
24 changes.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Are -- are you asking to take

1 population out of Tolleson away from --

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: No. No, no.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. I just -- I just...

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just the block above it.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So north of the I-10?

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Up to?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Up to Camelback.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Camelback. And east of Agua  
11 Fria River.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, east of the 101.

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: 101.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 101. I call it the Agua  
15 Fria. That's what you're talking about moving out?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

17 MR. KINGERY: You want us to split the census bloc  
18 group and follow the 101?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Thank you.

21 Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: And the rest of that stays in  
23 D7.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Mm-hm.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Because D7 is long, right?

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

2 MR. KINGERY: 27,822 over.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: So I think I took some out.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Keep going in Maricopa.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: So we've got a -- I didn't  
6 really have -- you got 2, I don't have 2. You're talking  
7 about D2 to 67th.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: On D7.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Hold on a moment, Brian -- okay.

10 Sorry, I was just going to say, when you have a  
11 moment, I have a question about D -- what -- what did you  
12 want for the north border of D8 when you're talking about  
13 bringing D1 across D8.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, just north of the 303  
15 connecting the Carefree Highway with D8.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, okay.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: There isn't much population  
18 there, but it just is sort of it's a weird little finger in  
19 there of D9. Do you follow me?

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. And so -- and the D8 would  
21 pick up, what, south of the 303 freeway?

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I was just going to put all  
23 of that in D1. But it depends on the population balance  
24 because you went down and picked up Sun City and part of  
25 El Mirage south, correct?

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: D8 is actually going to lose  
2 Sun City Grand.

3 D8 as we're looking at it on the screen is going to  
4 lose Sun City Grand, so it will need to make up some  
5 population. So it makes sense.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: So you pick up some there and  
7 some south per the Chairperson's request.

8 MR. FLAHAN: So like west to Lake Pleasant Parkway?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

10 MR. FLAHAN: Where you cut off that little piece?

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

12 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Then in -- I think D4 needs to  
14 take in Tempe and South Scottsdale. You can match that up  
15 against the -- the new D3.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: So how would that -- that's a lot  
17 of people. What would you --

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right, and I --

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sorry, couldn't hear that.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: I said I would move them out  
21 of -- I would pick them up in D5. You don't have Leisure  
22 World as part of D5 and we had some testimony to that. You  
23 didn't go all the way to the north boundary of Gilbert in  
24 D5.

25 Well, that -- that's actually...



1                   So if you put Florence back and Casa Grande back in  
2                   D2.

3                   MR. D. JOHNSON:   Okay.

4                   Florence and Coolidge, yeah.

5                   So, Brian, how many people are in Coolidge -- oh,  
6                   there.

7                   MR. KINGERY:    13,218.

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

9                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  Yeah, Commissioner York,  
10                  given that you mentioned Leisure World and those  
11                  communities, that's a priority of mine --

12                  COMMISSIONER YORK:  Right.

13                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  -- unifying the East Valley  
14                  and retirement communities.  As I've mentioned before  
15                  there's a consistency, I feel that -- that generations age  
16                  and, you know, plays a big role in, you know, communities of  
17                  interest and their lens of what they want and need from  
18                  elected leaders.

19                  So I'd like to do our best to keep those  
20                  communities together like Leisure World with the other  
21                  retirement communities near the Banner Medical Center.

22                  So if anybody can accomplish that in a map, that  
23                  would be a plus for me.

24                  COMMISSIONER YORK:  So Leisure World is -- we have  
25                  the western boundary is Higley.  Right now you're at Power

1 on the east side of D4, so put that into D5.

2 MR. FLAHAN: Right in the border of D4. D5 is  
3 Power.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. Eastern boundary of D4  
5 is currently Power but if you move it west to Higley, you --  
6 you basically take in Leisure World with Sun City -- I'm  
7 sorry, Sun Lakes down in the south and so that puts that  
8 community together.

9 So if you pick up Tempe in D4, that will kind of  
10 offset those two populations.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sorry. What is -- what move from  
12 Power west to what road?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Higley.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Higley.

15 It's -- it's two major blocks away to the west.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, Higley. Oh, okay.

17 And -- and do you want to do that the whole length  
18 of -- of D4, north and south of Highway 60?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, yeah, that would get you  
20 more of Gilbert.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can I -- while --

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. So you're talking about  
23 moving -- Gilbert -- I believe Gilbert is just south of 60,  
24 right?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, the topside is Baseline.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: There are some Hispanic  
3 neighborhoods here that I hope that, you know, this is going  
4 to be an issue that I'm also going to be watching. Excuse  
5 me. The Hispanic neighborhood south of Thomas, keeping it  
6 with the Hispanic areas in Tempe and west Mesa as much as we  
7 can, so.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Wait, before we move on --

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's part of why I'm having  
10 so much --

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Madam Chair, before --

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, he cut me off. Let him  
13 do his thing.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Before we -- yeah, before we jump  
15 to Phoenix, can we narrow down the request here? This --

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's not Phoenix, though.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- move from Power to Higley, but  
18 going how far north? Just the piece of Gilbert or up into  
19 Mesa as well?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: You have to get Leisure World  
21 which is north of the 60.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: So I would just move it all the  
24 way north.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Go up to.

1                   Okay. Oh, there. I see it. Okay. So at least to  
2 Broadway.

3                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Or you could follow the  
4 freeway.

5                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: So Tempe is going to want to  
6 be in 2, so I'm just going to say upfront that that divide  
7 that you're talking about, that change is not something --  
8 knowing Tempe and knowing -- having been in that area that  
9 is nuts. But -- but go ahead and do your suggestions then  
10 we'll talk about them.

11                   COMMISSIONER YORK: No, Tempe has always been in 4.

12                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's -- it's division.

13                   COMMISSIONER YORK: In all the previous maps we've  
14 approved.

15                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: The division that's here is  
16 a -- is very solid division is all I'm saying. And -- just  
17 like, you know, that Paradise Valley, I'm just telling you  
18 that that's a --

19                   COMMISSIONER YORK: But the reality is these are  
20 congressional maps; these aren't the LDs.

21                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: I know. I know.

22                   COMMISSIONER YORK: And the Tempe area on the  
23 congressional maps have always been in 4, this is the first  
24 time they've been in 1 because it came out of Latino  
25 suggestion; and I would argue that -- that suggestion was

1 more partisan than -- than coalition, but...

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I'm just saying there's  
3 also a lot of relationships with south Tempe and Ahwatukee.

4 But again, I'm just mentioning that --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: But that keeps it together.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'll let you go ahead and do  
7 your own.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: But that keeps it together.  
9 Ahwatukee is part of 4. Tempe is --

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Tempe can be part south  
11 Scottsdale, they have a lot of relationships.

12 But again, I'm sorry I didn't --

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: But I would argue District 1.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Go ahead and do --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: District 1 is mostly north --  
16 north Maricopa County not Tempe.

17 The Tempe relationship should be with the  
18 entertainment district, the -- the campus, the -- the spring  
19 training facilities, Papago Park, the zoo.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And that's part of why they  
21 could be with South Scottsdale, that part of Tempe.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know, why --

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But we can go ahead and move  
24 on.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- don't we save and go

1 through the process going through the maps.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I'm sorry, I didn't  
3 mean. I should have --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, no. But that's -- that's  
5 the argument.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I -- no, that's okay. I'm  
7 sorry. I'll let you finish. I'm sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: The discussion.

9 So if you take the eastern side of D4, you pick  
10 that up in -- in D1 with adding Tempe and South Scottsdale  
11 up to McDonald perhaps into that into -- into D4, matching  
12 it up against the new D1.

13 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. So Tempe-South Scottsdale up to  
14 McDowell -- McDonald road?

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

16 MR. FLAHAN: And on the - on the east side when you  
17 move Higley Road, do you want to take Higley Road all the  
18 way up to Red Mountain 202, is that where you want to stop?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Sure.

20 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Now, one thing to flag, so  
22 there's -- just looking quickly, it looks like there are  
23 70,000 people in Tempe who are currently in District 1. So  
24 that's way more than people than we're talking about  
25 transferring around in the other exchanges.

1                   And that doesn't include South Scottsdale.

2                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, you -- you could take 8  
3 down into Sunnyslope to match up against D3.

4                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

5                   MR. FLAHAN: Doesn't -- doesn't 8 already include  
6 the -- that district, Sunnyslope? Or do you come farther  
7 down?

8                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

9                   COMMISSIONER YORK: I'd come farther.

10                  MR. D. JOHNSON: 8 goes all the way to the mountain  
11 preserve and...

12                  COMMISSIONER YORK: But 3 is not going all the way  
13 up to -- there's a little, what do we call it? Panhandle  
14 sticking in there at 4 -- I mean of 1, excuse me.

15                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Mm-hm.

16                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Because 3 went up to Missouri  
17 and 8 doesn't go all the way down to Missouri.

18                  MR. FLAHAN: So you would take 8 down to Missouri  
19 following the 51 freeway as the east border?

20                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

21                  MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

22                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

23                  One question, so in South Phoenix we're running  
24 in -- I'm sorry, in South Scottsdale we're running into the  
25 Papago Park question again, is that going -- that's going

1 into District 4 with South Scottsdale?

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: In terms of reference to --  
5 to Sunnyslope, I do want to mention that Councilwoman Pastor  
6 did share with me that she feels that Sunnyslope goes with  
7 CD-3 -- CD-3, you know, regarding the light rail issues, the  
8 transportation issues and communities of interest. So as  
9 you're jumping --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's -- that's even more  
11 farther north than Missouri.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I know. I know.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: But as you're -- as you're  
15 messing with the maps, I just want to share things that  
16 are -- are options for me.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Yeah, just confirmed the  
18 numbers there. So, yes, South Scottsdale from McDowell down  
19 and -- and the piece of Tempe we're moving into District 4,  
20 that's total of 99,600 people. So, just -- just so you're  
21 aware of how much we're talking about moving in each of  
22 these things.

23 And -- and as envisioned, those are all circling  
24 through D6 and D7 I think, right?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.



1 Well, and circling through 8 also.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, exactly.

3 So D- -- yeah.

4 Okay. Okay. And then so now we got -- so D4 is  
5 picking up a hundred thousand from D1; D5 is going to pick  
6 up a hundred thousand from D4.

7 So D2 could pick up -- is going to pick up a  
8 hundred thousand from D5, and I guess that would be -- so  
9 Maricopa and Casa Grande are probably going to have to come  
10 out of D2 and go into -- should they go into D7 or would D6  
11 come out and pick them up?

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think Maricopa could go  
13 into -- well, D6 could come up and pick up Casa Grande. But  
14 it -- it's better to keep Maricopa in so you keep the  
15 reservation into D2 that's over that way.

16 So let --

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Now --

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think with all these.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Now for -- oh. I was just going  
20 to say, I agree with that. I was just -- now we'll have  
21 Florence and Coolidge in D2.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: So Coolidge can get to the  
24 reservation through there and something else can come up and  
25 get Maricopa.

1                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: D7 is going to need some  
2 population. It could --

3                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep.

4                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: If -- but if Picture Rocks next  
5 to Marana should go from D7 into D6. It's not a big move.

6                   MR. D. JOHNSON: The main one -- the only part --  
7 are you talking about down in Pima?

8                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Technically, that's  
9 Picture Rocks which is just to the west of Marana, and we  
10 had a lot of testimony that they wanted to be part of  
11 Marana. It's about 8,000 people; it's not a big number.

12                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is Picture Rocks in Pinal?

13                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Picture Rocks is in Pima.

14                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Pima, okay.

15                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: It may scoot into Pinal but  
16 predominantly -- I think it's maybe all in Pima.

17                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Thank you.

18                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

19                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: So the northern boundary of D6  
20 should go up in --

21                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: So it's Red Rock I was  
22 thinking of.

23                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- at least past Arizona City  
24 and Eloy and probably up into Casa Grande; and then it can  
25 come -- wherever it goes up to, it can come straight over

1           until it hits the other boundary so that we have no elephant  
2           nose up here and it's a coherent -- and that would then  
3           cause it to pick up Mammoth. But again, there's not much  
4           else in there.

5                     And with some of these changes, realize they're big  
6           lumpy changes, and I would just as soon have you come back  
7           to us with a map even if it's not balanced and show us where  
8           it's not balanced, and then have us work with you to figure  
9           out what we think the priorities are to balance it, rather  
10          than having you spend too much time arbitrarily trying to  
11          figure out how to do that.

12                    That will make your job easier, and I think that  
13          will get us a better product in the end. So we recognize we  
14          don't know exactly what we've just done on some of these  
15          districts, but let's see how this draws out, see where the  
16          population balances are, and then -- then we can try to deal  
17          with that.

18                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

19                   MR. B. JOHNSON: Repeat it back to you.

20                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Oh, you want me to repeat that?

21                   COMMISSIONER YORK: No, no. They want to have them  
22          repeat it back to you.

23                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Oh. Our counsel is asking for  
24          you to repeat that back.

25                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Mark, you want to take a shot at

1           that or you want me to?

2                   MR. FLAHAN:  Sorry, we're having a conversation  
3           here at the map table, what was the question?

4                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  They're asking us to repeat back  
5           the instructions.  I can try that or you can, what's your  
6           preference?

7                   MR. FLAHAN:  If you want to go for it I can check  
8           it.  Are we talking about just the last one or the entire  
9           instruction?

10                   COMMISSIONER YORK:  No, we're talking about the  
11           changes, Mark.  We're talking about these are the suggested  
12           changes, let's not balance the map, let's see what the  
13           imbalanced areas are and let us help you to balance it.

14                   MR. FLAHAN:  Okay.  Yeah, that's fine.  I don't  
15           have any problem with that.

16                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  Okay.

17                   COMMISSIONER YORK:  Okay.  So repeat that back to  
18           me.

19                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  So we got District 1 picks up  
20           the --

21                   COMMISSIONER YORK:  No, Doug, I don't --

22                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  Sorry, what?

23                   COMMISSIONER YORK:  Go ahead.

24                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  Oh, I was saying District 1 picks  
25           up the North Phoenix area above the 303 loop from -- from

1 District 9; District 8 picks up the District 9 territory  
2 that's between current District 8 and I-17 and below the 303  
3 loop; oh, this is on top of what the Chair already asked  
4 for.

5 The Glendale -- the city of Glendale land would  
6 come out of District 7 and go into 3 -- 3 or 8.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, it would go into 8 or 9,  
8 Doug.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. Into 8 or 9, okay.

10 Oh, right. Okay.

11 The area north of -- north of the city of Tolleson  
12 and east of the 101 would go from District 7 to District 3.

13 And then over in the East Valley, the  
14 Leisure World-Banner Medical Center area would go -- oh, I'm  
15 sorry. Skipped a step.

16 In Tempe and South Scottsdale from McDowell south  
17 would all go into D4.

18 MR. FLAHAN: Wasn't it McDonald, not McDowell?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes, it was McDonald.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, yeah. I misspoke. Sorry.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Correct that.

24 Then the District 5 would pick up the  
25 Leisure World-Banner Medical Center area by moving the

1 border west from Power to Highly Road up to --

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Higley.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- up to at least Broadway.

4 Oh, Heeley. And then --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Higley.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Higley. Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Higley up to the 202 freeway, to the  
8 Red Mountain freeway.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: All the way up to the freeway,  
11 okay.

12 Okay. There was some direction, I didn't get the  
13 details, do you want all of Gilbert into District 5 --

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, just --

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- and Chandler?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just the north boundary move  
17 it.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just the northeast, okay.

19 Just over to Higley?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: And then -- let's see -- and then  
22 Florence and Coolidge would go from District 5 to  
23 District 2; Picture Rocks area in Pima would go from  
24 District 7 to District 6; and then District 6 would come up  
25 and pick up Eloy, Arizona City; and then kind of as much as

1 we can, square it off to the east to pick up Mammoth and the  
2 areas that were kind of straight across 77 and the county  
3 line.

4 Did you actually want Casa Grande to go into 6 or  
5 should we just bring it up to the edge of Casa Grande?

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would bring it up the edge at  
7 the moment and then we can -- that can be our balancing area  
8 when we see where we are.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

10 Okay. That's what I have.

11 MR. FLAHAN: The only thing that I have that is one  
12 other set there was D8 south of Missouri using the State  
13 Route 51 as the east border and move that into -- to D8.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, right. Squaring off the --  
15 the Chair's request, yes.

16 MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think this incorporates a  
18 huge amount of the testimony we heard and some really good  
19 communities of interest changes, and we're anxious to see  
20 what this plays out, and we'll figure out to balance it once  
21 we see what we've got.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Are you generally done?

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We are -- we are done.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Mapping team, you

1 ready for some more direction?

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: I think so.

3 MR. B. JOHNSON: There has been confusion in the  
4 past as to the direction of the imbalance. I don't know if  
5 Mapping fully understands that, and my recommendation is to  
6 avoid staff confusion later on, is that they repeat back as  
7 to exactly what the Commission wants.

8 Not in regard to the lines, but in the direct  
9 direction. If you want them to be arbitrary and fix it  
10 equally, you need to give them that specific direction. If  
11 you don't want them to, they need to understand your  
12 direction.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I don't want them to on this  
14 map.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Okay. Can Doug and  
16 Commissioner Mehl have a direct conversation about the  
17 boundaries of what you want and what you don't want, what's  
18 doable and what's not doable so everybody is on the same  
19 page, please.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Our counsel suggests we make it  
21 clear on the record that you've heard our direction that we  
22 don't want you to do a balanced map, that we want you to  
23 make these changes and then we will balance it later with --  
24 with our input, and we'd like you to hear you repeat that  
25 back.



1           MR. D. JOHNSON: Understood. We'll bring you back  
2 a map with these changes and -- and not balanced with any  
3 other changes.

4           COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you.

5           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It -- I just have one  
6 question. If they have logical ideas, would you like  
7 suggestions or, no, you don't want them leading in any kind  
8 of way?

9           COMMISSIONER MEHL: A written list of suggestions  
10 would be fine, but I don't want them to do it on the map  
11 yet.

12          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. So, actually, I would  
13 imagine both would be wonderful, honor the exact mapping  
14 asked and whatever thoughts you're having about  
15 solutions/ideas to keep a list and present it to the  
16 Commission so that we would have that -- that piece of  
17 information.

18          COMMISSIONER MEHL: That would be helpful.

19          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay?

20          MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

21          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

22                    Colleagues?

23          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. We're going to start a  
24 different map, because it's gotten very confusing to me to  
25 use that existing one. And I will tell you that, at this

1 point, I will tell my colleagues here, I'm really concerned  
2 about the direction that the map is going. With all of  
3 those changes, I don't think we're going to have the same  
4 kind of competitive districts and we're going to have a  
5 very -- right now we have 5-4 districts. The changes that  
6 are made are going to be very skewed based on what I'm  
7 seeing for the boundaries.

8 So this really -- this last iteration I just want  
9 to express that concern that I have.

10 What I'd like to do is go back to 8.1.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can I ask a question, though?

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So you won't consider -- you  
14 won't start or consider the very few areas that I asked for?

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I'm actually very willing  
16 to do that. I just --

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That's their starting point.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: They incorporated my  
20 changes -- my request for a map and then I said anybody  
21 wants to use my ideas, build a map out from it.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So I just want to make sure  
24 that both sides have the option to do it.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Absolutely. I'm not -- I

1 don't know how --

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And that's your choice if you  
3 like it or not.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So my concern is that I  
5 don't -- I -- I have looked at those suggestions by  
6 Councilwoman Pastor which we just saw and we just got the  
7 recommendations from Mayor Gallego. I don't know they  
8 align. So that's why I wanted to started fresh.

9 It's not that I'm opposed --

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- to the Councilwoman  
12 Pastor's suggestions, but I don't know if they're in concert  
13 with Mayor Gallego's.

14 And maybe the mappers can actually tell me that  
15 as -- if I were to -- if we were to start with the  
16 Chairwoman's map -- a brand new one, though, not -- not  
17 going off of what Commissioner --

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right. I think I gave  
19 feedback on some boundaries on CD-3 primarily and shifting  
20 D1 west.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. So --

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I can't -- I can't recreate  
23 everything I said, the mapping team could probably have a  
24 better record of it.

25 MR. FLAHAN: Do you want us to read that back or...

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That's up to --

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I --

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- my colleagues.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I have no problem with  
5 beginning with that, but what I don't know -- I don't know  
6 if it's in conflict with Mayor Gallego's. I guess that's  
7 what I'm asking.

8 So maybe what you could do would be -- and I wish  
9 that we could get that -- that feel.

10 Just take a second to pull up 8.1, I  
11 accidentally -- I'm not used to this where I touch this it  
12 moves.

13 Let me just get this --

14 Let me read you what -- because I do feel we should  
15 give Mayor Gallego being the mayor of the fifth largest city  
16 in the country, an opportunity to have a version of her map  
17 in these areas -- let me just find it -- that we just  
18 received.

19 I had it right here.

20 Okay. So what I guess I don't know is if these  
21 changes from Mayor Gallego align with Councilwoman Pastor,  
22 so that would be my question to the mappers; and that's why  
23 I'm saying I don't have a problem with using that, but I  
24 don't know how they align.

25 And I would like to ask that we try to look at --

1 just as we've been doing with other mayors -- we try to take  
2 into account her recommendations for her city, for that  
3 piece that we're talking about.

4 So her recommendation would be -- and then you  
5 could -- if you can tell me if we can align Councilwoman  
6 Pastor's with these changes, that would be helpful. Because  
7 I don't have a problem with those, per se, but I want to  
8 make sure we also get Mayor Gallego's interests recognized.

9 So what she is recommending -- get my notes that I  
10 was taking -- it's basically centralizing District 1. Most  
11 of the changes for Mayor Gallego would be between District 1  
12 and District 8, the majority of those, which is why  
13 District 3 that Councilwoman Pastor might work with these as  
14 part of that.

15 So she would like to include -- basically you could  
16 take the borders of I-10 and Loop 202 in the south, take the  
17 Phoenix-Glendale border in the west, and Loop 101 in the  
18 north and east and that would be District 1.

19 It would become a much more compact district, it  
20 would be a Phoenix district, Sunnyslope would be in that  
21 area, it includes the historic LGBTQ neighborhoods, it  
22 includes historic neighborhoods, it includes transit as part  
23 of that.

24 It would include Paradise Valley as well, but they  
25 also actually share water supply she notes; they have a lot

1 of things in common as well.

2 MR. FLAHAN: Can I ask some questions on -- on your  
3 request there?

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

5 MR. FLAHAN: When you say 202 and I-10, you're  
6 talking about 202 comes into I-10 in the stack and not in  
7 the west part of Phoenix, right? Because 202 now loops  
8 around South Mountain and comes back up into 10.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, right. What we're  
10 talking about --

11 MR. FLAHAN: We call it the stack area.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes. Yeah. I mean, you're  
14 talking about all the way south, no, we're not going all the  
15 way south.

16 Is that what you mean?

17 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

18 No, I'm just saying Loop 202 and I-10 now touch in  
19 two different areas, one is out to the west --

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

21 MR. FLAHAN: -- where the new loop just came in,  
22 you know, a year or two ago --

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

24 MR. FLAHAN: -- and then it also touches where  
25 I-10, State Route 51, and 202 all come together.

1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. No, we're talking  
2 about the -- the Central Phoenix part.

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

4                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is that what you meant?

5                   MR. D. JOHNSON: So if you're making -- oh. Sorry.

6                   MR. FLAHAN: All right, so we are looking for the  
7 south. Just can you tell me the northern border again that  
8 you -- that you read off?

9                   MR. D. JOHNSON: I think --

10                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: So it would be --

11                  MR. D. JOHNSON: -- it's the 101 loop, correct?

12                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- right, the 101 in the  
13 north and east.

14                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so everything east and north  
15 of 101 gets cut off, gets taken out of District 1 and put  
16 into --

17                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: That would go into  
18 District 8.

19                  MR. D. JOHNSON: -- and goes in District 8; and --  
20 and District 1 comes across from the south side of 101 all  
21 the way to the Phoenix-Glendale city border, correct?

22                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

23                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. And then --

24                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: So it creates a pretty  
25 condensed district.

1           MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, and then 8 would be Sun --  
2           right now is Sun City and then go -- take everything  
3           essentially outside the loop around to Fountain Hills,  
4           Fort McDowell, and all that territory.

5           COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. So -- so 8 would be  
6           basically the suburban/exurban areas, so it would actually  
7           reach around this District 1 north boundaries north of the  
8           101; and it would include Peoria, Phoenix north of the 101,  
9           including Anthem and Desert Ridge, New River, Carefree, Cave  
10          Creek, Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, North Scottsdale, that  
11          whole area -- that's a whole bunch of that that's already in  
12          District -- that's in District 1 and would move to  
13          District 8. So it would basically go around and be the  
14          northern part, kind of swing over that.

15          And we've heard a lot from those communities in  
16          that the communities north of the 101 are very aligned with  
17          each other. That's a big -- a big community of interest,  
18          that whole area as part of that.

19          But one of the most important pieces of this is  
20          that this actually creates a really nice, solid second  
21          Phoenix district. And it may be that the boundaries between  
22          1 and 3 could be adjusted between what the councilwoman has  
23          suggested and the mayor, they'd both be Phoenix districts.  
24          So it may be just some adjustments with those and that's  
25          what I just don't know off the top, so.



1           But I do believe we've been listening to a lot of  
2           mayors and we get that -- we should take a look at what  
3           Mayor Gallego has said in this particular case.

4           MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, and actually to your earlier  
5           question, I think this actually matches up well with the  
6           Chair's request. Because as I'm looking at this, most of it  
7           is a trade between 1 and 8 except, 8 is also going to pick  
8           up that District 9 piece that's in North Phoenix, it's just  
9           going to have to; but that may be balanced by the Chair's  
10          request that Sun City Grand in 9, so it may work out.

11          COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I'm comfortable with  
12          you -- I don't want to say playing around with that, but  
13          seeing if they can be aligned.

14          MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure.

15          COMMISSIONER LERNER: But I just wasn't sure, so I  
16          didn't want to go ahead and say to do that upfront; but if  
17          you feel that that would align with the councilwoman's  
18          request and the mayor's request, I'm very comfortable with  
19          you working through that.

20          MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it may not balance perfectly  
21          but --

22          COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would like to see both  
23          requests.

24          MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it would be closer to  
25          balanced than if we didn't do it. So, that would be good.

1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: That would be -- I mean,  
2                   I'm -- I'm comfort- -- I would like to see us, because both  
3                   have Phoenix -- the best interest of Phoenix in mind. So  
4                   I'm very comfortable with you making those adjustments; and  
5                   if they can be balanced, great.

6                   We'll have to take a look at VRA as part of all of  
7                   that since we're adjusting -- with all of that, I guess  
8                   we're adjusting those.

9                   So if you can do that, that would be -- that --  
10                  that's one change.

11                  And then another change is one of the reasons we  
12                  have this population imbalance, I -- I'm not actually going  
13                  to change District 4, I'm very comfortable with the way that  
14                  is. As I've noted this -- I think this map 8.1 has some  
15                  things that will have to be adjusted to bring communities of  
16                  interest together in the areas where we're splitting some  
17                  communities in the southeast, and Pinal County once again  
18                  being split up into multiple areas, I think it would be nice  
19                  if we could somehow pull that together.

20                  But I'm going to go down to Tucson, and I'm going  
21                  to reiterate my request down there.

22                  One of the reasons in your notes when you made 8.1  
23                  was that it was a big population balance between 6 and 7 in  
24                  8.1. And an easy way to achieve that -- the reason that  
25                  population imbalance I think came into play between those

1 two districts was because of moving the boundary to  
2 Alvernon.

3 Which again, and it's not that we're following  
4 every word that every mayor said, I know that, but it's not  
5 in keeping with what the mayor said; and so I would like to  
6 see us move that boundary back -- and so let me see where my  
7 notes are -- back to Campbell, and it would be Campbell  
8 north -- if we go to north of Broadway and we take that back  
9 to Campbell and then go north up to the river using Campbell  
10 as a border.

11 That should balance the 6/7 problem that existed  
12 because that's where the population imbalance came from, by  
13 adding that large amount. And so if you put that back into  
14 7 out of 6, it also accomplishes the idea that the city of  
15 Tucson will have two fairly nice -- they will be represented  
16 by two districts, you'll have the eastern part of Tucson and  
17 the western part of Tucson in there.

18 But I'd like to see us use Campbell north of  
19 Broadway as that boundary up to the river instead.

20 MR. FLAHAN: And then you would just keep coming  
21 down on the current shape of Broadway to the east to Kolb,  
22 is that what you're saying?

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, that --

24 MR. FLAHAN: Keep that piece there?

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- that block can stay.

1 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But I think that was a big  
3 part, so we want to get as close to Campbell in there. I  
4 think that should -- because 6 and 7 had about a 25,000  
5 person in each of them, what we're really trying to do is  
6 just get that balance back as part of that.

7 And that was something -- you know, did the mayor  
8 say they could go a little further east? Yes, a little  
9 further but not necessarily all the way.

10 So I would like to see us to do that. Plus, it  
11 takes in communities of interest in those areas, it aligns  
12 them better. And from a historical perspective -- I know,  
13 I'm an archeologist so I always bring up history, but from a  
14 historical perspective, that works very nicely for CD-6 to  
15 be balanced with CD-7 as well in terms of the communities of  
16 interest that are there.

17 As far as other changes, I don't have any at this  
18 time for CD-6, that was the main point that I wanted to  
19 recommend because I think the other areas -- I think we  
20 still have to look in the northern part a little bit about  
21 the fact that, again, it goes into Pinal County; and at some  
22 point I would like us to take a closer look at what we're  
23 doing in Pinal, maybe when we get these back again.

24 The alignment there of -- the separation of  
25 Coolidge from Casa Grande, Arizona City, Eloy, Sacaton,

1 those areas should all be really closer together. I would  
2 make a recommendation now to include them, but I don't know  
3 how to balance that, I guess, would be my -- my concern.

4 I don't know how to put -- I don't have the  
5 alternative. I don't have a way to say take those out of D5  
6 and put them into D2 and then what else do you do. I guess  
7 that's my concern is I don't have a population balancing  
8 thing of what do we do.

9 But I feel that those communities and this shape of  
10 D5 in that southern part doesn't work. Do you -- I'm going  
11 to just ask you if you have thoughts on how we could improve  
12 upon that southern part of D5?

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can you zoom out, Brian, to see  
14 more of the region?

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

16 Otherwise, I'll leave it like this now and then we  
17 can play around with it when we get the -- the  
18 recommendation back.

19 I -- for that D5 I know that needs -- there needs  
20 to be an adjustment but I don't have a great recommendation  
21 for that.

22 I don't have any mayor changes in D4 at this time.  
23 I think it's actually a good -- it has good connections, D4,  
24 and the way -- the way its shaped in having Tempe -- keeping  
25 north Tempe into CD-1 South Scottsdale and Old Town and

1 keeping south Tempe with west Mesa where they have natural  
2 alignment and also Ahwatukee. The south Tempe is different  
3 from north and that connection that they have to Ahwatukee  
4 and west Mesa and other --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Shereen, can I make a comment?

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- parts of Mesa.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: By drawing Mayor Gallego's D1  
8 you've cut off south Tempe from it.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It will -- it will -- I'd  
10 like to see what it's looking -- that's what I'm saying, I  
11 have no other recommendations at this point on that.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: North, I mean --

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm not making any other  
14 changes. I want to see how Mayor Gallego's changes look. I  
15 would like to see how they align with Councilwoman Pastor's.

16 And you said, you think they can align. I'm real  
17 happy for you to join those together and then do the Tucson  
18 change.

19 At this point I don't have other changes. I think  
20 we're going to need to really take a close look at west --  
21 the West Valley because right now the way it looks, D9 we've  
22 basically split up some of the retirement communities in the  
23 west, and so I think we're going to have to look at that.

24 I'm all for putting all of the retirement  
25 communities in the East Valley together, but I also would

1 like to see us do that in the West Valley where they have  
2 requested that as well.

3 But I don't have recommendations on that. We  
4 probably have to take a look on how -- how all that shapes  
5 together.

6 I think that's -- you know, that's all I want to --  
7 I want to see. I'd like to -- I don't have any other  
8 suggestions as this time.

9 I'm -- I -- I think we need to come back and take a  
10 close look at how competitiveness is going to look with all  
11 of these districts and all of these changes. We're going to  
12 have to see where that ends up, and also take a closer look  
13 once we get these on where some of these communities of  
14 interest end up. I feel like we've been shifting some  
15 communities around and I'm not so sure where we're moving  
16 them is necessarily in their best interest, but the only way  
17 to see that is by looking at the map -- the new maps.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner, I just  
19 want to point out one thing, we will debate and -- and  
20 analyze all -- you know, both maps that will come back, but  
21 we will at some point have to agree on a starting point. So  
22 I just want to make sure that you're understanding that if  
23 we're going to be voting on two maps as a starting point, I  
24 want to be sensitive that you have enough substance in it  
25 that captures the most important starting point levels.

1           And maybe my colleagues will disagree with me and  
2           won't want to start at a starting point, I'm not -- but --  
3           but that's generally how we've been I think moving  
4           effectively in deliberations.

5           COMMISSIONER LERNER:   And --

6           COMMISSIONER MEHL:   Madam Chair, I think we're  
7           making significant enough changes here with a little bit of  
8           uncertainty with both us and my colleagues, that my guess is  
9           we'll see these maps and each one will want to tune up  
10          and -- and then we'll want to pick between the two.   That's  
11          just a guess.

12          COMMISSIONER LERNER:   Well, I'm going to have to  
13          disagree.   I guess I'm -- this was my third or fourth  
14          choices to use, so.   And next time I will know to be very  
15          prepared with the last choice that I have because it seems  
16          like that keeps happening to me -- to us.

17          VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN:   Hm-mm.

18          COMMISSIONER LERNER:   So I -- I will freely admit,  
19          I had been very prepared for two other maps to make  
20          suggestions and not as prepared on this one because I --  
21          honestly, this was -- I think this was fourth out of the  
22          five for me.

23          And so I do understand what you're saying.   In the  
24          time that we had -- which I appreciated getting a break  
25          to -- to take a close look, I'm very appreciative of that,



1 but these were the only changes.

2 I know I would like to make some significant  
3 changes to D2 because I still have concerns about that, and  
4 then to that area -- that area that I mentioned as well.

5 And I would like to see the changes because we have  
6 now modified two of the Latino Coalition districts in this  
7 next map, both the Republican's recommendation for  
8 District 7 and Councilwoman Pastor's for District 3. So  
9 looking at those we'll have that -- and actually as well  
10 as -- yeah, the changes in Tucson as well that were  
11 recommended.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So it sounds like from a  
13 procedural point of view, what might make sense is to be  
14 prepared to have both sides look at what is provided, do  
15 some additional revisions on Monday morning; I will chime in  
16 and let each side know what I'm liking, what I'm not liking  
17 if you choose to incorporate it or not, if nobody  
18 incorporates it, I'll drive my own map; and then after  
19 you're able to tweak the maps again, that is when we will  
20 agree on a new starting point.

21 There needs to get to a point where we come back  
22 again for a new negotiation starting point.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's sounds reasonable.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

25 MR. B. JOHNSON: Real quick, Commissioner Lerner,

1 same question that we had for Commissioner Mehl at the end.  
2 What I heard you say was kind of two different things: One,  
3 is I want to see this but then you also gave some  
4 discretion; and we're not having confusion, can you tell  
5 them exactly what you want, if you want to give them  
6 discretion or want to see it exactly how you framed it?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm actually fine with giving  
8 some of the discretion to the mapping team because I've been  
9 pretty impressed with a lot of the times when the mapping  
10 team takes some of that -- like the fact that I said I  
11 didn't know if Councilwoman Pastor's and Mayor Gallego's how  
12 those aligned, I'm very comfortable with you looking at the  
13 alignment with that and seeing if that will work.

14 In terms -- so -- so I'm actually pretty  
15 comfortable with that; and especially as we look at taking  
16 District 8 around the north part of the Valley area, if you  
17 feel that you need to make a few adjustments, I'm  
18 comfortable with you -- with the mapping team doing it.

19 MR. B. JOHNSON: Population.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: For population purposes.

21 MR. B. JOHNSON: You want to see a standard map  
22 with the correct population?

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I'd like to see it as  
24 close as we can. I'm comfortable with having the mapping  
25 team work kind of through some of that. Because like I

1           said, so far -- and if they can't, that's fine, I don't want  
2           you to make decisions -- I don't want the mapping team to  
3           make decisions they're uncomfortable with.

4                        But there have been times when the mapping team has  
5           done some balancing taking into consideration and it's  
6           actually been --

7                        VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN:   It works.

8                        COMMISSIONER LERNER:   -- I think pretty effective,  
9           so.

10                      But and -- and I like our Chairwoman's idea that  
11           we'll get back and then we may have, you know, iteration 1.2  
12           or something from there on that.   So, thank you.

13                      MR. D. JOHNSON:   If I can clarify one point on  
14           that?

15                      Down -- down in Tucson we'll certainly check the  
16           whole thing, but moving from Alvernon to Campbell is  
17           probably going to be a little bit too many people.   Would  
18           you rather us move it all the way to Campbell and just tell  
19           you how much it's off?   Or should we just move it to the  
20           point where it's balanced somewhere in between there?

21                      COMMISSIONER LERNER:   From Alvernon you're thinking  
22           it's going to be too many people?

23                      MR. D. JOHNSON:   That's my suspicion.

24                      COMMISSIONER LERNER:   Let me just get --

25                      MR. D. JOHNSON:   I could be wrong, but that's my

1 suspicion.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: To move it from Alvernon to  
3 Campbell.

4 If it's not -- if it's not you could go -- and, in  
5 fact, the mayor even said a little bit beyond Campbell is  
6 okay; but I think this is too far.

7 So yeah, if you can't move it all the way to  
8 Campbell back because it's too much population -- if we're  
9 only talking a couple thousand people, I'd say still move it  
10 to Campbell. If you're talking 10,000 people, then I'd say  
11 let's find a different boundary. But if it's -- if it's  
12 very close, I would say keep it at -- I still would use  
13 Campbell.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. We -- we definitely won't  
15 go beyond Campbell. We'll definitely move it and do close  
16 as we can.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: All closed on the CDs are we  
19 all --

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yep.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- on the same page?

22 So we could -- we're about an hour into  
23 deliberations post lunch, you ready to open up LDs? Does  
24 anybody need a quick break or...

25 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Break and then LD.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Break?

2 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Mm-hm.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Ten-minute break and we'll  
4 resume with LDs.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Recess.

7 (Recess taken from 2:19 p.m. to 2:34 p.m.)

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9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Welcome back. We are  
10 returning to Agenda Item VI, draft map decision discussion.

11 We are going to turn to our legislative maps; and  
12 maybe mapping team, would you like to lead us through some  
13 maps?

14 Would that be amenable to my colleagues or would  
15 you like to just dive in on your comments?

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'd be fine with --

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I wouldn't mind a quick review  
18 on the differences between these maps but not a lengthy,  
19 everything review.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Yeah, an overall  
21 summary to refresh our memories of the different decision  
22 points.

23 MR. FLAHAN: So the -- the Cliff Notes version. On  
24 the screen you can see the tree. So we take the adopted  
25 legislative draft map, built 11.0, then from 11.0 we built

1 11.1 and 11.3 came off of that. Also, 11.2 went back to  
2 11.0 and built upon that.

3 So 11.0, all it was doing was adding the  
4 consolidated Gilbert user map which was LD0058 for Districts  
5 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 into the East Valley of Maricopa  
6 County.

7 As it is balanced in population, that all  
8 population assigned, and we're able to fill requests.

9 Map 11.1 uses 11.0 as the base and incorporates the  
10 Navajo Nation LD-6 and 7, which is submissions LDF056 and  
11 LDF057; and also the Latino Coalition's map for LDs in the  
12 Phoenix area of 11, 22, 24, 26; and that user-submitted map  
13 was LD0069.

14 So the quick way to balance is D25 went north to  
15 28, D25 also went east to D27, and D1 went north into D2.  
16 It's balanced, all the population is assigned, and we're  
17 able to fill all the requests.

18 11.2 which was built on the 11.0 base adds in the  
19 Yuma Gold split and also the Navajo Nation's LD-6 and 7 that  
20 we already talked about; and it also adds in the Latino  
21 Coalition's 11, 22, 24, and 26 from their user submission  
22 LD0069.

23 After adding the Yuma Gold split, we had to use  
24 District 16 in the Yuma split instead of District 22 or 25  
25 due to keeping the Latino Coalition's District 22, the

1 Navajo Nation District 7, and the requested Tucson changes.  
2 So we had to keep those three things because we were told to  
3 use those. So in that case, District 16 went west into  
4 Yuma, and D23 took D16's area from Casa Grande in Tucson;  
5 D30 will move east into Wickenburg.

6 That is balanced and all population assigned. The  
7 thing we couldn't fulfill is we could use the Yuma to West  
8 Valley district as seen in Yuma Gold, because it would have  
9 really unbalancing effect on the map. So what LD test map  
10 version 11.3 did, it was based on the changes made in 11.1  
11 and it incorporates the Yuma Gold map, which is LD0057,  
12 along the Yuma city and county boundaries, and connects  
13 north Yuma to the West Valley; and this map also takes  
14 District 30 into Wickenburg.

15 Sorry, Brian, I know you were trying to move the  
16 map really fast around there.

17 As you can see here on this one, it takes  
18 District 25 from the West Valley-Phoenix down into the Yuma  
19 area while incorporating the Yuma Gold map.

20 The populations issues that we would need your  
21 direction to solve if you were to choose this map is  
22 District 23 is a little over 78,000 people short, which is a  
23 deviance of negative 32.75 percent; In District 25 is 90,408  
24 people over, with a deviance of 37.93 percent.

25 It's unbalanced but the population is assigned to

1 the map.

2 So the real district -- difference between 11.3 and  
3 11.2: One, is what district goes out to Yuma; and then if  
4 you were to choose 11.3, it would be where do we actually  
5 grab the -- how would we fix the population imbalance? We  
6 would need more direction on that.

7 Is that -- is that -- any questions on that? I  
8 know that was a quicker readout.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That's good.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes, and the notes are great.  
11 We have -- we all have this in note form, Commissioners.

12 MR. FLAHAN: So Brian on the screen got the  
13 differences here.

14 You can see D16 going out to Yuma on the left side  
15 of the screen, and you can see D16 actually moves north so  
16 it doesn't have anything in the Pima County and then comes  
17 only half into Pinal; and then on the right-hand side, you  
18 can see where D25 comes down into Yuma, and D16 stays --  
19 stays put.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Which one is which, Mark?  
21 Which is on the left?

22 MR. FLAHAN: On left side of the screen is 11.2.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Right side of the screen is 11.3.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.



1           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thoughts on which map you --  
2           you prefer to start either deliberating from or maybe just  
3           share, you know, one or two maps that you're attracted to  
4           and why.

5           COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would start from the 11.3  
6           map.

7           Any of the three -- anything we start with is going  
8           to need a lot of work. We've -- we have our job cut out in  
9           front of us. But I think the combination of some of the  
10          Latino Coalition input with the Yuma Gold input actually at  
11          least gives us a starting point, though difficult, is one  
12          that I would recommend.

13          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And it also incorporates the  
14          districts in the East Valley.

15          COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

16          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So -- so it incorporates a  
17          lot of the request --

18          COMMISSIONER MEHL: A lot of --

19          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- from a lot of -- from many  
20          of us.

21          COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

22          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm very comfortable with  
23          that.

24          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well as you probably expect,  
25          our preference will be 11.2 and -- instead of 11.3.

1 I think it does a nice job in terms of the Latino  
2 Coalition maps; it has the competitive districts that are  
3 also requested by them; a lot of the districts in 11.2 are  
4 designed to protect some of the communities that we've  
5 talked about and incorporates the Navajo Nation maps.

6 All of the maps have unbalanced -- are imbalanced  
7 to some extent, but 11.3 just has some more significant  
8 issues as part of it.

9 So preference would be 11.2 as part of that.

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Mm-hm.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I understand that it would  
12 take a lot more work from your perspective to start at the  
13 11.2.

14 You know I don't think any of them are ideal, but I  
15 would be open to 11.2 and 11.3; and if there was a way for  
16 us to have a consensus, that -- that would feel wonderful.  
17 I don't know how opposed you are to starting with 11.2. All  
18 changes are on the table.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: I thought the way that 11.3  
20 treated the coalition changes in the West Valley better fit  
21 communities of interest in the West Valley. So from our  
22 standpoint, you know, we've got to figure out how to balance  
23 25 and -- is it --

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 23.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- 23 --

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- with that. Because if you  
3 remember, we were horizontal with those districts --

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- and then we flipped them  
6 vertically, so that was a lot of work.

7 So the other thing we kind of all agreed on is that  
8 the Yuma split makes sense, so I don't know if Yuma all the  
9 way over to Coolidge makes sense. That was -- that was one  
10 of the things I was concerned about.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just felt 11.2 does a nicer  
12 job to get us started because it does have the Yuma Gold  
13 split as well.

14 I mean, I think we -- I think we're all agreed we  
15 need to look at some of those same criteria, right? We all  
16 need to look at Yuma Gold; we need to look at Gilbert, we  
17 need to look at the Navajo Nation recommendations; we need to  
18 look at the Latino Coalition's. So I think that this one  
19 just does a nicer job of pulling those things together.

20 Tucson is a divided in a pretty decent way in this  
21 particular version. It pretty fairly, I think, does a nice  
22 job in the West Valley, 11.2, as part of that.

23 So that's why that one seems better to me than the  
24 alternative of 11.3.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So it seems like 11.2 was

1 less able to incorporate Yuma Gold.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It adds in the Yuma Gold  
3 split.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We a made a lot of progress on  
5 the East Valley and the -- and that these will treat  
6 Southern Arizona very differently and it really is what  
7 treats the West Valley best is then our best starting point,  
8 and I think the 11.3 map treats the West Valley better and  
9 therefore that's why I would support this as the -- as the  
10 better starting point.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I feel that 11.2 does  
12 that. And there are also changes that need to happen in the  
13 East Valley, I mean some of the -- the way that's  
14 distributed.

15 But -- but all of them are the same. There's  
16 certain things that are the same in all of these maps  
17 because we started with the same basic piece with all of  
18 them, but my feeling is that 11.2 just gives us a little bit  
19 better starting point, So.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So the four of you can't --  
21 don't want to agree on a starting point? Am -- am I being  
22 asked to choose?

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I just have to say, I  
24 mean, I think we've compromised all morning on the  
25 congressionally, and I'll leave it to my colleagues to

1           decide or to you Chairwoman on that, but I -- I feel a like  
2           that's what happened this morning. We had our top three we  
3           did not receive an option on, so we went to number four out  
4           of five, so.

5                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think sometimes there are  
6           differences because the requests are -- are frequent and  
7           repetitive, so; and when you achieve a result and you go  
8           back and deliberate, sometimes it leads to a lot of noes.

9                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what we're getting.

10                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I can't fully control how  
11          many noes I give out because people negotiate in very  
12          different styles, you know. And -- and it's a little  
13          frustrating because I'd like to just really be honest and  
14          direct and focus on the lines, but I'm having to manage  
15          perceptions, and I don't want gamesmanship; I don't want  
16          people to have to think, you know, count numbers of times.  
17          So it's just, I find it very distracting. And you know  
18          what, I'm going to ask my -- my Republican colleagues, I  
19          believe, you know, everybody can still get to wherever they  
20          need to go but, you know, can we please start with the  
21          preference for my colleagues on the left and -- and do the  
22          work and get to where we need to go based on adjusting each  
23          line?

24                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Madam Chair, if I might, I was  
25          going to point out, the only different between these two

1 maps are in three districts, the 25, 16, and 23; one is  
2 balanced and the other is not. There's a tiny difference in  
3 27, just balancing, but substantively that's the only  
4 difference between those two maps.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Can you say those  
6 districts again to me, please?

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. Brian, can you zoom out?

8 So -- so the maps are -- are essentially identical.

9 Zoom out more so we can see the three districts  
10 that differ.

11 So the only -- the only difference is -- is 23, 16,  
12 and 25. How -- whether Yuma Gold shift is balanced or  
13 whether it's not, so.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: What do you mean by that, Doug?

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Pardon me?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: You said whether it is balanced  
17 or it is not.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: In Yuma you were overpopulated  
20 in 11.3 was in 23 and 25.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Correct.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So in L2 you couldn't do  
24 everything we requested because it wasn't balanced, is that  
25 what you're saying?

1           MR. D. JOHNSON: We got kind of in an odd -- the  
2 way the requests ended up came out a little bit odd, yes,  
3 because these two maps are actually a little bit backwards.  
4 We -- we drew out 11.3 and then 11.2 is a shot at balancing  
5 it. So 23 is way short so it picks up the Tucson part of  
6 16, 16 per -- per the instructions that went into this, we  
7 don't want to mess with the Navajo's D7; we don't want to  
8 mess with Gilbert, Mesa, San Tan, so the only place for 16  
9 we could go was west to Yuma, so.

10           All -- all the other districts are -- are  
11 essentially identical in both maps other than those -- those  
12 three.

13           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, I -- I kind of now that  
14 I'm understanding better that we weren't able to use the  
15 Yuma to West Valley district as we had, you know, were  
16 attracted to in Yuma Gold, I do have a preference for L3.

17           And my only hesitancy is because, you know, I'm  
18 disagreeing with my colleagues on the left.

19           The truth is I almost feel like abstaining and  
20 making you guys just decide. I've done that before.

21           MR. D. JOHNSON: Well -- well, and part of my point  
22 is I don't think it's going to make a big difference in  
23 where you go with where you start because -- because the  
24 maps are so similar except for whether it's balanced or not.

25           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: All right. You know what,

1 given that the maps are so similar and we can get to exactly  
2 where we need to go, I'd like to go with the map that I  
3 like. I like 11.3.

4 Do we need a vote?

5 Or can we all start with this map.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, take a vote.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: A vote.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, a vote.

9 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: A vote.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. We'll entertain a  
11 motion.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I move that we start from map  
13 11.3.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: I second the motion.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Any discuss ion?

17 Vice Chair Watchman.

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: No.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Is an aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an



1 aye.

2 So we will start with 11.3, and I hope my  
3 colleagues embrace this as a -- as a template, and let's  
4 just have the intellectual debate over each line and every  
5 region and not get lost in other stuff.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: The challenge in this map is how  
7 do we move this population from 25 to 23?

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I can --

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And Doug, can --

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- give you a suggestion on  
11 that as an option just looking at the Yuma Gold thing.

12 But what we could do would potentially is -- we are  
13 overpopulated on 25, correct?

14 Right.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes. Yep.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: By 90,000 people.

17 So this -- this district is -- has got the  
18 potential to become a little more competitive. Right now  
19 it's --it's not and it also could -- could probably get into  
20 some of District 28 if District 28 took some of that in the  
21 southwest. Some of the -- I'm never used to this new term  
22 now, exurban versus suburban, I was going to say suburban.

23 But if District 28 moved to the southwest a little  
24 bit, take that part of District 25 as well as the northern  
25 part of the Yuma County district, District 25 could pick up

1 El Mirage, because El Mirage as we heard in testimony,  
2 people did not want El Mirage with the retirement community,  
3 so it could be kept with more Latino areas; it's a younger  
4 population, it's also minority-majority, so potentially  
5 moving some of that into District 25 and moving out some of  
6 that -- parts on the west from District 25.

7 That would be one way to move around some of that  
8 population.

9 Not sure if it moves enough of the population, but  
10 if we get some of that from -- I don't remember where  
11 District 28 was population, I don't have that demographics  
12 up.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: The rest are all relatively  
14 balanced.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: And we do have a lot of options  
17 for getting it out of 25. The bigger -- the biggest  
18 challenge is how do we get it into 23?

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Where does 23 go? That that's  
21 what we're trying to figure out.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And Doug, if you can bring up  
23 the Yuma Gold map and put it side by side to this one.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, the one -- the thing  
25 that we would be doing, it would be worth working our way,

1 in a way like Commissioner York did where we moved one and  
2 then he moved another district, and that's what I'm talking  
3 about here. Is we're moving some of 25 into 28, and then  
4 move -- we're kind of moving things around to 16 as part of  
5 that. 'Cause we need to you said -- yeah, we need to  
6 increase 23, right?

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Correct, by -- by 90,000 or so.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. So the changes that  
9 would happen in 23 would keep the split in Yuma County  
10 because that works really well, and it follows what the  
11 mayor recommended, so we don't want to move that.

12 But what you could do is to balance 23 over in Pima  
13 County. We don't want it going up, which is what this --  
14 oh. Am I looking on the wrong map? Which one did we  
15 approve?

16 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: 11.3.

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: 11.3.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh. I'm looking at the wrong  
19 map. I'm sorry.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Well --

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's why it doesn't make  
22 sense, I was looking at 11.2. I apologize.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, actually you -- you are making  
24 sense because if -- if we do balance 23 by taking in Tucson,  
25 you're going to get the District 23 that's in 11.2.

1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. That's where -- that's  
2 where I'm going. I'm sorry, I was looking at the wrong map.

3                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Can 23 take Gila Bend?

4                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, 23 I thought could  
5 actually be balanced by going into -- into Pima County and  
6 taking places like Drexel Heights, Valencia West, and Tucson  
7 Estates into 23.

8                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Just -- yeah, just so you  
9 understand the scale, if District 23 takes all of the  
10 District 16 piece of Pima County, it's still not enough  
11 people.

12                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's why we wanted the  
13 other one.

14                   So what if you replicated -- what if you took the  
15 District 25 -- wasn't it balanced in 11.2, District 25?

16                   COMMISSIONER YORK: 16 went -- 16 went out to Yuma.

17                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

18                   COMMISSIONER YORK: 23 went across the top.

19                   And that's kind of what we're trying to avoid is  
20 trying to keep the Buckeye rural, agriculture area with the  
21 east Yuma north cattle region there along the Gila River.

22                   Did you get that, Angela?

23                   THE STENOGRAPHER: Yes.

24                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: You need to speak up because  
25 I didn't catch some of that. Would you mind, Doug?

1                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Oh, I just said what we're  
2 trying to accomplish is the agriculture area of Buckeye and  
3 western Maricopa County with the agricultural area and  
4 cattle region up in northern Yuma area together.

5                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: And the reason I suggested  
6 bringing up the Yuma Gold, 'cause I think -- notwithstanding  
7 they don't seem to know how to copy our numbers and they've  
8 got numbers that are all goofed up, the way it comes out  
9 what they call District 22 and 23 and we're showing as 25  
10 and 23, if you look at how they bring that up into Maricopa,  
11 they're both coming up into Maricopa and splitting  
12 population and making that population work.

13                   And if you took how they did that but then keep the  
14 Latino influence on Districts 24 and 26 and plop those in  
15 and sort of create the west side with 22 and 23, or whatever  
16 the right numbers are, 23 and 25, out of the -- coming out  
17 of the way the Yuma map has them, and the 24 and 26 the way  
18 the Latino map has them. If we can look at that, I think we  
19 may have a good starting point to try to do the rest of the  
20 West Valley.

21                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: So -- so I'd like to actually  
22 take a look at the Latino Coalition 3.0 map, the one that  
23 they just did because I think they did some balancing of  
24 that by keeping Yuma Gold; and their version I think for the  
25 West Valley was very similar to that.

1                   So that would be -- I don't -- do you know which  
2 one that is, the Latino Coalition one? The most recent one?

3                   MR. KINGERY: That one, correct?

4                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: 3.0, yes.

5                   MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

6                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: So that had some interesting  
7 things with three of the districts: 26, 25 -- 25, 26, and  
8 28 I think they did some -- some balancing there that  
9 basically kept -- the idea was to not have Yuma necessarily  
10 go into the West Valley --

11                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Brian, can you --

12                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- and so, at least from my  
13 perspective, I don't think that's the best idea.

14                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Brian, can you zoom out so we can  
15 see the view of Yuma.

16                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: But it kept Yuma Gold intact,  
17 so it kept what the mayor had requested.

18                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep. Mm-hm.

19                  Well -- oh. No -- okay. So it doesn't keep  
20 Yuma Gold.

21                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, it doesn't.

22                  MR. D. JOHNSON: If you can see down in Yuma, 23 is  
23 picking up much more of Yuma than Yuma Gold. Which is  
24 certainly an option, but...

25                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: What's the difference, can

1           you show us? Because maybe there's a reason.

2                       And we can probably make adjustments in there to  
3 accommodate the Yuma Gold piece because that population  
4 isn't going to be significant to changes.

5                       CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: They had some minor  
6 differences just where our boundaries were.

7                       Yeah, it wasn't significant but you could pull it  
8 up and contrast.

9                       MR. D. JOHNSON: Can you get -- Brian, can you get  
10 a count of the difference in Yuma?

11                       MR. FLAHAN: Brian might be able to get a rough  
12 estimate off the fly, but that might have to be something we  
13 process real quick.

14                       Brian, can you --

15                       MR. KINGERY: The difference -- the bright green  
16 that's right here is the main difference.

17                       COMMISSIONER LERNER: There's not a whole lot. We  
18 could probably look at the -- can we look at the  
19 demographics of that area and why there would be a  
20 difference between Yuma Gold and Latino Coalition one?

21                       COMMISSIONER YORK: The southern one is the  
22 airport.

23                       COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, so it may not be much  
24 population.

25                       And if we're not at much population, I mean, we

1           might -- we can probably just insert the Yuma Gold into the  
2           Latino one.

3                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think it would be helpful to  
4           have at least an estimate of what that population is. I  
5           think it could be a fairly good number.

6                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

7                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: And, well, we could  
8           potentially -- because of the demographics of that, we could  
9           potentially split the difference in that if it's too much,  
10          but let's...

11                   MR. FLAHAN: The -- the other difference that I see  
12          is the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation.

13                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah.

14                   MR. FLAHAN: In the 11.3 it is part of District 25,  
15          and then in the Latino Coalition you can see that they put  
16          it down I believe in District 23 if Brian zooms in, that's  
17          the little swoop up there to the north.

18                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: We probably should try to  
19          keep --

20                   MR. FLAHAN: Do you see that?

21                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- that reservation whole if  
22          we could.

23                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That seems to make sense.

24                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, that we can make that  
25          change on either one.



1 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, really which district do you  
2 want it to go to?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: 23.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think we want to it go  
5 to --

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: 23.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 23.

8 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: 23.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So we put it there. But...

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Well Madam Chair, while we're  
11 talking about 23, can we go over back to the east side and  
12 look at the Pascua Yaqui tribe?

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah. Does anybody want any  
14 other fine tuning in this area?

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I still under --

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think we need to find  
17 out --

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We're still working on the  
19 population.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah. Yeah. Can we stay  
21 here?

22 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Let's stay with that and then  
23 head over.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Then we'll head over.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Brian and Mark, if you get

1 numbers, it looks like it's about 20,000 people that the  
2 Latino Coalition put into 23.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry, what was that?

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 20,000.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 20,000. Okay.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: 20,000.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I don't know if there's  
8 a way -- I mean in terms of the location, if it's...

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I mean, personally, I would  
10 be interested in seeing, you know, the population they  
11 added, how it affects the Hispanic CVAP in -- in 23. And if  
12 it -- you know, I believe that their --

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: The Latino Coalition map.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Exactly. I believe that  
15 their changes that they are submitting is in part in an  
16 effort to increase performance while ensuring, I'm sure, a  
17 high enough Hispanic CVAP. So we'll need to compare that  
18 after, you know, the districts take -- take form.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I will just say in the Yuma  
20 map, District 23 does have over 54 percent Hispanic  
21 population, so it's a really solid district in the  
22 Yuma Gold. We should check the same thing -- it 's 54.19.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But we're looking at 11.3,  
24 we're using that, not the Yuma Gold map.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, understand --

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right?

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But I was suggesting the way to  
3 fix the issue, 11.3 has the big population problem.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Right.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I was suggesting the way to  
6 fix that is to take these couple districts from the  
7 Yuma Gold and use them in here, which is why I'm citing that  
8 statistic.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And --

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I would say we should look  
11 at the same statistic on the Latino map.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would like to look at that.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what I was just  
15 pulling up to get that to see how they have that.

16 Because I think one of the things, the goals that  
17 the -- you know...

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Brian, which district is 23 there?  
19 Oh. The highlighted one.

20 MR. KINGERY: The one that's highlighted.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So the Latino Coalition  
22 District 23 is 55.6 percent Latino percent of CVAP.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Repeat that, Doug.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: 55.6.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: For the -- for the Latino

1 one?

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: For the -- yes. For Latino 3. --  
3 Latino Coalition 3.0 District 23.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And what did I just say the  
5 Yuma Gold was?

6 I think it was...

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Let's see. Brian can pull it up.  
8 Brian is pulling it up now.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 54.19. So very close.  
10 And both really solid, really good.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, just -- just so you're  
12 aware, what makes the Latino -- I'm sorry, what makes the  
13 Yuma Gold map work out in terms of how it looks and how it  
14 works is, in Phoenix there's no West Valley-Avondale-  
15 Tolleson Latino seat, all four Latino seats are concentrated  
16 much more in -- in Phoenix. So that -- that's how the  
17 pieces then fall into place and work for -- for 22 and 23.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And that's --

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But the issue I think with  
20 the Yuma Gold map that's been -- which is part of why the  
21 Latino Coalition went the direction that they did, which  
22 is -- I mean, we're looking at the two -- can you show us  
23 the same perspective between the Latino Coalition and the  
24 Yuma Gold just so we can kind of see?

25 So District 23 on the Yuma Gold goes -- wait. We

1 don't have those the same yet.

2 MR. FLAHAN: So Yuma Gold is now on the left and  
3 the Latino Coalition's 3.0 is on the right.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, Yuma Gold significantly  
5 would change or remove District 22 which would be a West  
6 Valley and a Latino district by using Yuma Gold the way it  
7 is.

8 So -- so my preference would be to use the Latino  
9 Coalition version of this piece of the map and make some  
10 adjustments in Yuma as we need to, but then keep the rest of  
11 the part of the coalition map.

12 District 23 on the Latino Coalition stops over at  
13 Gila Bend. I think it would -- it would be a more effective  
14 way to do that would just be to make those minor adjustments  
15 in Yuma itself.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's 75,000 people.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's 19,000.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, yeah --

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And it may not be all that  
20 many because we may have of the some of the tribals that  
21 we -- that we may move around; and we may not have to move  
22 to every little -- you know, to every line, there might be  
23 some ways to modify a few places.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: So Brian, you've outlined the  
25 Gila Bend?

1 MR. KINGERY: Correct.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: What's the population -- what's  
3 the population there?

4 MR. KINGERY: Gila Bend is 1,892.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, and let's make sure  
6 that -- they're currently split up in like two or three  
7 districts --

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- so let's make sure  
10 whatever we do, they're together.

11 MR. FLAHAN: Is there a preference of where you put  
12 them?

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Population.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. All right.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just make sure they're in  
16 one.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So show Tucson on both the maps  
18 on what District 23 does, and is it causing what's happening  
19 in the Tucson differences or is it independent of what's  
20 happening on the -- on the other Tucson district  
21 differences?

22 MR. KINGERY: Let me fix some contrast and colors.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And part of my concern about  
24 the Yuma Gold is it heads into the West Valley and has a  
25 ripple effect of everything that it's doing as part of that.

1           And we actually heard from the mayor of Glendale,  
2           we got a letter from him and a councilwoman with concerns  
3           about what the Yuma Gold -- what that impact would be on  
4           their communities. We just got that this morning, I think.

5           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: What if we started with areas  
6           where I think we're probably going to have more agreement?

7           I think LDs 24 and 26 really do need to change.  
8           You know, I remember the Latino Coalition proposed more  
9           north-south districts rather than east-west if I'm  
10          remembering the directions properly.

11          But -- but once we make some of those other  
12          changes, it could help also shape the rest. So I just  
13          before we get deadlocked in another, you know, dead end,  
14          that's just an idea for other solution points.

15          COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think the 11.3 map that we've  
16          agreed to start from --

17          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That already incorporated?

18          COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, already incorporated the  
19          Latino Districts 24, 26.

20          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right, but I don't  
21          know there's -- the Latino Coalition has an updated map. I  
22          don't know if they changed any of that.

23          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Take a look.

24          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And -- and, look, we don't  
25          have to like, you know, the new submission better than the

1 old, but we should at least take a look at the difference.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think they're very similar,  
3 the 24. I'm looking.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 24 and 26 look very much the  
6 same in those two.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, Brian, can you show us  
8 11. -- 11.3 and the Latino Coalition.

9 There we go. And zoom out a little bit.

10 MR. KINGERY: Looking at District 27 -- or, 24?

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: To see all that add 24, 26, and  
12 11.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think those are all...

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: There you go.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. So that's not where  
16 they -- where they made their changes.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'd like to make a suggestion  
18 about, if we could, to adjust -- to modify LD-25 thinking  
19 about the fact that we heard from the mayor of Glendale  
20 saying that they were not happy with what they were seeing  
21 from the Yuma Gold map; and the adjustments -- and then we  
22 can talk about looking at adjustments from there.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: LD-25 -- let's work off of  
24 LD-25 on 11.3. That's what's on the left up here.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, LD-25 on 11.3 goes



1 way -- that's the one goes all the way down to Yuma and  
2 that's what -- that's what -- what I'd like to do have us do  
3 is look at the LD version of LD-25, which actually is a West  
4 Valley district and includes Luke Air Force Base, and it  
5 stops and keeps that as a West Valley district.

6 And what we heard from the mayor and councilwoman  
7 from Glendale, that they did not want Luke Air Force Base  
8 heading all the way down to Yuma, they wanted to have this  
9 as a cohesive district.

10 So maybe we could look at what -- it includes El  
11 Mirage, it includes Luke Air Force Base. It ends over --  
12 well, actually, you can even show the Latino Coalition  
13 boundary.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think that one of the things  
15 in LD-25 was that we wanted the proving ground, the -- the  
16 air base and Luke in the same district, did we not?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No. The Glendale mayor was  
18 not wanting Yuma to be part of this district.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The other --

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: If I may?

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- piece, just going --

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: If I may, just to highlight the  
24 differences. The 11.3 as you're saying takes the Yuma seat  
25 into Glendale; the Latino Coalition brings the Yuma seat

1 into Surprise. So that -- that's the switch.

2 So you can do that in -- in 11.3 just instead of 25  
3 coming out, 28 would come out to -- to Yuma.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Is there a way to include Luke  
5 Air Force Base?

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: They -- they don't want that.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right --

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That was not part of  
9 anybody's recommendation to include those two.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think -- I thought the air  
11 bases needed to be -- I thought the military needed to be  
12 together --

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That was not -- that was not  
14 a request by anybody to put Luke with them. That is a  
15 request in the south, Davis-Monthan and Fort Huachuca, that  
16 is a request that they like to be put together, that is a  
17 request, but not in the west.

18 So -- so I would say Doug Johnson what you're  
19 suggesting would be something we should take a look at,  
20 because I think this fits with what we heard in Glendale.  
21 It also keeps --

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can you give us the Glendale  
23 boundary real quick?

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, see you could cut it  
25 off right on the west side from there.

1 MR. KINGERY: Left is 11.3 and right is coalition.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So the coalition map really  
3 includes a bunch of Glendale --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- and into its own  
6 district --

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: On the right?

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: On the right; and on the left  
9 it goes all the way into Yuma.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: The coalition map includes very  
11 little.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It includes that whole L, the  
13 bottom of the backwards L.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: I get that, but that's in D25.  
15 You're talking about D28 actually.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I'm talking about D25.

17 What I'm saying is that the coalition's version of  
18 D25 works more effectively for Glendale is what I'm saying,  
19 and Glendale wrote a letter preferring to not have their --  
20 that district go all the way to Yuma.

21 So my suggestion is that we take the D25 from the  
22 Latino Coalition map and insert it into this map and then we  
23 look at how -- well, Doug Johnson just said we could make up  
24 that difference with D28.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: 28 is all the way north.

1                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: In which case Surprise then  
2 goes to Yuma. So it's another --

3                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah.

4                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- it's another difficult  
5 choice.

6                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, we've already heard  
7 from the mayor --

8                   COMMISSIONER YORK: You have a panhandle there,  
9 too, that's weird with Sun City West.

10                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can you highlight the  
11 Surprise, please?

12                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, it would take Surprise.

13                  MR. D. JOHNSON: The way -- the way it would end up  
14 working is 25 would -- would squeeze in to that Glendale --  
15 Luke Air Force Base and what in 11.3 is the southwestern  
16 piece of 27, and 27 would push up and pick up from 28 to  
17 kind of -- I don't know if go all the way to New River, but  
18 North Phoenix; and 28 would keep the Surprise piece and pick  
19 up everything kind of west -- west of -- of Glendale.

20                  COMMISSIONER YORK: I would rather see District 2  
21 pushed up north.

22                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: District 2?

23                  Well, we're really -- that's far into Phoenix at  
24 this point.

25                  COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, he's talking about --

1           COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, if we're talking West  
2 Valley, I mean, this is a -- District 28 would actually be a  
3 better fit in that area, it takes in a lot more rural areas  
4 to connect with Yuma if it's going to go all the way up --  
5 up in that area.

6           MR. D. JOHNSON: To -- to Commissioner York's  
7 point, though, yes, 27 could push east into 2 and then 2  
8 could push north if you wanted to include that in your  
9 orientation with getting -- and you'd get the same result  
10 with 25 and 28.

11           COMMISSIONER LERNER: You also have -- yeah, I  
12 don't know.

13           I mean, you've got El Mirage in that area. There's  
14 probably ways to work that, but I think that the coalition  
15 does a pretty good job of kind of connecting those two in  
16 that area. I mean, that's what I would recommend.

17           COMMISSIONER YORK: I have some questions on Latino  
18 Coalition's map.

19           Why does it now go past 19th Avenue up on the top  
20 part, on the District 26? That was part of District 1 at  
21 one point.

22           COMMISSIONER LERNER: Going up to Dunlap? Is that  
23 you mean?

24           COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, the central district was  
25 actually above I-10 -- it was above the I-10, and D1 was

1 up -- Alhambra was 19th Avenue, but what -- and then it's  
2 got some funky jogs in the middle here.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, it creates these two  
4 districts without packing them. So you've got -- that's  
5 where those divisions are I think between 24 and 26.

6 It may also be school districts. Because I know  
7 one of the things the Latino Coalition has said in their  
8 documentation is that they spent a lot of time looking at  
9 school districts, and so they're looking if we -- and I -- I  
10 have not figured out a good way, I've done it, but it  
11 doesn't always show me which school district I'm looking at,  
12 but I've been trying to figure out how to -- I see there's  
13 school districts in the area, but I can't always tell which  
14 one is which.

15 But I -- I know that from their -- their comments,  
16 they have said that that's been part of how they've divided  
17 some of these districts is trying to keep school districts  
18 intact. We talked -- we always talk about Kyrene, but we  
19 know that there's a lot of them in there. So maybe there's  
20 a way to look at some of those and then we can see why  
21 they've divided those up.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Do you have specific school districts  
23 that you want us to look for?

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, let's see.

25 Well, we could go -- if we start in District 25 to

1 go through that just in Glendale. In Glendale there are I  
2 think -- District 25 you have Litchfield, it's got El  
3 Mirage.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Is Glendale Unified.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: There's a few school  
6 districts in that area. The difficulty is --

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: There you go. That's it, yeah.

8 MR. FLAHAN: That's the Agua Fria Union High School  
9 District that's on the yellow that's in District 25.

10 Brian click next to it that you had before. That  
11 is the Tolleson Union High School District.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: And there's one more. One more  
13 east.

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: West.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Nope. Other way.

16 There you go.

17 MR. FLAHAN: And that is the Phoenix Union High  
18 School District.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

20 And can you look at the elementary schools, too,  
21 the elementary school districts, we often hear more about  
22 those than the high schools. Not always, but if we could  
23 look at the elementary school, that would be good.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, I think you got to turn the  
25 elementary school layer on.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: And 24.

2 MR. KINGERY: Yeah, it's coming in as undefined.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. That's -- that's  
4 what Commissioner Lerner was running into, too.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

6 There we go. Is that elementary?

7 MR. KINGERY: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So are -- which -- which map  
9 are you on? Because I can't tell.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: 11.3.

11 MR. KINGERY: 11.3.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 11 -- 11 -- wait. 11 point?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: 3.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The current map we're working  
15 on.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, the current map that  
17 we're working on, okay.

18 So can you -- I was asking you to do that in  
19 response to Commissioner York's comment about the Latino  
20 Coalition.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I was -- that's what I was  
23 thinking is use that map and look at those things to  
24 maybe --

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: I was asking about 24 and 26 on



1           our -- that we adopted from the Latino Coalition and why it  
2           had the jogs, and they showed us it was because of the  
3           elementary school district.

4                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:   Okay.  That's all I was  
5           asking.  I didn't -- I didn't understand.

6                   Okay.  Thank you.

7                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  Can we check to see if  
8           Sunnyslope is divided in the Latino Coalition's version of  
9           LD-26?

10                   COMMISSIONER YORK:  Yeah, and D1.

11                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  And D1, yeah.  I think -- I  
12           think may have -- some of the boundaries may have changed.

13                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:  Is this on the Latino  
14           Coalition?

15                   MR. KINGERY:  Look at 26 first.

16                   MS. SAKANSKY:  Text Doug Johnson.

17                   COMMISSIONER YORK:  Ivy, we can hear you.

18                   MR. KINGERY:  Somebody said District 1 as well?

19                   COMMISSIONER YORK:  Yes.

20                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:  So you're -- are you looking  
21           for Sunnyslope now?  Is that what we're doing?

22                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  Just as we're talking about  
23           LD-26.

24                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:  Okay.

25                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  I just want to take note of

1 Sunnyslope and how it's -- if it's divided or not.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well -- I'm sorry, which map?  
3 11.3?

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: On the Latino --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Showing it on both.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- 3.0.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It doesn't show up, that's  
8 the problem. I've looked for that before, too. I can never  
9 get it on here.

10 19th Avenue -- do you need -- do you need some -- I  
11 can give you boundaries if you want.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: What are you trying to see?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Where Sunnyslope, the  
14 boundaries of Sunnyslope.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. It's -- it's the west side of  
16 the preserve, right?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's the south side.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: South side -- okay.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So it's -- it's 19 --

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's Bethany to --

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just looked it up.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- or something like that.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 19 -- I just looked it up.

24 19th Avenue west -- on the west, Cactus Road on the north,

25 16th Street on the east, and Northern Avenue on the south.

1           MR. D. JOHNSON: So it's -- it's right -- it's the  
2 northeast corner of District 26 that you're looking at  
3 there, right?

4           So there's 19th.

5           COMMISSIONER LERNER: 19.

6           MR. KINGERY: There's Northern.

7           COMMISSIONER YORK: It goes up near the mountains.

8           MR. D. JOHNSON: Zoom out a little bit there,  
9 please, Brian.

10           Yeah, it's got -- you can see 19th there, Northern.  
11 The park that's just there in -- just across the line in the  
12 District 2 in the corner there is Sunnyslope Park on the  
13 other side of the river.

14           COMMISSIONER YORK: It's split in 3.

15           MR. D. JOHNSON: What did you say for the eastern  
16 boundary?

17           COMMISSIONER LERNER: The eastern is 16th street.

18           MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. Interesting.

19           Sunnyslope Park is apparently not in with their  
20 Sunnyslope...

21           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, so they do --

22           COMMISSIONER YORK: The Latino Coalition splits it  
23 up.

24           How did we do it on our map over here? Can we look  
25 at 11.3?

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

2 Yeah, so actually we have the same border. For  
3 District 26 both maps have the same border.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The direction was to put it in  
5 exactly.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think we should put to  
7 Sunnyslope together.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No, I agree.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, it should be.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm just saying the reason  
11 these are identical is when we created 11.3, we said take  
12 the Latino districts.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Only if we messed up would they  
15 not be the same.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right. Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But, yes, we need to adjust  
18 them because they're communities of interest that are being  
19 split up badly.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That -- that doesn't make  
21 sense to me to split up.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I like the general concept of  
24 24 and 26 and having it be go vertical, I think they know  
25 their communities better. I want to be sensitive to not

1 dividing up -- I'm sensitive to, you know, elementary  
2 schools and all of that and also the other communities of  
3 interest that unite people.

4 I also want to just be sensitive to the border  
5 between 24 and 26 where we're evaluating the Hispanic CVAP;  
6 and I don't have the answers to that, I may need to study  
7 this is a little bit more.

8 But other than my concern about Sunnyslope and  
9 maybe that border between 24 and 26, I'm very open to the  
10 other aspects of the Latino Coalition's request in those  
11 districts.

12 Those two districts I'm speaking about right now.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I think that would just be  
14 a small adjustment that would have to be made, right? To  
15 have to do that.

16 That would be fine with me.

17 MR. FLAHAN: I have a question on the boundaries  
18 that you just gave us for Sunnyslope. You said 19th Avenue  
19 to the west, Cactus to the north, 16th Street to the east,  
20 and Northern Avenue to the south, correct?

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what I found when I  
22 looked up Sunnyslope to make sure I got the boundaries,  
23 yeah.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Borders don't work.

25 MR. FLAHAN: The reason that I ask is that Cactus

1           when I'm looking at the map stops -- dead ends into a  
2           mountain --

3           COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

4           MR. FLAHAN: -- and it doesn't go into 16th Street.

5           MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

6           COMMISSIONER YORK: But if you draw --

7           MR. FLAHAN: Because North Phoenix Preserve in the  
8           middle.

9           COMMISSIONER YORK: If you draw Cactus across --

10          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

11          MR. FLAHAN: So you're saying just -- go ahead.

12          COMMISSIONER LERNER: So it -- the boundaries,  
13          there I've -- I've -- there's another, I'm just literally  
14          looking them up and seeing them. It says the boundaries are  
15          Northern Avenue on the south that we've said --

16          MR. FLAHAN: Yep.

17          COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- to North Mountain Range or  
18          Cactus, so that's -- that's why Cactus was used on the  
19          north --

20          COMMISSIONER YORK: So is this a -- is this --

21          COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- 19th Avenue on the, west  
22          and mountains on the east or 16th Street. So that's why I  
23          was using street. But basically the mountains are part of  
24          that boundary.

25          MR. FLAHAN: So would you go on the north side of

1 the mountains or would you go on the south side of the  
2 mountains?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, but what are you going to  
4 do?

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- so scroll up a little bit.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would go on the south side  
7 of the mountains because the mountains are a natural  
8 barrier.

9 MR. FLAHAN: That's -- I think that's exactly what  
10 York said is what the direction we're trying to find, figure  
11 out where we're going.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. So Brian --

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well --

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sorry. Scroll north so we can see  
15 Peoria Avenue and the houses that are on the north side of  
16 Peoria Avenue.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Life is very different north of  
18 the mountains.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so -- so you go from  
20 Northern -- between 16th and 19th you take Northern straight  
21 up until you hit that mountain.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Well, you got Cactus there, too.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: No, Cactus doesn't come east of  
24 19th, it dead ends at 19th.

25 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

1                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Between 16 and 19th we'd be coming  
2 up to -- up to Peoria plus crossing Peoria and getting those  
3 houses on the south side of the hill.

4                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. We did this once; it  
5 was 51,000 people.

6                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

7                   COMMISSIONER YORK: And I would argue they go in D1  
8 and D26, but that's me.

9                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just looking at the border of  
10 D22 and D26 right now, right? That's the --

11                   COMMISSIONER YORK: D2- --

12                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: The Sunnyslope -- I'm sorry.  
13 I'm sorry. We're going to D2 and -- right.

14                   Just the northeast corner of D26 is what we're  
15 talking about.

16                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

17                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

18                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: And we can look at -- what is  
19 the school district, Sunnyslope, doesn't it have a school  
20 district? Do you want to look at the boundaries there, the  
21 elementary?

22                   MR. FLAHAN: Brian, are you looking at elementary  
23 school districts right now?

24                   MR. KINGERY: I am.

25                   MR. D. JOHNSON: So that's -- that's going to be --



1 I've got another map. That's Washington Elementary.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Which is huge.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right, it's big, you can't  
5 get it all in.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, you might -- you might have to  
7 reload because the elementary school layer is working on my  
8 side. Just FYI.

9 MR. KINGERY: One second.

10 MR. FLAHAN: And Doug is correct, it is the  
11 Washington Elementary School District.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: So is the Commission's thought to  
13 put Sunnyslope into 26 or take the southern piece of  
14 Sunnyslope out of 26?

15 MR. KINGERY: There we go.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think -- I think what you  
17 want to do is bring the southern boundary of 2 down from  
18 Dunlap to Northern.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I would argue --

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And that would --

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- that it needs to go north.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And that would go -- and that  
23 would -- I think that's the better piece because it's only  
24 that small piece. I think you want to go south. It's  
25 moving the southern boundary down from 2 into that part that

1 goes along the freeway down to Northern and take those two  
2 census blocs from 26 into 2.

3 You want to head it south, not north. Because  
4 otherwise you're moving all -- everything up. You just want  
5 to take that one section from Dunlap to Northern.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: See, I would argue that -- that  
7 1 and 26 need to go north.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I -- I don't -- I don't  
9 agree.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I understand.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: But one of the things I got  
13 some articles from Arizona Central that I've found, you  
14 know, Sunnyslope, there's open enrollment, in school  
15 district from Sunnyslope gets most of its kids from  
16 Glendale, Washington, and the Central High School District;  
17 parents sit in line 36 hours to get enrolled there.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Huge out of -- out of area that  
20 go -- the kids come from south to go north if they're not  
21 going to Brophy or Xavier or Central High or St. Mary's.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: They move -- there are people  
23 moving all around that area in terms of the schools.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: I understand. My opinion is  
25 that.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: All I'm saying is that --

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Make it known.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think that it's a lot  
4 simpler and a cleaner fix because we're really just talking  
5 about not a huge area.

6 Sunnyslope is part of the North Mountain Village  
7 which goes west and north, and that's what you -- what you  
8 want to keep them connected to that; and people are  
9 traveling within that area. We heard even testimony from  
10 people saying don't move us, that this is our community.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: But we also heard testimony to  
12 move it north.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We -- I don't think so.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: If you look at the finger in D4  
15 that comes over the top of D2, that's where they could pick  
16 up the population.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We don't want -- we need --  
18 we can take care of this real simply with this one corner of  
19 D26 rather than moving an entire district and then having to  
20 shift another entire district, 'cause that's really what  
21 you're suggesting is taking -- if we move it north, we're  
22 moving an entire district when we're really just talking  
23 about one corner of D26 to connect it all the way in.

24 The village planning communities are in these  
25 areas. The ones that -- Phoenix has those village planning

1 communities, they really are connected in these areas. And  
2 if you're going to move everything up, you're going to shift  
3 a whole bunch of --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: I understand. It makes the map  
5 look funky.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I --

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I have two points that I'd  
8 like to add if the map is up.

9 I have an additional comment on LD-24 and I don't  
10 know if that's going to influence D2.

11 But there's just -- I'm not -- I'm sure of the  
12 rationale in the Latino Coalition. It seems to pick up  
13 non-Hispanic neighborhoods north of Northern Avenue instead  
14 of the southeast corner of Glendale.

15 So if you look at Glendale on LD-24, those  
16 communities of interest don't make as much sense to me.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: You want to see the boundary  
18 on Glendale? Is that what you're suggesting?

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just so I'm clear.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: See how that little piece is  
22 left out? I believe that's a reasonably dense Latino area  
23 prob- -- and I think it may actually be even more similar in  
24 community and -- than that northern tip, which I don't  
25 believe are Hispanic neighborhoods.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would agree.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry, Chairwoman, which  
3 area are you...

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It's on the map up front.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I know. I have it on map as  
6 well because I can see easier.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I'm just looking to say,  
9 where are you talking about? In District 24?

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: In District 24 if you overlay  
11 Glendale --

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Glendale.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- you'll see in the middle  
14 on the right side of 24, there's this rectangular block of  
15 Glendale that's left out.

16 And then the other area that I'm saying -- I'm  
17 saying that seems to make sense to go in with 24 and north  
18 of --

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I see what you're saying.  
20 From 29th.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- Northern seems to go with  
22 a different district.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So, yeah, you're talking  
24 about from 26 that piece?

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's --

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Adding from 26 into 24 and  
3 relinquishing this -- the part above Northern.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Into 2.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think it also makes it more  
6 compact and contiguous and I don't believe will hurt  
7 performance and Latino HVAP -- CVAP, et cetera.

8 MS. SAKANSKY: Councilwoman (verbatim), if I may,  
9 perhaps you want -- you may want to look at the canal that  
10 is in between Northern and Dunlap as the southern border to  
11 Sunnyslope.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Are you saying you want to  
13 show us that on the map, is that what you're asking, Ivy?

14 MS. SAKANSKY: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Please do.

16 MR. KINGERY: Where do you want me to go, Ivy?

17 MS. SAKANSKY: There's a canal along Central Avenue  
18 in between Dunlap to the -- to the north and Sunny- -- and  
19 northern to the south.

20 MR. KINGERY: Can you orientate me? Am I looking  
21 at the northeast portion of 26?

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Exactly, yeah.

23 MR. FLAHAN: Keep zooming in, Brian. Keep zooming  
24 in.

25 MR. KINGERY: Okay.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: So you're talking about the river  
2 just -- just north of the Dunlap by the creek -- the canal?

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's the canal.

4 MS. SAKANSKY: The canal, yes.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. And unfortunately, that's  
6 right through the middle of Sunnyslope.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We're really just talking  
8 about this one block right here in this corner, to modify  
9 that to get Sunnyslope together. It's just a small -- I  
10 mean, I know there's a lot of population in there, but  
11 I'm -- I'm just saying, instead of moving an entire  
12 district, we just are talking about one block to bring  
13 Sunnyslope together.

14 19th Avenue over to 7th and Northern up to Dunlap.  
15 And that would connect it to -- in District 1.

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Madam Chair?

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's 3:45 p.m. and I'm  
19 curious what you would like us to try to accomplish. What  
20 would you be your guidance that you would like to see us do  
21 between now and the end of the day?

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I would like to give Mapping  
23 direction about, you know, where to go; and I guess it's up  
24 to my colleagues whether or not we're going to have one map  
25 to make these changes and come back or if there's going to

1 be a point, you know, in the next hour that, you know, the  
2 sides may want to deviate. I -- I've been sharing all along  
3 the parts that are most important to me, so I'm open minded.  
4 I would love to see, you know, my priorities included as  
5 well for consideration.

6 What would you like?

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm not even sure I would say I  
8 like this, but I think the reality is we'll disagree on  
9 every little piece, and it -- it may well be better as we  
10 did on the congressional to have each of us draw the next  
11 map that we would like to see on Monday and that may be a  
12 better way to make progress.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm very comfortable with  
14 that. I just want to be honest about, you know, the things  
15 that I'm going to look for in a map that, you know, will  
16 be -- make it more likely that I'm going to be excited about  
17 it.

18 I -- I want to try to honor as many of the Latino  
19 Coalition recommendations for their seven majority-minority  
20 districts as possible. Not point blank, meaning that, you  
21 know, of course negotiations and -- and adjustments based on  
22 keeping communities of interest together with an eye on  
23 performance and -- and maintaining appropriate levels of  
24 Hispanic CVAP, and I think everybody understands keeping in  
25 check not overpopulating those areas.



1           In terms of Sunnyslope, you know, I am not -- I've  
2           not yet made a decision in terms of where I think Sunnyslope  
3           needs to go legislatively. The -- the most compelling  
4           narrative to me so far has to do, again, with that analogy  
5           of transportation and just level of -- of needs; that  
6           Sunnyslope tends to fit a little bit more with more urban  
7           areas, that may need a little more assistance.

8           So but I'm -- I'm open. And I'm going to  
9           anticipate that -- that the sides are going to go in very  
10          different directions and I'm open to seeing it because  
11          there's a lot of reasons, you know, to keep Sunnyslope as  
12          well with -- with, you know, the northern district and  
13          there's compelling cases on each side.

14          But that's -- that's what I want to say for now and  
15          then I'd like to turn it over to my colleagues to see how  
16          you would like to build it out.

17          COMMISSIONER MEHL: We went first last time so,  
18          Commissioner Lerner, do you want to go first this time?

19          COMMISSIONER LERNER: I need a moment to get my  
20          thoughts together. I'm happy to do that, but I'd like to  
21          take a moment to kind of pull myself together before we do  
22          that.

23          COMMISSIONER YORK: Question --

24          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Five minutes.

25          COMMISSIONER YORK: I have one question of the

1 Chairwoman.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: My sense is that you're  
4 reasonably comfortable with the East Valley where it's at?

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: For now. I've not -- you  
6 know, I encourage my colleagues, you know, I was drawn to  
7 those direction corrections in the East Valley; I have not  
8 studied each and every line to the utter final detail. I'm  
9 not sure, I want to go back and look to see can we make them  
10 more competitive without compromising communities of  
11 interest, we may well be able to.

12 I want to go back and study the Asian community  
13 locations. So -- so I'm pleased up 'til now but certainly  
14 not as a final map, no. There's some areas that I have  
15 concerns about that I want to do some due diligence over.  
16 But for now I like it as a template.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can I ask one more question?

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Commissioner Watchman, remind  
20 us of the request of the Navajo regarding Flagstaff in D5  
21 and D7?

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

23 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: The Navajo Nation and what  
24 they're suggesting is excluding as much as possible  
25 Flagstaff. And I think it's reflected in version 11.3 here,

1           it accommodates the map that they submitted.

2                   COMMISSIONER YORK: All right.

3                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: And so --

4                   MR. FLAHAN: Brian, can you --

5                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right. And you know what,  
6 given that, in the spirit of openness as well, I would be  
7 very interested in seeing two visions of -- of LD-6.

8                   I am very concerned about honoring the  
9 Native American, you know, opportunity to elect a candidate  
10 of their choice. I want to do a little more learning about  
11 some statistics and -- and performance issues, and I -- I  
12 think we need to -- and I'm very comfortable with the  
13 Native American tribe having, you know, the opportunity to  
14 enjoy some population deviance, you know, to empower them,  
15 and I'm going to look at that with a lot of scrutiny.

16                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Correct. And -- and it's  
17 seven tribes, not just Navajo. So, yeah.

18                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right, right. I'm sorry. If  
19 I said Navajo, I mean all Native American tribes, I'm not  
20 excluding anybody.

21                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Which -- which --

22                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

23                   VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- if you look at any parts  
24 of the country, Arizona has a fair amount of tribes with  
25 significant populations and so it does matter.

1           So I also want to point out that this is new, but  
2           the Pascua Yaqui down in 23 there, they're now signaling  
3           that their reservation boundary which is south of Valencia  
4           on the east side, they're -- they're suggesting that maybe  
5           they're better suited to -- to move into LD-20. And I have  
6           to, you know, study that, but I just want to put that on the  
7           table that there's communication from that tribe to -- to be  
8           included in -- in 20.

9           Which -- which, you know, their reservation borders  
10          the city -- the city limits of Tucson. So I know that we  
11          heard both sides, some Pascua Yaqui members said we're more  
12          aligned with Tohono O'odham and, but the leadership has  
13          signaled that at this point being included in 20 versus 23  
14          might be better -- a better fit for them, so.

15          And then the reservation is as you look at -- as  
16          you look at where their casino is, they have land south of  
17          their casino and a little bit due east of their casino. I'm  
18          sure David knows exactly where they are, I've only been  
19          there a few times, so.

20          But I just want to put that in obviously -- put  
21          that on our planning, too, so.

22          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Which side wants to go?

23          VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: In terms of next steps --

24          COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, Shereen --

25          VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: -- I agree with

1 Commissioner Lerner that we need a few more minutes to  
2 gather our thoughts because --

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: You want us to go ahead then  
4 while you're gathering your thoughts?

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

6 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: This way -- I won't even pay  
8 attention; this way I can --

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do you feel like you need a  
10 break?

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I just want to make  
12 sure, because again --

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I want to sensitive to time,  
14 we're coming up on 4 o'clock.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So if we want direction we  
17 have a drop deadline of 5 o'clock, Correct?

18 MR. B. JOHNSON: No.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh. Not anymore?

20 MR. B. JOHNSON: No, we moved rooms.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh. We can do it 'til  
22 midnight, guys.

23 MS. NEUMANN: 5 o'clock.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I thought the public notice was  
25 the issue.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Wasn't it 5 o'clock?

2 MS. NEUMANN: YouTube.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: YouTube.

4 MS. NEUMANN: We have 'til 5:00.

5 MR. B. JOHNSON: We have -- we have the secondary  
6 one.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: End at 5:00.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No, but what's on the agenda?

9 MR. B. JOHNSON: According to YouTube we're going  
10 to have to stop at 5:00.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I -- yeah, have to learn to  
13 redo my mindset as how we prepare for these meetings.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And frankly we may be in a  
15 similar situation.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So why don't you go ahead.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Where we don't have as complete  
18 a thought here as -- as we did on the congressional, but I  
19 think we can advance the ball somewhat by giving a few  
20 thoughts and having that drawn for us to look at; and it  
21 will not be at all a complete map, but -- but I think it  
22 will still be hopefully give us some progress.

23 And Commissioner Lerner, you may be in a similar  
24 state where you want to just give a few thoughts but not try  
25 to cover the whole map.

1                   So -- so we will take a leap into this.

2                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Go ahead and if I look like  
3 I'm not listening with full attention --

4                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, you don't have to.

5                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- it's not be rude.

6                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: You'll get to see the map.

7                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Exactly, I'm going to work on  
8 my -- my suggestions.

9                   MR. KINGERY: Do you want me to make a 11.3 full  
10 screen.

11                  VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yes, go ahead.

12                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay. So we would like to take  
13 the 11.3 map but take the districts from the Yuma Gold map  
14 for what's shown on the -- our 11.3 map that really covers  
15 the District 25, 23, 22, and use the Yuma Gold map as a  
16 replacement for how you get from Yuma up into Maricopa  
17 County.

18                  And we would like to keep the District 24 and 26,  
19 which we'll eventually have some tweaks to but not anything  
20 major right now.

21                  In Southern Arizona we would like to take Vail and  
22 everything south of I-10 near Vail out of District 17 and  
23 into 19.

24                  MR. FLAHAN: Hold on one second while we write this  
25 down.

1                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG:  As -- can I suggest that as  
2                   you're making the suggestions you either now or when you're  
3                   done to get the rationale for it, so we create a record for  
4                   why these ideas are being suggested if you don't mind.

5                   COMMISSIONER MEHL:  On this one it's partly -- I  
6                   think Vail has a legitimate community of interest either  
7                   with Cochise County or with the Tanque Verde Valley; and  
8                   we're having population issues on this side, so I think it's  
9                   important to hit population targets, and I didn't see  
10                  another good way.

11                  And, again, I think -- I think Vail fits either  
12                  way, so if someone has a better alternative to beef up 19,  
13                  but I think 19 needs the population.

14                  And District 18 we have had requests that it come  
15                  down into the city of Tucson more.  So District 18 from its  
16                  current western boundary to roughly Camino Seco south of the  
17                  river, drop it on down to 22nd -- I mean to Broadway, right  
18                  now it's north of Broadway, so it's cutting off -- there's a  
19                  lot of people in that U of A area again, and -- and to the  
20                  east of the U of A that would like to be in the northern  
21                  district and not the southern district.

22                  And --

23                  MR. D. JOHNSON:  Commissioner, just to make sure  
24                  we're following this, so you're talking about the District  
25                  18-District 21 border where -- where it --



1                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: District 18, yeah, comes out,  
2 comes right -- yeah, pick up all of that for District 18.

3                   MR. FLAHAN: So that little notch there?

4                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

5                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

6                   MR. FLAHAN: 'Cause I don't see -- where is Camino  
7 Seco that you just mentioned?

8                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. It's far -- it's over to the  
9 east.

10                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: It really doesn't -- actually  
11 it doesn't really matter. So just pick -- for 18 coming  
12 down -- for 28 coming down -- or 18 coming down it doesn't  
13 matter.

14                  MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

15                  MR. D. JOHNSON: Just come down to Broadway?

16                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

17                  MR. D. JOHNSON: From Speedway?

18                  MR. FLAHAN: Cut it over, okay.

19                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: For District 17 add in  
20 Picture Rocks on the west side of Marana into District 17.

21                  MR. FLAHAN: Brian, can you draw Picture Rock for a  
22 second, Brian?

23                  MR. KINGERY: Sorry, what?

24                  MR. FLAHAN: Can you go to Picture Rock?

25                  MR. D. JOHNSON: It's right next to the plus or

1 minus, yeah.

2 MR. FLAHAN: It should -- yeah, there you go,  
3 Brian.

4 Okay. I just wanted to make sure the border was  
5 there or if we need to get some other population to get  
6 there. All right we're going.

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: All right, so Commissioner Mehl,  
8 this brings up a question. Putting Picture Rocks into 16 --  
9 into 17, we'll have the really narrow connection between the  
10 rest of 16 and the Tucson portion of 16; is that okay?

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: How -- does 23 need population?  
12 Does 20 need population? 20 probably has too much  
13 population right now, doesn't it?

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sorry, 23 is, yes.

15 MR. KINGERY: 23 is going to be a thousand under.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: What is?

17 MR. D. JOHNSON: 23 -- 23 could take all of that  
18 and still be under.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Then -- then I would do that,  
20 although we're changing 23 quite a bit by when we use the  
21 Yuma map 23. I don't know if it still needs it or not.

22 MR. FLAHAN: That's a good question. Yeah, that's  
23 a good question, I wouldn't know off of the top of our  
24 heads.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And -- and how is the

1 population between 17 and 18 right now? Is 17 under -- is  
2 under, correct?

3 MR. KINGERY: Correct. 7,900.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And Picture Rocks and Vail is  
5 probably a pretty even swap.

6 So 17 is going to need to go a little to the west  
7 on it -- on its eastern boundary, 'cause I think 18 has too  
8 much population, 17 not enough. So that western -- or the  
9 eastern boundary in the Tanque Verde Valley of 17 --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Western.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I mean, the western boundary of  
12 17 could move a half mile or a mile to the west, whatever it  
13 takes to balance population.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Brian, can you zoom into that  
15 boundary?

16 So you're saying move 17 boundary westward to make  
17 up population. Is there any stopping road that you would  
18 like or is it -- do we have freedom to get to the correct  
19 population?

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: You have -- you have a freedom  
21 there to balance the population from 17 or 18, but it's --  
22 it's like a half mile or mile, it's not -- if it turns out  
23 to be bigger than that, I would like to know about it.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And then on the northern part

1 of 17 from Red Rock across, I would just do the district  
2 straight across, there's almost nobody there, but that's  
3 actually a growth area in the future; and I would take it  
4 north of Park Link Drive -- again, there's nobody out there,  
5 but it will be -- there will be some day.

6 So -- so go up a little north, just it's a little  
7 north, not a lot, from Red Rock; pick up Park Link Drive and  
8 over to -- to connect into the other piece -- yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl, are these  
10 all unincorporated areas?

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

13 MR. FLAHAN: So D17 north to Park Link over to  
14 State Route 79 that's coming down back into 17?

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

16 MR. FLAHAN: That triangle.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And then take that little jog.  
18 That little jog right there, put it into 17, yeah.

19 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So you're looking to unite  
21 unincorporated areas and keep them together.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It really -- it really unites  
23 and expands for future growth the suburban rings around  
24 Tucson.

25 And -- and I know that there's been criticism of

1           this, but it -- it's a really strong community of interest  
2           between the Tanque Verde Valley, the east side of Tucson,  
3           and these northern areas. They have water issues with the  
4           city of Tucson, they have regional transportation issues  
5           where all of our roads in Pima County are done through  
6           Regional Transportation Authority, and they have very  
7           different views in the areas that we're creating with this  
8           district than what the -- the city does, and the legislature  
9           does end up playing a role in -- in the authorization of the  
10          regional transportation and in some of the water issues.

11                 So I think these are really solid communities of  
12          interest and I am -- I'm proud to present this district and  
13          think that it's a really, really solid district.

14                 And then let's jump up on the LD maps back up into  
15          Maricopa.

16                 And with that we'll -- this is an incomplete map,  
17          an incomplete request, but it will give us something to be  
18          looking at and working from.

19                         CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You don't want to move north  
20          up to Verde Valley and Prescott ?

21                         I mean, it's up to you if you --

22                         COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, I think for today --

23                         CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You're done for today.

24                         COMMISSIONER MEHL: We're going to run out of  
25          energy today --

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- and we'll leave that for  
3 another day.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

5 MR. FLAHAN: Just for clarity, I have some  
6 questions for ya.

7 In the beginning when we were talking about  
8 legislative districts, we talked about Gila Bend staying in  
9 one whole district. Would you want us to incorporate this  
10 now or do you want us to wait?

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

12 MR. FLAHAN: And the second --

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Incorporate Gila Bend in one  
14 district and make sure that the Wickenburg is not split  
15 either.

16 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Do you care what district or is  
17 it just for population balancing for Gila Bend?

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Population balancing.

19 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Because I don't -- because I'm  
21 not sure what happens when you pull that Yuma Gold map in.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. And Wickenburg goes into 5?

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Whichever way for population.  
24 I think they're happy with either of those districts and  
25 they don't want to be split --

1 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- is what I had heard, so I  
3 think either way works.

4 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: If I can follow up on that real  
6 quick, Mark.

7 So Wickenburg is down there, is not concluded right  
8 now, is in Yavapai County, so we'd bring a tiny piece of  
9 Yavapai into 30 to unite that, would that be okay?

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That would be fine. That would  
11 be fine.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

13 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. And then second question that I  
14 had that you guys are talking about is down in Yuma area,  
15 the separation of the Fort Yuma tribal nation?

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes, put it back in with 23.

17 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you.

19 MR. FLAHAN: Those are all my questions.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Brett, you had a question?

21 MR. B. JOHNSON: Just real quick for clarification  
22 purposes, you gave them discretion on this one for equal --  
23 for population control, I just want to make sure there's no  
24 misunderstanding when they're drafting.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So the -- the only discretion I

1 intended to give you on balancing population was between 17  
2 and 18 on that one boundary; and if it's more than a half  
3 mile, don't do it let us see what it is, what the imbalance  
4 is.

5 In the -- in the Maricopa areas don't try to  
6 population balance, just let us see what happens when we  
7 plop these in and -- and let us take a look at it; and I  
8 realize it won't be balanced.

9 It will make it a lot easier for you and we'll at  
10 least get to see it and start getting feedback.

11 MR. FLAHAN: Except for Gila Bend and Wickenburg we  
12 can put -- we can unite them and put them in one district  
13 for population balance?

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, in whichever. Yeah, I  
15 don't care which way either of them go, so.

16 MR. FLAHAN: Just making sure I clarify.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, and the tribe, Yuma, and  
19 then --

20 MR. FLAHAN: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- and Tucson you want to put  
22 that in -- what's the tribe in Tucson, Commissioner  
23 Watchman?

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Pascua Yaqui.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Pascua Yaqui, can you put that



1 in District 20?

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The trouble is 20 is already --  
3 the Pascua Yaqui is a decent size tribe, isn't it?

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: They're split into many  
5 parts.

6 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: They're split, but the -- the  
7 reservation portion around the casino area.

8 So you have the casino, then you have pockets below  
9 the casino a little bit to the east. Their -- their  
10 chairperson has indicated that they -- they would like to  
11 be.

12 And I don't know what the population is, maybe  
13 someone could pull it up. It could be -- I guess a couple  
14 hundred.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay. So Pascua Yaqui, and  
16 I'll let Commissioner Watchman describe where they are, put  
17 them into District 20 instead of --

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: 23.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- instead of 23.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Actually, I think the tribe -- I  
21 think the reservation land is about 3,500 people.

22 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay. I'm off. They said it  
23 was small, but...

24 Just -- just the primary, the main reservation, if  
25 you will. Yeah, there you go. That's what you have

1 highlighted.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So move that into 20.

3 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: 20.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: And that's 30- -- 3,759 people.

5 MR. FLAHAN: And then to connect it we'll need to  
6 grab another piece there into 20.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And how many people are there?

8 MR. FLAHAN: The piece that Brian has highlighted  
9 is another 2,500.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: What about the other way?

11 MR. FLAHAN: If that's the piece you wanted to  
12 connect.

13 The tribes is 3,759. So, all in all --

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, you know, for the  
15 moment -- for the moment let's not do this, but I will  
16 respect their interest as we look at it later.

17 So let's just leave that for an adjustment later.  
18 Let's see where we are in all the populations here.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: All right. Let me give this  
20 a shot.

21 End of the day on top of everything else. I got to  
22 be more prepared.

23 I want to start with the south.

24 Oh. Are you guys ready? I'll wait for you guys to  
25 be ready.

1 MR. FLAHAN: Ready.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So in the south part  
3 I'm actually going to again kind of try to do some work with  
4 a little bit of what the mayor said. I am going to change  
5 LD-17; I don't think anybody is surprised that I have a  
6 recommendation -- a different recommendation than my  
7 colleague.

8 What -- I believe that a stronger community of  
9 interest which I feel listening to the people in that area  
10 is going to be a more northern district that includes Casas  
11 Adobes, Catalina Foothills, Marana, Oro Valley, we heard  
12 already from the Amphitheater School District and the Marana  
13 School District wanting to be kept intact. So I think  
14 that school -- that -- that map as it was, I know you heard  
15 this a lot in testimony, 9.0, something similar to that.  
16 I'm not tied to that exact iteration, but I think that  
17 district could be literally a 50/50 district, incredibly  
18 competitive, maybe even leaning slightly Republican, but  
19 stay in that north area using the boundary of the mountains.

20 So that's District 17.

21 It would also I think take Tucson National  
22 Estates -- I'm looking at mayor's map, Mayor Romero's letter  
23 from December 5th that we received.

24 I would recommend then taking District 18 and  
25 moving the boundary south to 22nd Street and east as needed.

1 Most of the city neighborhoods south of 22nd Street are  
2 majority Latino and by making 22nd the boundary between  
3 District 18 and District 21, would allow that for  
4 District 21 to be a Voting Rights -- a VRA compliant  
5 district. So that's the reasoning for that.

6 For District 21.

7 Make sure that -- and I think in version 3.0 it's  
8 not yet -- include all of Santa Cruz in District 21,  
9 Santa Cruz County.

10 To offset this, you could move Vail into  
11 District 19, which you're going to have to make adjustments  
12 anyway since we're removing Vail and Tanque Verde from  
13 District 17.

14 So that would -- those are some of the changes  
15 right there. Again, sort of recommended -- following a  
16 little bit of the recommendations from the mayor.

17 Yes?

18 MR. FLAHAN: Did you say then Tanque Verde would  
19 fall into District 19, is that what -- what you just said?

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It could go into  
21 District 18 --

22 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- from District 17.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner, can I  
25 ask a question?

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: On the southern border of  
3 LD-21, are you not incorporating the Latino district's  
4 desire for it to move into Bisbee?

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would like to do that. I  
6 was focused more on the mayor's request, but certainly maybe  
7 we can -- why don't we try that and see what happens. But  
8 I'm not -- I'm not committed as having to do that.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So -- so maybe --

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I just wanted to say, I mean,  
12 I understand that it affects compactness and contiguity, but  
13 there were some good arguments and I just wanted to be clear  
14 that I'm -- I haven't made a decision but I'm open to it,  
15 and if it's something -- you had been advocating for the  
16 Latino Coalition maps, so I just want to signal that that's  
17 a change I'm open to considering.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I appreciate that very  
19 much, Chair.

20 So that goes in terms of one my of thoughts with  
21 how to make this go a little faster with the changes. So I  
22 would recommend that we take a look at the Latino Coalition  
23 3.0 map.

24 And so what the Chairwoman was referring to was  
25 what would happen with LD-21, and I would ask that that

1 change be incorporated. Let me put up 3.0.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It does make the district  
3 funny looking.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's that snake. We have  
5 panhandles and snakes.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Exactly.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We are also going to -- so --  
8 so if you could -- and actually in many ways, having the  
9 Latino Coalition be incorporated in some of these -- I'm  
10 going to be asking for that in a number of places.

11 So the other piece would be to do what  
12 Commissioner -- Commissioner Watchman was talking about the  
13 Pascua Yaqui being included in District 20. So if we could  
14 do that as well.

15 So District 21 comes from the Latino Coalition.  
16 The Pascua Yaqui are added into District 20 -- and I -- I  
17 will be very honest, I have not done anything about  
18 balancing population here. So apologies now.

19 The District 17 that's in the Latino Coalition is a  
20 possible -- possibility, but my focus has been really at a  
21 Pima -- we can do the Pima County piece. It does go into  
22 Pinal, their District 17, but it's -- and it does include  
23 Saddlebrooke, which we have talked about including in that.

24 So we could incorporate that District 17 but it's  
25 basically the same group, Catalina Foothills, Marana, Casas

1 Adobes, Oro Valley, Saddlebrooke into that area.

2 I think it goes -- the coalition ones goes up to  
3 Red Rock -- Red Rock.

4 So another -- another area like in the -- okay. So  
5 that's the south. Let me see.

6 So if we go over to the Yuma and West Valley area,  
7 if we move northwest, I really like the District 25 that the  
8 coalition created in the West Valley. I think it meets the  
9 requests of the Glendale -- even though they put this in  
10 beforehand of Glendale and what the mayor was requesting  
11 about not being connected to Yuma, I think we should say the  
12 District 5 -- 25 as in -- I would like you to put in the  
13 Latino Coalition District 25, and basically generally follow  
14 that West Valley interface that they created that goes into  
15 Yuma and addresses Yuma Gold.

16 And if we have to make some adjustments in Yuma to  
17 accommodate the mayor, I'm open to that. We will want to  
18 swing around and get the tribes as we've talked about, but  
19 we might be able to make some adjustments to make the  
20 population work with that.

21 Okay. So that's 28.

22 And then I know we can --

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Commissioner Lerner?

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Before you move on from the 25

1 issue.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: The Latino Coalition 27 and 29 are  
4 very different than they -- than what 11.3 has for 27 and 28  
5 up in that area, are you okay if we just balance 27 and 28  
6 after we take 28 to Yuma? Or did you want us to take 27 and  
7 29 from the coalition as well?

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No. I think you can balance  
9 those, that would be fine.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That would be fine.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you for asking.

14 Okay. So then I think what we would be doing is  
15 taking the -- we can -- I like the way the Latino Coalition  
16 ultimately was imbedded into this.

17 I'm going to head over to the East Valley because I  
18 have -- and I know this may not go over real well, but I'm  
19 going to still make a recommendation because I really  
20 believe that there's a good reason for this.

21 In the East Valley I think we need to change some  
22 of these districts, the square district, 12, 13, and 14, but  
23 I'm not recommending that Latino Coalition one. I liked  
24 when I looked at this Reconciled East Valley Legislative  
25 Plan, I'd like to see how we could incorporate those.



1           Because the cities of Chandler and Gilbert are actually  
2           vertically aligned, and the problem I have with the  
3           square -- as much as I love having great boundaries -- is  
4           that it doesn't actually align as well with the city  
5           boundaries.

6                        COMMISSIONER YORK:   What was the name of the map  
7           again?

8                        COMMISSIONER LERNER:   It's called Reconciled East  
9           Valley Legislative Plan.   I don't know the number; I just  
10          know the name.

11                       And it basically takes a linear look at those  
12          districts.   So I would like to see if we could incorporate  
13          those because the districts themselves, the cities  
14          themselves are vertical; and I think that plans comes really  
15          close to having each communities -- bless you -- each of  
16          those communities almost whole, probably 80 to 90 percent.

17                       And I'm pretty sure they include -- I could be  
18          wrong and we could always make that adjustment, I'm pretty  
19          sure they include Sun Lakes in with Chandler.   So we could  
20          always take a look, more closer look at that.   But I'd like  
21          to see that piece, that Reconciled East Valley Legislative  
22          Plan included in there.

23                       MR. FLAHAN:   If we -- those three districts, D9  
24          then dips into -- dips farther down into D12 on that.

25                       COMMISSIONER LERNER:   Well, actually --

1 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, that --

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I was actually going to talk  
3 about that, but go ahead Mark.

4 MR. FLAHAN: No. Sorry. If you're going to talk  
5 about it, perfect. I just want to make sure we did talk  
6 about so we knew what to do with it.

7 So, go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So right now in the way the  
9 district is designed in District 9, Dobson Ranch is divided,  
10 it's split up, and it's a cohesive community, west Mesa  
11 community that's in that area; it's also part of that west  
12 Mesa community where we know we have a high Asian  
13 population, there's a big Asian community in the West Valley  
14 (verbatim). I know just from my work over at Mesa Community  
15 College there's a very big community in that.

16 And so what I wanted to do is try to -- I should  
17 pull up -- try to align District -- and maybe you can show  
18 that. Do you have that one on the map? The Reconciled up?

19 MR. KINGERY: It's on the right side of the screen.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: On the right side.

21 So what I want to do is make sure that Dobson Ranch  
22 isn't split off from LD -- LD-12, I want to make sure it's  
23 in one district. So keeping Dobson Ranch in one place is  
24 what I'm basically trying to ensure, so.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, but Dobson Ranch is south

1 of the freeway.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Dobson Ranch is south of --  
3 yes, south of US-60. So it can go into -- I guess I'm just  
4 saying it needs to go into one or the other district.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: But 12 --

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But I'm trying not to split  
7 it. I don't want to have it split, that's really what I'm  
8 getting at in that area.

9 And I'm not sure how all this is going to fit  
10 together when we start incorporating. I know I'm having you  
11 take pieces of maps and it's going to be a little bit of a  
12 challenge with that.

13 I'm thinking Dobson Ranch goes into District 9 once  
14 you've done this realignment. But I just want to make it  
15 whole, I guess that's my main point. Because when I was  
16 looking at our map it was -- it was split.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: There's Dobson Ranch.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So should go into District 9  
19 in that area.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Isn't it in D12 in the other  
21 map, Brian?

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, with these changes  
23 flipping those districts, I think it's going to have to go  
24 into the other one to be together.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's in 12 right now.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, it's -- it's split.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: The golf course is south.

3 MR. KINGERY: Yeah, it is split. The northern  
4 portion of the ranch is in 9.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, but the Baseline corridor  
7 north up to the freeway is all -- all commercial.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's -- it's -- Dobson Ranch  
9 goes from the freeway over -- I mean, it starts over at the  
10 freeway. That's not all commercial.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: I'm talking about the north  
12 boundary. That -- that mile between Baseline and the  
13 freeway is all commercial.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No. I've got friends who  
15 live here.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: I'm just saying, the golf  
17 course.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: There's part -- there's  
19 people who live in some of those areas just a little bit  
20 over to the right, but.

21 Anyway we're going to try to basically try, get  
22 them all into District 9 if you can.

23 I want to try to make sure that we also address the  
24 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community, and they wanted  
25 to be as we've mentioned parts of them into Mesa.

1           And I looked up last night where Westwood High  
2           School was, so if we could have -- we could potentially move  
3           District 8 where the Salt River are, the community is, have  
4           it dip down just a little bit into Mesa up to Rio Salado  
5           Parkway and over to Country Club. It would just be from  
6           basically the 101 to Country Club but north of Rio Salado in  
7           that area. That's where Westwood High School is, and that  
8           could accommodate the Salt River's interest in making sure  
9           that they have that Mesa connection that they requested; and  
10          Westwood is one of the primary schools that their students  
11          go to.

12                        So I was trying to make sure we were looking at  
13          that.

14                        MR. D. JOHNSON: You said from the 101?

15                        COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. Down -- where the  
16          border is between 8 and 9. It's just a little small -- not  
17          quite a triangle, but something like that.

18                        MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. I see.

19                        COMMISSIONER LERNER: Where -- yeah. So you're  
20          using -- right now the border is the freeway, but to -- to  
21          address the concerns of the tribe.

22                        And it makes sense because their students do go  
23          into Mesa high schools and Mesa schools; and in particular I  
24          know Westwood is one of their prime schools to do that.

25                        CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: One suggestion --

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- if you're interested --

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Absolutely.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- is just to be careful  
5 about the small area of Lehi, it's an old, different  
6 community that I don't think fits.

7 So just if you're interested in the things that I'm  
8 going to be concerned about and watching for, I'd like to be  
9 able to help the -- the Salt River Pima tribe be able to get  
10 something into Mesa without disenfranchising other  
11 communities of interest in the process.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I agree.

13 I think Lehi is a little further east.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Depending on the  
15 borders that you're going to be doing, I just wanted to  
16 mention that.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes, and there's some  
18 flexibility on that border on Country Club as well. That  
19 it's not completely tied to that border as much as -- but  
20 I'm pretty sure Lehi, if I remember when we looked last  
21 time, was a little further east of Country Club and I'm  
22 talking west.

23 So absolutely, I appreciate that.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

1           So -- let's see where else I'm at.

2           Okay. Keeping -- all right, and so we're keeping  
3 the Latino Coalition districts as they were done for their  
4 3.0 and embedding them into this map, but I think they  
5 already were, weren't they in 11 point --

6           COMMISSIONER YORK: 3, yeah.

7           COMMISSIONER LERNER: 3, right.

8           COMMISSIONER YORK: The MRI (verbatim) districts,  
9 right?

10          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I'm actually --

11          COMMISSIONER YORK: VRA. I'm sorry.

12          COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. Long day.

13          Right, we're keeping the VRA districts. But  
14 however those districts that surround those VR -- excuse me,  
15 the VRA districts, I actually like the way they're laid out.

16          So with the exception of the other districts that I  
17 have asked for changes, I would use the Latino Coalition  
18 version to the extent possible for the Maricopa County  
19 districts.

20          Okay. I am going to go north because I do want to  
21 address LD-7 -- 5, 6, and 7 because we've heard a lot about  
22 that.

23          And so for LD-6 --

24          COMMISSIONER YORK: Shereen, I'm confused, so I'm  
25 pretty sure Timmons is confused.

1           So you started out with the Latino Coalition  
2           districts, then you went into the East Valley with the East  
3           Valley coalition --

4           COMMISSIONER LERNER: With the East Valley -- no,  
5           it's not called the coalition, it's the Reconciled East  
6           Valley Legislative maps.

7           COMMISSIONER YORK: Then you went back to the  
8           Latino VRA districts.

9           COMMISSIONER LERNER: What I was saying is -- and  
10          I'm happy to clarify.

11          COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, it's just a lot different  
12          than what we approved. You're kind of -- so I want to make  
13          sure that -- that Timmons/NDC understands what you're --  
14          what you're trying to accomplish.

15          COMMISSIONER LERNER: I appreciate that. Thank  
16          you, Doug.

17          I -- I -- like I told you, I was trying to pull  
18          this together while you were talking.

19          COMMISSIONER YORK: No, no. That's fine I didn't  
20          say anything on ours because I was confused myself. But for  
21          some reason I'm focused right now.

22          COMMISSIONER LERNER: I -- so what I was getting at  
23          is we were incorporating District 25 from the Latino  
24          Coalition map in the seven districts they had made in  
25          addition to that. What I'm saying is I like the rest of



1           their map; I don't have strong feelings about the way  
2           District 15 is or District 10. I mean, honestly, I could go  
3           with the 11.3 map, that would be fine to keep that.

4                     The changes that I'm focused on were 12, 13, 14, 8,  
5           9, 25, and keeping the Latino Coalition districts together.

6                     COMMISSIONER YORK: When you say that you mean  
7           the --

8                     COMMISSIONER LERNER: VRA. Thank you. VRA, yes.  
9           I appreciate you telling me to clarify.

10                    Okay. The VRA districts. So those were the ones  
11           that I was focused on.

12                    But what I was saying is I actually like the way  
13           they've drawn some of their other districts; and once you  
14           start to change one of those, I was saying might just feed  
15           into the others, that's all I was getting at.

16                    But I'm flexible on that. But I do like the way  
17           District 4 and District 1 are laid out.

18                    And part of it is I have to say when I started this  
19           process, I was looking for some very clean lines on all of  
20           the districts, but what I've discovered as we've been moving  
21           through this is that many of our cities as we keep seeing as  
22           we draw them in are more linear in many ways, so I'm  
23           adjusting my mind-set on how to look at these districts as  
24           part of that.

25                    Okay. I'm almost done. I promise.

1 I only just want to talk about 5, 6, and 7 at this  
2 point.

3 This is 11.3.

4 And 6 is pretty much the way we have it drawn. The  
5 main thing I would do would be to keep Flagstaff -- to  
6 remove Flagstaff out of 6 in 11.3 and put it into 7. That  
7 would make --

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: It is.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: In District 6 in map version  
10 11.3.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's already in.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: It is already in 7.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is it? Okay. I didn't have  
14 this expanded upon enough. I thought it wasn't.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I will discuss it -- we will  
16 discuss it another time, but we left it alone right now.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Well, I would like --  
18 okay, so maybe I don't need to make any changes to 7.

19 The only other thing I was thinking -- let me just  
20 make sure before I say something that I don't mean to -- was  
21 I would like to see if we can get the Verde Valley into 7.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's a lot of people.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I know. We would put  
24 Wickenburg, which they've requested, into 5. They asked for  
25 Wickenburg, Congress -- those -- all those communities that

1 are on the 60 that go up towards -- when you take the 60 out  
2 of the West Valley, those communities asked to be in 5, so I  
3 would want to make sure that they were in there.

4 Right now Wickenburg is in 30.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: So you're talking about  
6 splitting up the Yavapai County into three?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm basically saying that I  
8 would like -- this is what I'm telling you I would like to  
9 see.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right. Let's save  
11 deliberation, let's allow Commissioner Lerner to please just  
12 finish her thoughts and then we can make a plan for how  
13 we'll tackle this on Monday.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Thank you, I  
15 appreciate that.

16 I think that -- that would be the main -- the main  
17 change there.

18 I know there are more changes that need to be made  
19 in the south part of that, and it might be taking  
20 Gold Canyon and moving it with Apache Junction which they  
21 would like to be. So when we add the Verde Valley, I would  
22 remove -- and I know -- again I realize, Doug, that -- Doug  
23 Johnson -- it's going to need population balancing, but  
24 Gold Canyon wants to be with Apache Junction if we can  
25 possibly do that.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: I believe --

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: In D7 they seem to be in --  
3 Apache Junction is split in our map.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And so we want to pull them  
6 together. So they either would have to go into 7 or 10,  
7 Apache Junction as a whole. I would like to see Apache  
8 Junction whole; and it could go either place because right  
9 now we've got them divided. And I would say Gold Canyon  
10 could go with -- they've asked to be with Apache Junction,  
11 but that would be one area where we could look at.

12 But I think Apache Junction in general needs to be  
13 made whole; we shouldn't be dividing.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. So you want us to draw --  
15 so we put -- the rest of Apache Junction plus Gold Canyon  
16 into District 10?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, yeah -- well, I'm  
18 asking to add Camp Verde in which would be a population  
19 shift, and then that might shift the population  
20 appropriately the other way.

21 I don't know numbers 'cause I -- I did not look at  
22 numbers, and I don't know what that would then do to  
23 District 10.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: If that can't be done, it

1           could be moving Apache Junction into 7. You could go either  
2           way. My concern about Apache Junction is just making it  
3           whole wherever it goes.

4                     MR. D. JOHNSON: Well, we're putting the whole  
5           Verde Valley into 7, so we won't be able to put Apache  
6           Junction into it.

7                     COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

8                     That's all I've got right now. Thank you.

9                     And thank you if you actually followed everything I  
10          was saying.

11                    CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do you have any clarification  
12          questions, Doug?

13                    MR. D. JOHNSON: I don't think so. I mean, just --  
14          I mean, as we've discussed, you know, we'll draw these maps  
15          and all these changes, there's going to be -- I mean, they  
16          won't be anywhere close to population balanced --

17                    CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right.

18                    MR. D. JOHNSON: -- so we'll have a lot of work to  
19          do on Monday.

20                    COMMISSIONER YORK: Can I -- can I ask you to  
21          clarify what Commissioner Mehl's requests were?

22                    MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure. Oh, Commissioner Mehl's.  
23          Okay, going back to that list.

24                    We start with taking Districts 25, 23, and 22 from  
25          Yuma Gold map, but being sure to keep Districts 24 and 26 as

1           they are currently in 11.3; then we take Vail and the area  
2           south of I-10 in Tucson from District 17 into 19;  
3           District 18 picks up everything below Speedway down to  
4           Broadway; District 17 adds Picture Rock; bring District 23  
5           into Tucson to pick up the -- the Tucson portion that's  
6           currently in District 16, it's just -- just east of  
7           Picture Rock; bring District 17 into District 18 in the  
8           Tanque Verde Valley to balance those two as long as we can  
9           do that with no more -- picking up no more than a half mile,  
10          otherwise stop at the half mile; District 17 in Pinal we're  
11          supposed to follow Park Link Dive to Highway 70 and get that  
12          extra notch on the east side of Highway 70; and get that  
13          kind of straight across boundary; Gila Bend into what  
14          district deviation and unite Wickenburg into 5 or 30,  
15          whichever is best for population; and unite the Fort Yuma  
16          tribe in District 23.

17                   Am I missing anything there, Mark, that you know?  
18           Or, Brian?

19                   MR. FLAHAN: The only thing I have in Red Rock Park  
20           Lane is it's State Route 79 instead of 70.

21                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh. That's just a typo, yeah.

22                   MR. FLAHAN: And then for the -- the D18, I have  
23           south of the river down to Broadway to include Speedway.  
24           That's what I got.

25                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, yeah.

1                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you.

2                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: We should probably have you  
3 do the same for my recommendation just to be sure.

4                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Can I add one request?

5                   If you look at the Yuma Gold map, the way they  
6 treat D1, D4, and D8, I would like to kind of follow those  
7 guidelines. That basically pushes D4 into more a Paradise  
8 Valley-Scottsdale Airpark-McCormick Ranch community of  
9 interest, which I think fits it better than what it's  
10 currently drawn in.

11                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. And can we look at that? I  
12 just want to...

13                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know, we're running short  
14 on --

15                   MR. D. JOHNSON: Our -- our.

16                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We're running short on time  
17 and I want to make sure that we have sufficient time for me  
18 to clarify with you about when we're going to get the maps,  
19 I want to sum up with my colleagues about my approach on  
20 Monday. So can we be efficient in these back and forth?  
21 So...

22                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: We're done. I agree with  
23 Doug's last comment, but we're done with that.

24                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can you -- would you like  
25 them to read back for you?

1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER:  If they can do it fairly  
2                   quickly.

3                   Yeah, could you read back fairly quickly just the  
4                   things to make sure we caught, because I know it may be a  
5                   little confusing and I know...

6                   MR. D. JOHNSON:  Sure.  Just as a super fast  
7                   clarification on the Yuma Gold D1, D4, D8.  I'm not sure,  
8                   those might touch our Latino District 11.  Do you want to  
9                   modify District 11 or just take pieces that don't touch that  
10                  area?

11                  COMMISSIONER YORK:  Just take pieces that don't  
12                  touch that area.

13                  COMMISSIONER MEHL:  No, modify 11.  Yeah, keep 24,  
14                  26 whole; but 11 is fine to modify.

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

16                  Okay.  Going back to Commissioner Lerner's list.

17                  COMMISSIONER YORK:  I haven't stayed this focused  
18                  for this long in my entire life I don't believe.

19                  MR. D. JOHNSON:  We start with  
20                  Commissioner Lerner's list, start with District 17 down to  
21                  Tucson, redrawn to include Casas Adobes, Catalina Foothills  
22                  together, Amphitheater and Marana School District together;  
23                  something very similar to Latino Coalition's  
24                  3.0 District 17; That's District 17 should include the  
25                  Tucson National Estates; District 18 down there extends



1 south to 22nd and east as needed including Tanque Verde; all  
2 of Santa Cruz County united in 21; Vail into District 19;  
3 District 21 -- oh, and follow District 21 the Latino  
4 Coalition proposal out into Bisbee and those other areas of  
5 Cochise County; and moving the Pascua Yaqui and the  
6 connecting territory into District 20.

7 In the West Valley incorporate 25 from the Latino  
8 Coalition and take District 28 out to Yuma instead of  
9 District 25, so 25 becoming a Glendale-centered district;  
10 and then population balance around 27 and 28 in there.

11 In East Valley revise Districts 9, 12, 13, and 14  
12 to follow the Reconciled East Valley Legislative Plan  
13 including uniting Dobson Ranch in District 9; and then pick  
14 up the -- the triangle in west Mesa above Rio Salado Parkway  
15 into Country Club into the district with the Salt River  
16 tribe; and be sure to preserve the Latino Coalition's Voting  
17 Rights Act districts in Maricopa.

18 And the last 3 steps: Verde Valley into  
19 District 7, Wickenburg into District 5, and Gold Canyon with  
20 Apache Junction in District 10.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I think, by George, you got  
22 it.

23 One thing is I'm giving you discretionary authority  
24 to deal with some mapping issues if you have like population  
25 or some of that, that you have authority to do some of that

1 on my proposal.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. I might decline that  
3 authority on the district Verde Valley-Gold Canyon, we'll  
4 just leave that for wherever it works out --

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- because otherwise it'll -- -

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's fine.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- and the smaller areas we're  
9 happy to.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And -- and we understand that  
12 it may not all be population balanced. I think that my  
13 colleagues and I want to see conceptually and then we can  
14 understand what fixes need to happen.

15 And, you know, I'm curious, Mark, Doug, when can we  
16 expect these maps?

17 It was extremely difficult for us to prepare for  
18 today getting the maps late at night with so much study and  
19 comparisons. I do believe the deliberations can be more  
20 efficient when we have more study time.

21 So given that we're not asking for perfectly  
22 balanced maps, can we get certain maps by the end of  
23 tomorrow, the rest of the maps by a certain time on  
24 Saturday?

25 Or, what is realistic?

1           MR. FLAHAN: Well, we're going to take the  
2 direction that you guys gave us today. Team has actually  
3 already completed your changes in the background,  
4 Chairwoman, so those are ready to go.

5           With the intent to try to deliver most of them by  
6 close of business tomorrow. If not, we can bleed into the  
7 legislator (verbatim) into Saturday.

8           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That would be wonderful for  
9 us to have a rolling, you know, turnout of the maps because,  
10 you know, we can study one at a time and it makes a huge  
11 difference. So please don't wait 'til it's all done, it  
12 just is too much information for us to all digest it, you  
13 know, at one time.

14          MR. FLAHAN: Would you prefer since there's  
15 multiple maps, congressional and legislative, say we finish  
16 one even though the entire congressional series is not done,  
17 to just release that one and or do you want them all at the  
18 same?

19          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. Release them one at a  
20 time. Why not?

21          There's no downside to it.

22          MR. D. JOHNSON: The only concern I have there is I  
23 don't want to be perceived as favoring one side or the other  
24 if we release, you know, Commissioner Mehl's map before  
25 Lerner or vice versa, so.

1                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: We give you official  
2 forgiveness on that.

3                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: We're not going to see it as  
4 a bias.

5                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: But please work on -- on my  
6 fellow Democratic Commissioners map's first. Please release  
7 those first.

8                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Because they'll clearly need  
9 the most work.

10                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No. Because --

11                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, just.

12                  VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah. It's getting late.

13                  CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The other thing I want to  
14 suggest is I have a similar idea as we discussed about  
15 congressional districts, that we can reconvene on Monday, we  
16 could look at the different versions, you can fine tune and  
17 give additional suggestions to hone your map.

18                  I will be assertive as I'm reviewing the maps, and  
19 as I started to do today but will continue to do more of it,  
20 I'm going to share with you, you know, the things that are  
21 important to me; and the more sides listen and incorporate,  
22 you know, boundaries or things that really matter to me,  
23 that will be something I'm going to look for when we're then  
24 next deciding on the next iteration of the map.

25                  So I look forward to studying all the maps, and

1 getting progress and trying to bring the maps closer into a  
2 synthesis and more consensus. That is my goal.

3 Anything else on the mapping issue?

4 Fantastic.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: If I can have one -- one quick  
6 request of you, is that once you get these maps and then  
7 prepare for your -- the directions you're going to give on  
8 Monday, would encourage you to try to get those directions  
9 to be -- to population balanced maps that we could develop  
10 coming out of that meeting, just because after that we start  
11 meeting almost every day and we won't have the kind of big  
12 windows of time to do big changes from one version to  
13 another. So try to get the maps pretty close to population  
14 balance based on the directions you give us Monday, that  
15 would definitely help the process along.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. So --

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And Doug, I would remind you  
18 then that we have asked you to give written suggestions,  
19 even though we're not asking you to balance on things that  
20 you see on each of those four maps, so that will really  
21 help.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And actually for some of my  
23 map mine was -- I actually was okay because I like the way  
24 he's done balancing in the past, so I'm okay with some  
25 flexibility on it. With you actually doing some things and

1 saying this is what we did.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: But with suggestions, Doug,  
3 would come, you know, more efficient, faster deliberation as  
4 it relates to fixing the population balance. But I think  
5 that's a reasonable goal at the end of Monday to try to have  
6 the starting point districts LD/CD, that's balanced.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And a written recommendation --

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: And the --

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- could follow after you've  
10 released the maps. You don't have to hold the maps to do a  
11 list of recommendations.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: That is exactly what I was going  
13 to say.

14 Perfect. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Fabulous.

16 With that, we will move to Agenda Item No. VII,  
17 next meeting date.

18 We will convene Monday, December 13th, 8:30 to  
19 2:30. I believe we're meeting at the Palomar. Staff will  
20 make sure we have all of the appropriate directions and  
21 address and everything.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: 8:30 to 2:00.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: 8:30 to 2:30.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I thought it was 2 o'clock.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh. 2 o'clock? Is it?

1                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Commissioner Mehl has to  
2                   leave early.

3                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, I'm -- I'm sorry, but I'm  
4                   squeezing that day in 'cause we needed it, but I had a  
5                   problem.

6                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. So, correction, we  
7                   will meet Monday the 13th from 8:30 to 2 o'clock p.m. at the  
8                   Palomar.

9                   Okay. With that, we'll move to Agenda Item  
10                  No. VIII, closing of public comments.

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

18                  With that, we move to Agenda Item No. IX,  
19                  adjournment. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

20                  COMMISSIONER LERNER: So move to adjourn. I motion  
21                  to adjourn.

22                  COMMISSIONER MEHL: Second.

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

25                  VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

1                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

2                   COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

3                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

4                   COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

5                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

6                   COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

7                   CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an  
8                   aye.

9                   With that, we will adjourn and I look forward to  
10                  seeing my colleagues Monday morning.

11                  Thank you, everybody, for your extremely hard work.

12                  (Whereupon the proceeding concludes at 4:47 p.m.)

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