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3 2001, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., at the Phoenix Union High
4 School District Board Room, 4502 North Central, Phoenix,
5 Arizona, 85012, in the presence of:

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2 SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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4 SUPERVISOR MARY ROSE WILCOX

5 PAUL ECKSTEIN

6 FRANK COSTANZO

7 DOROTHY SCHULTZ

8 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD MIRANDA

9 RANDALL J. BLECHA (By written submission read into
the record.)

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11 RESOLUTION FROM ISAAC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (By
written submission read into the record.)

12 EVELYN SHAPIRO

13 GLENN HOLMGREN

14 JOHN MILLS

15 LYNN ANDERSON

16 KAY REMEIN

17 ALLEN GRASS

18 DONNA M. ITO

19 DR. RUTH ANN MARSTON

20 REPRESENTATIVE BILL BROTHERTON

21 PETER MORAGA

22 BERT TOLLEFSON

23 SUSAN BITTER SMITH

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SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CONT'D):

- PAT BUCKMASTER
- SUSAN SHELTON
- ROBERT FLECKENSTEIN
- KEN WATERS
- BOB HARAN
- BRIAN MILLER
- SUSAN SCHWEIGER-NITCHALS
- BEN CUTHBERTSON
- HARRIETT MITTEN GRANTHEN
- BILL BROTHERTON
- O'DELL ARBON (By written statement submitted.)

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P R O C E E D I N G S

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

On behalf of the Independent Redistricting
Commission, I want to thank you.

This is the first session of the second
round of public hearings by the Redistricting
Commission.

I would like to call on Alicia Nieto
Jacobs.

Alicia?

THE INTERPRETER: I'm here.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Would you ask if
anyone needs your services, please.

(Whereupon, the Spanish interpreter asked
the audience if anyone desired the services of an
interpreter. No one requested interpreter services.)

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I do want to thank
you. I am Andi Minkoff, Vice Chair of the Independent
Redistricting Commission.

There are several people I want to

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1 introduce to you.

2 Those of you standing, if you want to sit,
3 there are some seats, two, three, five up here, three up
4 here. If you'd rather sit, you can also sit along here.
5 We're not shy. Come close.

6 I want to introduce the other people here
7 on behalf of the Redistricting Commission.

8 Joshua Hall. Joshua is from St. Johns.
9 He was appointed by Senator Jack Brown. He was
10 awarded the prize for putting the most miles on his
11 car on behalf of the Independent Redistricting
12 Commission.

13 To my right is James Huntwork. Jim was
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives, Representative Jim Weiers.

16 To his right is Dr. Florence Adams.
17 Dr. Adams is with NDC Corporation, our consultants, who
18 do almost everything we tell them to do. Sometimes they
19 tell us they can't, and that's very frustrating. They
20 have been absolutely wonderful. She's here to provide
21 us technical expertise and back-up, and so on.

22 Next to Florence is Lisa Hauser. Lisa is
23 one of two attorneys that works on behalf of the
24 Redistricting Commission. The other attorney is down in
25 Tucson, Jose Jesus Rivera. He's at the hearing going on

1 at the same time in Tucson with the other two
2 Commissioners, Chairman Steve Lynn and Commissioner
3 Daniel Elder.

4 I also want to introduce to you several
5 other people assisting us. In the red dress is Lisa
6 Nance. She copies down everything any of us say today
7 so we have an accurate verbatim record of the meeting so
8 we can go back and review any of the testimony we want
9 to look at.

10 Also, Adolfo Echeveste who welcomed you
11 all. He's our Executive Director.

12 Also with us is Alma Villarreal, one of
13 our outreach workers.

14 We have with us Amy Rezzonico in back.
15 Amy is our press secretary.

16 Cindy Le was checking everyone in.

17 Paul Cullor, he has his back to me.

18 They are all outstanding staff members of
19 the Independent Redistricting Commission.

20 When you came in, you were all handed a
21 citizen kit which includes draft maps. Draft maps are
22 why we're all here today. Draft maps are also over
23 there on the wall.

24 I want to call your attention the fact the
25 maps have been renumbered. The maps as you may have

1 seen them in the Arizona Republic have had a kind of
2 confusing numbering sequence.

3 As we were involved in a very long six-day
4 meeting that went over two weeks, we made multiple
5 changes, redrafts, and so on, and the numbers got
6 changed. So the draft we initially approved had a very
7 confusing set of designations for the 30 Legislative
8 Districts.

9 The Congressional Districts were A through
10 H and still are. The Legislative Districts were a
11 little confusing.

12 We asked NDC to renumber them. They have
13 renumbered them. You have the renumbered districts in
14 your kits. You also have a translation in case you look
15 at one of the older versions that correlates to the old
16 numbered system with the new numbering system for you.
17 I want to apologize for any confusion that might cause.
18 We felt we really needed consistent numbers.

19 Now, I want to tell you very briefly what
20 we'll do today, what the agenda is. First of all, what
21 mostly we'll do today, very briefly, a little later this
22 afternoon, is listen.

23 If you want to speak to us, we encourage
24 you to please do so. Fill out one of the yellow speaker
25 slips, if you have not already done so. We do have a

1 number of them up here already. Once you fill out one
2 of the speaker slips, raise your hand, hold up the slip,
3 and one of the staff will see you, pick it up. They'll
4 make sure we get it, so we can call on you during the
5 public comment portion of the meeting.

6 We're going to begin with a Power Point
7 presentation that is going to explain a little bit of
8 how we got here. Following the Power Point
9 presentation, the main portion of the program will be
10 the time for public comment. And then following the
11 public comment, if you have any questions that are maybe
12 not something you want to deal with in the public
13 comment portion, we'll try to stay as long as we can to
14 answer any questions you have. That's basically what
15 we're going to do.

16 At this point I'd like to turn it over to
17 Commissioner Hall, and he'll take us through the Power
18 Point presentation.

19 MR. ECHEVESTES: Any forms in case you get
20 the urge to speak?

21 COMMISSIONER HALL: Before we proceed,
22 there are a few more chairs available, I see, in the
23 front for those of you folks that would like to sit.
24 There are a couple up here I see.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, we're grateful to be

1 with you here today. It's clear the purpose of this
2 public hearing is not for you to hear from us but for us
3 to hear from you. And so, while the accommodations may
4 not be the most convenient, if you want to crane your
5 head to the left, you'll see we have a little Power
6 Point presentation for a brief overview prior to
7 soliciting brief comment from you.

8 This is the first session of the second
9 round of public hearings. We're here to welcome input
10 on the draft maps, input on the draft Congressional and
11 draft Legislative Districts.

12 The maps have to be in compliance with the
13 guidelines of Proposition 106. Those requirements are
14 as follows.

15 One moment.

16 Rules A through F are listed as follows,
17 and many of you, I'm sure, have seen these. Districts
18 shall comply with the United States Constitution and
19 United States Voting Rights Act.

20 Congressional Districts shall have equal
21 population to the extent practicable and State
22 Legislative Districts shall have equal population to the
23 extent practicable.

24 Districts shall be geographically compact
25 and contiguous to the extent practicable.

1 District boundaries shall respect
2 communities of interest to the extent practicable.

3 To the extent practicable, district lines
4 shall use visible geographic features.

5 Finally, districts shall be competitive to
6 the extent it is not to the detriment of any of the
7 other goals.

8 Proposition 106 required that we use a
9 grid. We decided to use townships to create the grid.
10 We created the grid only considering equal population.

11 That was the subject through the first
12 round of public hearings. We knew then once the grid
13 was established we'd have to comply with other mandates
14 established, other mandates of Proposition 106.

15 These are a review of samples of both the
16 Congressional and Legislative grid. And pursuant to
17 Proposition 106, this was our required starting point.

18 In our 24 public hearings that we held
19 during the first round, we then went to hear what the
20 citizens throughout the State of Arizona had to say with
21 respect to communities of interest and with respect to
22 what they had to say with respect to following the rules
23 and principles of Proposition 106. They were that we
24 respect communities of interest, we respect the
25 integrity of cities, towns, counties, and local

1 governments.

2 It was clear that these should be the
3 basic principles guiding our approach. In rating those
4 highest, we entitled those Arizona Units of
5 Representation, or AURs.

6 Please.

7 The three major communities of interest
8 identified were Native American Tribal Reservations,
9 Hispanic communities of interest, and rural, urban
10 communities. It was very clear those were the three
11 major communities of interest.

12 Because the Commission followed the
13 mandates of 106 and the principles expressed by the
14 citizens, districts were developed and draft plans very
15 different than the districts that were part of the grid.

16 The draft plans have many fewer city and
17 town splits, following the principles indicated to us by
18 the citizens.

19 Please.

20 You'll notice the original Congressional
21 Districts now have 16 split cities and towns. The draft
22 Congressional Districts only split less than half, six
23 cities and towns.

24 The existing Legislative Districts
25 currently split 39 cities and towns. And the draft

1 Legislative maps only split about a third of that,
2 exactly a third of that, 13 cities and towns.

3 Some cities cross county boundaries, so do
4 many tribal reservations, so do many tribal towns.
5 Everywhere effort was made that could be made to unite
6 cities, counties, and existing counties and towns. Our
7 draft Congressional District has six county splits.
8 Most of those efforts combine Native American
9 Reservations. The existing reservation districts have
10 13 county splits and the draft reservation districts
11 have currently nine split counties.

12 The state's major communities are
13 respected in the draft plan. Tribal Reservations in
14 many cases are unified with other tribal reservations to
15 allow an increased voice from the Native American
16 community.

17 Hispanic communities of interest are kept
18 together, to the extent possible. Rural and urban
19 communities are also distinguished, to the extent
20 possible.

21 Most AURs, Arizona Units of
22 Representation, are respected by the draft plan.

23 Proposition 106 in its initial phase did
24 not allow the Commission to consider competitiveness of
25 districts in the initial phase under Proposition 106;

1 however, competitive districts should be favored where
2 there is no substantial detriment to other goals.

3 We are in the process, via consultants,
4 and counsel, and the Commission of analyzing
5 competitiveness data in an effort and in addition to
6 hearings as we proceed to insure, to the best extent
7 possible, where other goals are not violated, that we
8 are attempting to make the districts throughout the
9 state more competitive.

10 Please.

11 Here are the following, the draft plan for
12 the Arizona eight Congressional Districts. I'm sure
13 many of you have already seen these and you have them in
14 front of you.

15 Please.

16 While the colors aren't the most easily
17 distinguishable. On this screen, this gives you an
18 overview and maybe what is in your hand is a better view
19 of the eight Congressional Districts.

20 If you zoom in to Phoenix, you can see
21 then in increased detail those districts Congressionally
22 that lie within this. If you --

23 Back up one more, Paul.

24 If you look at Districts D and G, for
25 example, presently both of those districts are

1 majority-minority districts as they are drafted.

2 Please.

3 In the Tucson area, this is generally how
4 the division of two southern Congressional Districts
5 divide the city, the metropolitan area of Tucson.

6 In addition to the Congressional, we've
7 designed the following draft plan for Arizona, 30
8 Legislative Districts, which has been the subject of
9 considerable discussion.

10 Please.

11 This is an overall view of the state. And
12 I think it's important to realize in both of the cases,
13 both these maps, that these maps are a work in progress.
14 That's why we are here this evening, to help have you
15 help us with our work.

16 If you zoom into the draft Legislative
17 Districts in the Phoenix area, this is kind of an
18 overview in general of the detail there.

19 In Tucson, the metropolitan area there, it
20 is an overview in general of the districts in that area.

21 We welcome your input, as Ms. Minkoff
22 indicated, in this, indicated in this area.

23 We also encourage you to fill out a
24 citizen input form. We also have it on the website.
25 You can not only educate yourself, but you can provide

1 feedback to the Commission. It's at
2 www.azredistricting.org.

3 That really is a general and brief
4 overview of what we're about this evening.

5 And at this point, I'd like to turn the
6 microphone back over to Mrs. Minkoff.

7 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you, Josh.

8 This is the point in the evening where we
9 really need to hear from you.

10 Before we open it up to public comment, I
11 want to make a few brief comments to explain this
12 portion of the program.

13 First of all, let me remind you again, if
14 you want to speak, fill out a yellow speaker slip. Hold
15 it up and one of the staff members will pick it up and
16 bring it up here. We'll probably remind you three, four
17 times before we end. We really want to be sure
18 everybody that wants to speak is given an opportunity to
19 speak.

20 We have a wonderful, wonderful turnout
21 today. We hope a lot of you will come out and tell us
22 what you think.

23 We hope, in consideration of others,
24 you'll please keep your comments as brief as possible.
25 We're not putting time limits on you. We want you to

1 say what you have to say. But we want you to consider
2 the last speaker on the program deserves the same
3 audience as the first speaker. We want you to
4 understand, we'll stay until midnight, if we need to.
5 We want you to stay until the end as well.

6 Also keep in mind the guidelines of
7 Proposition 106 when you make suggestions to us. They
8 may seem like wonderful ideas. If they do not meet the
9 guidelines of 106, we will be powerless to consider
10 them.

11 We've had a number of things presented to
12 us, people really put a lot of time into them. There
13 was one plan somebody developed, he developed
14 Congressional Districts for the entire state. He
15 obviously put a lot of effort into it. He explained he
16 kept the population as equal as possible. The largest
17 was 635,000 people. That seemed to work for him. The
18 smallest was 615,000. There is a high, high probability
19 a plan with that much population deviation would not
20 withstand scrutiny.

21 So, unfortunately, a lot of things this
22 person suggested would not be able to be implemented
23 because of legal considerations.

24 Please keep the Proposition 106 guidelines
25 mentioned in the Power Point in mind when you make

1 suggestions to us.

2 Also, as Commissioner Hall mentioned,
3 competitiveness, we've not yet mentioned
4 competitiveness. We're going to consider
5 competitiveness. We've been getting an avalanche of
6 e-mails, input on the website, newspaper articles,
7 saying people are really, really concerned about this.
8 We imagine you are as well. Tell us what you think. If
9 you believe that the districts should be more
10 competitive, tell us how you believe we should go about
11 accomplishing that goal.

12 The maps that you see, the draft maps are
13 primarily the result of public comment during round one
14 of the public hearings. We have citizen input forms
15 people filled out, remarks people left on the website.
16 So they really reflect input from the people of Arizona.
17 Changes made to the draft reflect the input of people of
18 Arizona. We consider your comments very, very
19 seriously.

20 Do we need to do new lines? Be as
21 specific as you can. If you only have a general idea,
22 that's okay. All of that will help us. Did we reflect
23 one or more communities of interest you may be concerned
24 about? If so, fine. And if not, please tell us where
25 we missed responding to that community of interest.

1 If you like the districts, be sure you
2 tell us that, too, because I guarantee you, we're going
3 to hear from a lot of people that want us to change the
4 districts. We're going to listen to them. If you like
5 the way they are, tell us that, too, or we'll think
6 everybody wants us to change them. Whether you want to
7 change them or keep them the way they are, please, let
8 us know what you think.

9 The other thing, when you step up to the
10 podium, please clearly state your name. And if your
11 name is not Smith, Jones, or something easy, please
12 spell it for Lisa so she can get it accurately in the
13 recording of the meeting.

14 We're also going to have, since it's
15 baseball season, an on-deck circle. That's the chair
16 Adolfo has here.

17 Commissioner Huntwork will call out the
18 next speaker and also the person to follow the speaker.
19 We'd ask that person to come up to the chair so we don't
20 lose a lot of time moving back and forth. That way we
21 think we'll be able to get the most public comment in
22 the shortest period of time.

23 Adolfo, want to put the microphone back?

24 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Ladies and
25 gentlemen, I have the job of reading off all the names.

1 I want to apologize one time for mispronouncing them. I
2 want to read the names in the order we received the
3 yellow sheets. Many of you have titles. I'm not going
4 to read the titles or offices you hold. I'll read your
5 names. You can introduce yourself.

6 The first speaker is Mary Rose Wilcox.

7 The on-deck speaker is Paul Eckstein.

8 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: My name is Mary Rose
9 Wilcox. I'm here representing the Minority Coalition
10 for Fair Redistricting, a group composed of members of
11 NALEO, National Association of Latino Elected Officials;
12 MALDF; WCVI; VULAC; and also many individuals from
13 State Senators and Representatives to local groups.

14 We believe firmly that we should
15 participate in this process and have tried very hard to
16 follow all the steps upon the request of yourselves in
17 submitting comments about final drafts of the
18 Congressional and Legislative maps.

19 We thank the Commission for considering
20 our input.

21 On the Congressional maps, the Minority
22 Coalition for Fair Redistricting supports the
23 Congressional and Legislative maps, as drawn,
24 particularly the two majority-minority districts, which
25 have several commonalities. It is our understanding

1 that Congressman Ed Pastor will be requesting that the
2 Biltmore area currently within District D be
3 interchanged with South Glendale, as it has been
4 acknowledged in our submissions that these areas have
5 more similarities.

6 In regard to the Legislative, upon
7 reviewing the final Legislative map drafts, we applaud
8 the Members of the Commission for creating nine
9 majority-minority districts, based on the communities of
10 interest data and testimony we submitted.

11 In Maricopa County, we are pleased that
12 communities of interest have been grouped together, with
13 one exception. We believe El Mirage and Old Surprise
14 should be tied in with District M, by including them
15 along the Agua Fria River. Otherwise, the dilution will
16 cause voters in El Mirage and Old Surprise to have no
17 voice.

18 Our coalition doesn't believe this
19 modification sets precedent as the Commission has
20 present odd-shaped districts already. Keeping our
21 communities together is more important under federal law
22 than the shape of the map. Some similarities among our
23 communities include: Proposition 203 results, PHLOTE,
24 Primary Home Language Other Than English, voter
25 registration by 2000 precincts, parcel values for single

1 families, public assistance usage, food stamp
2 recipients, general cash assistance recipients, total
3 minority population, and Department of Justice minority
4 population breakdown.

5 In conjunction with the Chicano Consortium
6 for Public Issues in Tucson, we are supportive of the
7 Southern Arizona Districts with the exception of
8 District W.

9 As the Commission has also stated
10 dissatisfaction with this district, we have requested
11 that as you change it, the border towns from Douglas to
12 Nogales be included together. We also believe when
13 making modifications to Southern Arizona, Pinal County
14 and the southern portions of Gila County would be more
15 cohesive together and share communities of interest that
16 could justify one district.

17 We thoroughly appreciate the opportunity
18 to comment and we will continue working with you in
19 moving these maps forward.

20 Thank you very much.

21 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next speaker
22 is Paul Eckstein and on deck is Frank Costanzo.

23 MR. ECKSTEIN: Thank you very much.

24 Paul Eckstein, E C K S T E I N.

25 I'm appearing for the Democratic Party.

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1 Before I talk about the lines, I think it
2 useful to relate my comments to some legal principles
3 involved here.

4 You started off talking about the Voting
5 Rights Act, and certainly that takes precedence over
6 state law. But the Voting Rights Act is not a guarantee
7 of a particular result. It is a guarantee of fair
8 process under the Voting Rights Act. You don't look at
9 a particular number. You look at the totality of
10 circumstances. Once it passes the jingles test, it has
11 been satisfied. It's not that easy to satisfy.

12 I'll be happy to go into it with respect
13 to the people that were here. I don't think I need to
14 today.

15 A minority has less opportunity to
16 participate than the standard. That's key. The
17 minority has less opportunity to participate.

18 Arizona is under Section Five, as you well
19 know, which prohibits retrogression. The key points on
20 retrogression which you need to take into account,
21 number one, are maximization of minority districts are
22 not required under the retrogression principle. Under
23 the Abrents vs. Johnson case (phonetic), newly created
24 districts do not necessarily have to be majority
25 minority. The Democratic Party supports

1 majority-minority districts, lest there be any question.
2 Section Five does not require it. It does not require
3 it under Section. It's only the opportunity, that's the
4 key, only the opportunity to elect their candidate.

5 Section Two talks about dilution. The
6 failure to maximize is not necessarily dilution. And
7 because the totality of circumstances must be
8 considered, there is no definitive numerical rule
9 determining when dilution has occurred.

10 The second point under dilution, packing
11 can, as your consultant pointed out at the very
12 beginning of these proceedings, impermissibly sacrifice
13 the voting power of minorities in nonmajority-minority
14 districts by diluting their vote.

15 This is a representation of what your
16 consultant did at the very outset. And we believe that
17 the way the Congressional Districts are configured at
18 this point results in some packing, just exactly what
19 your consultant said is prohibited under the Voting
20 Rights Act and under the due process clause of the 14th
21 Amendment of the Constitution.

22 Minorities can often influence districts
23 without being a majority in that district.

24 I'm going to, when I talk about
25 Congressional Districts, as you've labeled them B and D,

1 point out how you can still have a minority-majority in
2 D and have a minority influence district in B and still
3 at the same time meet the competitiveness requirement
4 under Proposition 106.

5 Let's talk a moment about proportionality
6 and then I'll go to the maps.

7 There is no specific test or requirement
8 for proportionality. You only look at the totality of
9 the circumstances.

10 Section Two does not require political
11 units to maintain a percentage of minority controlled
12 districts proportional to the overall minority in the
13 state. That's absolutely key. Shaw vs. Hunt and Miller
14 vs. Hunt established that.

15 Most important, I hope you'll read again,
16 very important, the Symington case which involved the
17 Arizona maps in 1992 which made it absolutely clear that
18 less than a 50 percent majority of a minority can be
19 acceptable. In that case, the court found there was no
20 evidence, and I don't think there's been any presented
21 here, I doubt any exists, that whites vote as a majority
22 block to defeat minority candidates with consistency.
23 In that case, they specifically found a 44.7 percent
24 Hispanic minority voting age was sufficient to create a
25 majority-minority district.

1 District 2, which is Congressman Pastor's
2 district, was the district involved. If you look at the
3 opinion, you'll see what the court said. It said 44.7
4 percent was sufficient. Now they were looking ahead.
5 In fact, Congressman Pastor has been elected five times
6 from that district, I think demonstrating that with a
7 44.7 percent voting age plurality, but certainly not
8 more than 50 percent, you have a majority-minority
9 district.

10 I think everyone knows that Proposition
11 106 was passed in large part to create competitive
12 districts. You can go back and look on your own website
13 and see the comments that are made. They are
14 enlightening. They say every single comment in support
15 of Proposition 106 talked about the lack of competitive
16 districts, at that time, today, and why Proposition 106
17 was important.

18 I have put in front of you two graphic
19 demonstrations of the lack of consideration of
20 competitiveness. And you acknowledge that you haven't
21 taken competitiveness into account at this point. But
22 this demonstrates it graphically. And in a moment I'll
23 turn to what I think can be done to increase
24 competitiveness. I have smaller versions of this which
25 I'll make part of the record.

1 Looking at the competitiveness index for
2 Congressional Districts, you will see, as currently
3 drafted, you have one district, proposed District H,
4 which is under five percent deviation in the party
5 percentages. You have another district, District C,
6 that is under 10 percent, 7.49 percent. But no other
7 district has even under a 15 percent spread between
8 Democrat and Republican. Indeed, two minority-majority
9 districts, the largest spread between Democrats and
10 Republicans, D, is 26.12 percent, and E, 20.8 percent.

11 In considering majority-minority districts
12 and voting strength of minorities in those districts, I
13 think as a practical matter and legal matter, you have
14 to take into account what happens in the primary.
15 Because where you have this kind of spread in D and G in
16 the primary, for all practical purposes, whoever wins
17 the primary wins the election. If the minority has a
18 significant percentage of Democratic primary vote, the
19 minority is likely not just to have influence, but very
20 likely to win.

21 On the Legislative District front, we see
22 as they are currently drawn, you have one district, I
23 think this is your new numbers, new letters, T, under
24 five percent. And you have then two -- three others,
25 Yavapai 1, Southwest 1, and CC1, that are under 10

1 percent, I'm sorry, that are approximately 10 percent.
2 You have two at 9.1, one at 9.5, one at 11.96. You do
3 have several that are at the 14 or 15 percent deviation
4 between Democrats or Republicans. Those are obvious
5 candidates for consideration of reducing the party
6 spread to make the districts competitive.

7 A few comments about a few of the
8 districts.

9 At the Congressional level, as I said, I
10 do think that you can create a competitive district and
11 still comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and move
12 some of the voters from D to B and create at least a
13 more competitive, how competitive depends on how many
14 you move, at least a more competitive district. And I
15 think the -- moving people from Tempe and that southern
16 part of District B is the logical place to move some.
17 And another logical place is at the northern end of D.
18 But I think it can be done very easily. And it's
19 exactly, it's exactly what Proposition 106 requires that
20 you achieve, political competitiveness, if you do not
21 significantly, and I emphasize the word "significantly,"
22 that's in the Arizona Constitution, diminish the other
23 goals.

24 With respect to the Legislative,
25 Legislative map, I don't think I need to say anything

1 about W. It's -- it's an abomination, and I know you
2 will take care of it. How it got that way is kind of
3 interesting. I think what you ought to do is isolate W
4 and see what it looks like. I think it resembles some
5 new form of Hopi Kachina in a new form.

6 I think District C is a candidate for --
7 where it is on this map, there's a candidate for making
8 closer, this is the Northern Arizona District, I think
9 there are some -- I know there are issues with the
10 Yavapai and Coconino County as you go up there.

11 There are, in Tucson, today, two
12 competitive districts. When you look at the map that
13 you have created, there are no competitive districts. I
14 think these are my old numbers, E, K, H, and J. You'll
15 be able to figure out, are the districts, I think it's
16 the old letters, that you need to move around. And what
17 you have in E is 44 percent Democrat. I'm rounding it
18 off, 55 percent Republican percent in K, 43 percent
19 Democrat, 56 percent Republican in H, 56 percent
20 Democrat, 39 percent in J, 62 percent and 37 percent
21 Republican. Those four districts can, they are next to
22 one another, are districts which you can achieve
23 competitiveness if you move the lines and still maintain
24 all the other goals.

25 And finally, with respect to western

1 Maricopa County, I suggest that your districts L, I, H,
2 N, and M are a perfect opportunity for achieving
3 competitiveness. Some of those districts, a couple of
4 them, L, for example, is fairly close at this point, 47
5 percent Democrat, 52 percent Republican. But the others
6 have significant differences between the parties. And
7 if you view those five districts as an opportunity to
8 create competitiveness and perhaps draw the lines more
9 horizontally than vertically, I think you will be able
10 to achieve the goal of competitiveness.

11 Thank you very much.

12 I did want to say something with respect
13 to Congressional District C. I think it is going to be
14 problematic. I understand the push for a totally rural
15 district. But again, when you look at the Symington
16 case, one issue came up. There was the ability of
17 someone to campaign in a district that large. A
18 district that size was never presented to the court in
19 1992. I think this district is larger than the state of
20 New York, and probably larger than half of the United
21 States. If you are a state like Montana, Wyoming, one,
22 two districts, I understand creating a district like
23 that. But the political problem, for a candidate, you
24 have, a candidate is going to have to be in three, maybe
25 four media markets. And that was an issue that the

1 court, three courts took into account in the Symington
2 case.

3 I think that the rational thing to do is
4 to take Yavapai and Mohave Counties and put them, I
5 think it's in District, District A, the district that is
6 on the western side, and then you'll have to pick up
7 population. It might be from Pinal. It might be some
8 population from Maricopa County. But whatever you pick
9 up, particularly if it's from Pinal, you will have a
10 very, very significant rural majority. I think you can
11 create that district with -- if there are 100,000, no
12 more than 100,000 people from Maricopa or Pima Counties
13 and the rest from Coconino, Navajo, Apache, Gila, and
14 Graham and Greenlee Counties.

15 Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Mr. Eckstein,
17 would you wait a moment?

18 In these hearings, unlike the first round
19 like we had, the rules permit the Commission and lawyers
20 and consultants to ask questions. Before you leave the
21 stand, I'd like to ask if any of us would like to ask
22 any questions.

23 MS. HAUSER: I would.

24 Mr. Eckstein, this is an unusual pleasure
25 for me to ask any questions.

1 MR. ECKSTEIN: Do I get to ask any back?

2 MS. HAUSER: The competitiveness charts
3 you displayed, what were the source of the numbers you
4 used to come up with those percentages?

5 MR. ECKSTEIN: The only numbers we used
6 here are voting registration percentages. I know they
7 are somewhat different from the voting registration
8 percentages you have. Obviously they were taken at
9 different times. I don't know if ours were earlier or
10 later. I can't tell you exactly when ours were taken.

11 When you do look at competitiveness,
12 Proposition 106 says look at the voting registration,
13 but look at other indicia as well. I know you will do
14 that.

15 There is a difference between your
16 registration figures and ours. I think that is
17 accounted for by the fact we took them from the
18 Secretary of State at different times.

19 MS. HAUSER: Let me just follow up on that
20 for a second.

21 As far as registration figures are
22 concerned, that may be true. In an earlier
23 presentation, you used numbers based on gubernatorial
24 and Attorney General races. This is a switch in
25 methodology you presented today?

1 MR. ECKSTEIN: It is. I wanted it
2 simplified. When we presented the plan at South
3 Mountain, the Pointe South Mountain, we had our plan and
4 had a full opportunity to get other races factored in.
5 And you absolutely need to take into account selective
6 races and voting registration. I think you need to take
7 both into account. How you weigh them will require some
8 judgment. And I'm sure you'll think long and hard and
9 deep about how you give weight to those. But the
10 components of them are pretty clear, voting registration
11 on one hand, key raises.

12 We used key raises of '96, the 2000
13 presidential elections, the '98 gubernatorial election,
14 and the '98 Attorney General election. We think those
15 are valid elections, because you have the significant
16 interest in the elections and people obviously know the
17 parties of people running.

18 MS. HAUSER: Those key races are not
19 reflected in those particular charts?

20 MR. ECKSTEIN: They are not.

21 MS. HAUSER: Thank you. That clears that
22 up.

23 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next speaker
24 is Frank Costanzo. On deck will be Dorothy Schultz.

25 MR. COSTANZO: Good afternoon.

1 Frank Costanzo, C O S T A N Z O.

2 Mr. Eckstein is a tough act to follow.

3 I'm just a citizen here from Ahwatukee.

4 I'm a minority, I think, in the room.

5 The issue I wanted to speak to was the
6 issue you addressed earlier, competitiveness. Before I
7 do, I wanted to speak as an individual on the other side
8 of the table in another state. I don't envy you. I
9 thank you for your time and effort.

10 Competitiveness, obviously it's not
11 addressed to date. We recognize that. You indicated it
12 is something coming up shortly. I wanted to emphasize
13 the fact when citizens voted for this, and after a long
14 campaign and those of us who supported this effort
15 believed the primary reason was the issue of
16 competitiveness, that the fact that so many of our races
17 in this state at so many political levels are settled at
18 primary time seemed to make it less political, a less
19 attractive position, both for individual candidates,
20 those who wanted to try to run, and also for citizens
21 who wanted to have the opportunity to judge other
22 positions throughout the campaigns.

23 But I particularly, without taking up too
24 much time, wanted to emphasize I believe the
25 competitiveness issue is particularly important.

1 When we look at District C, it is
2 representative, that is the Legislative District, so
3 broad and so rural, it really is a reflection of the
4 other aspect of this entire work. And that is not so
5 much during the election. And while it would be a
6 difficult district to campaign in, and difficult
7 campaign to finance, et cetera, that broad district
8 becomes a question of how does one provide constituent
9 services after an election. While that is not within
10 the specific list of items that you are reflecting on,
11 it is implicit in the exact list. And I think it's
12 implicit in the fact citizens supported the position.
13 Across the board, if one support or handles a district
14 of that size, when you have alternatives available to
15 you, you might question how an individual elected to
16 that district could satisfy the needs of the citizenry
17 after election. I submit to you perhaps you might be
18 looking at constituent services.

19 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next speaker
20 is Dorothy Schultz. On deck is Richard Miranda.

21 MS. SCHULTZ: Dorothy Schultz.

22 I'm a political scientist here on my on
23 behalf. I also ran for office in District 15. There
24 were a thousand more registered voters in the other
25 party than the party I was running in. I ran so people

1 would have a choice. I learn when you run in a district
2 like that, you can't even get your name mentioned on
3 Horizon and are viewed as a fool for even running.

4 Having said that, I have a deep
5 appreciation for the job that you have before you and in
6 1963, as a graduate student at RCUI I worked on the
7 North Texas Consortium drawing up Congressional and
8 Legislative Districts for the State of Texas to be used
9 to present to the court when we won the reapportionment
10 suit. Unfortunately, I was told later that you can't do
11 things like that to your colleagues, and when the court
12 threw it back to the Legislature, as a young
13 23-year-old, I learned that incumbents protect each
14 other and draw up a list of who is to stay in power. We
15 find some jockeying along the same line now.

16 What really disturbs me, I was very
17 encouraged at the first grid. When I look at the map
18 now and look at this, I find of the Congressional
19 Districts, there are probably only two on here, by your
20 figures, that are competitive. And that disturbs me a
21 great deal. I haven't had a chance to look at similar
22 figures for the state Legislature in detail because
23 today is first chance I had a chance to look at this.
24 From what I read in the paper, the Legislative Districts
25 are not competitive either.

1 I passed out, circulated petitions so you
2 guys would be having your job today.

3 I think competitiveness has to be a major
4 concern. Voters do not have a choice if there is not a
5 choice at the ballot. And we have not had a choice at
6 the ballot in too many Congressional races and into many
7 Legislative races. And as I look at this, it looks like
8 these districts are, again, packed to insure that one
9 party dominates. And when you have any districts where
10 there is, for example, 52 percent in one party and 28
11 percent in another party, that's District F; where
12 there's, District D, 58 percent to 28 percent; another
13 district, 48 percent and 28 percent, District C; B, 49
14 percent to 32 percent; where there's 55, G, 55 percent
15 to 26 percent; and those -- even more than a five
16 percent balance is too much, I think. And particularly
17 if you go over the 10 percent line of difference in
18 voter registration, that is too much.

19 Thank you.

20 THE REPORTER: Could I have the spelling
21 of your last name.

22 MS. SCHULTZ: S C H U L T Z, just like the
23 Peanuts author except with a T.

24 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

25 Next speaker, Richard Miranda, and then

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1 Evelyn Shapiro.

2 REPRESENTATIVE MIRANDA: Richard Miranda,
3 M I R A N D A. I am a State Representative from
4 District 22.

5 I do have a couple letters in support
6 here. I'm not sure who I'm supposed to give them to.
7 I'll read them off.

8 This is from the Superintendent from
9 Fowler Elementary District.

10 "Dear Mr. Miranda:

11 "Thank you for your informative letter
12 dated August 15th, 2001, in which you helped explain
13 some of the latest developments in the redistricting
14 process. I share your concerns with regard to the draft
15 recommendations from the Independent Redistricting
16 Commission. The needs and characteristics of the
17 southwest part of our valley would be significantly
18 disrupted by the plan as you have described.

19 "It is important to have the Legislative
20 Districts respect the boundaries of established school
21 districts. I am in support of that proposal that was
22 included in your letter. Because of a prior commitment,
23 I will be out of town on Saturday. Please use this
24 letter, however, as an endorsement of your plan."

25 (Letter signed by Randall J. Blecha, Ed.D.)

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1 Fowler Elementary School District No. 45, submitted to
2 the Commission.)

3 REPRESENTATIVE MIRANDA: The other one
4 I'll read off real briefly is a resolution by the Isaac
5 School Board. If you'll permit me, I'll be real brief.

6 "Whereas, the Governing Board of Isaac
7 School District No. 5 of Maricopa County, Arizona, has
8 determined that it is in the best interest of the
9 District to be in one Legislative District and not more
10 than two Legislative Districts in order to have the best
11 representation in state government.

12 "Whereas, the State of Arizona is in the
13 process of drawing new Legislative Districts for equity
14 in representation.

15 "Whereas, the Isaac School District No. 5
16 is presently represented by District 22 and 20, it is
17 important to the citizens of Isaac School District that
18 our representation not be diluted by additional
19 Legislative Districts being placed within the school
20 district.

21 "Now, therefore, it is resolved by the
22 Governing Board of Isaac Elementary School District.
23 No. 5 of Maricopa County, Arizona, that the
24 Redistricting Commission for the State of Arizona locate
25 the Isaac School District No. 5 in one" -- again, they

1 say, "in one Legislative District if possible and not
2 more than two new Legislative Districts."

3 I'm here, and there's other persons here
4 from the southwest valley, from different school boards
5 that are going to come up here and talk about a
6 community of interest. And I hope that you take into
7 consideration demographics of that area, the long-time
8 history of that area, and their concerns.

9 Basically what I'm doing, I'm talking
10 about District M, if you can see, on the map. I'm not
11 going to give you a lot of numbers. I'm going to ask
12 that you use some common sense, as you can just drive
13 through those neighborhoods and see it is a community of
14 interest.

15 I'm always leery of using funny math. You
16 know, my math teacher always used to tell me figures
17 always lie. Liars, they use figures. I'm not going to
18 do that, show you a lot of maps. All I'm asking is we
19 use common sense here.

20 Proposition 106 did say competitive
21 districts. Proposition 106 absolutely said keep
22 communities of interest together. You cannot explain
23 one part of the proposition and ignore the other part of
24 that. They go hand in hand.

25 I know your job is difficult. But it also

1 states you must consider communities of interest in
2 forming these, both the Congressional and Legislative
3 Districts.

4 So with that in mind, here is our
5 suggestions from the group of people that I've been
6 working with, Murphy School District, and there's a
7 member from Murphy School District here today to further
8 make that point. It has been divided. It's being
9 included in the area, we're talking from 35th Avenue and
10 Van Buren. That community is going to have to identify
11 with the community of 44th Street to Bethany Home Road.
12 That -- I don't see the connection, and neither do the
13 parents and the teachers and the superintendant and
14 school board members of Murphy School Board District.
15 We're asking that be put back in the area of District M.

16 I will congratulate you, that's on
17 including the lower half of Avondale with M. I spoke
18 with Vice Mayor Marie Rogers. She was very happy to see
19 that. We hope that stays in there. I don't see her
20 here today.

21 The other point I want to make is about
22 Isaac School District being represented here today.
23 They'll speak on their own behalf. That district is
24 being told they have to identify with a district from
25 35th Avenue and McDowell all the way up to 51st and -- I

1 believe that is Northern. That is too much of a
2 connection there. There is no commonalty.

3 Again, what used to be a community
4 interest, what used to be historically Southwest Phoenix
5 is torn asunder into three districts. That cannot
6 happen, must not happen.

7 Again, I'm asking on behalf of the
8 Maricopa and City Council of Tolleson, they were very
9 happy that that is still in that plan, District M. They
10 are very pleased with that.

11 Also, Fowler is here to speak on their own
12 behalf. They are very pleased to be in here.

13 Riverside as stands now not in here.
14 That's in part of the west community. They are here to
15 speak on their own behalf.

16 If we had any movement on lines, I'd
17 consider the northern part of District M being stopped
18 at essentially Indian School and bring back those areas
19 that included Isaac and Murphy and Riverside School
20 District.

21 I have a list, also, we'll be putting in a
22 letter, a hundred of names of principals, school board
23 members, teachers, and parents, from all six school
24 districts, that would like to see that community stay
25 together.

1 I thank you very much for your time.

2 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

3 Does anyone have any questions?

4 Thank you very much.

5 The next speaker is Evelyn Shapiro. On
6 deck will be Glenn Holmgren.

7 MS. SHAPIRO: Evelyn Shapiro,

8 S H A P I R O .

9 I concur with what Richard Miranda said.

10 I'm with Isaac School District.

11 Madam Chairperson has a map I gave to you
12 before the board meeting.

13 I want to thank you all for putting us in
14 one district except for one little, bitty chunk at 27th
15 Avenue and Washington. There's one little, bitty box
16 that is all that is left of our district for putting it
17 into another district. Could we please be all together?

18 We're a minority group, mostly Hispanic,
19 bilingual teachers, teachers working with minority kids.
20 We have them working together as a family. We're all a
21 big family working together. We need to stay together.
22 Please reconsider, just go to Van Buren, bring us all
23 together so we can be all be a big family as we have
24 been in the past.

25 I thank you very much for listening.

1 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

2 Next speaker is Glenn Holmgren followed by
3 John Mills.

4 MR. HOLMGREN: Glenn Holmgren,
5 H O L M G R E N .

6 THE REPORTER: Is Glenn with one N or two?

7 MR. HOLMGREN: Two, thank you.

8 I live at 2115 West Pinchot in West
9 Phoenix.

10 I consider myself part of this
11 neighborhood. We bought our home 12 years ago and after
12 moving back to Phoenix after a 10-year absence. We
13 looked at the area where I used to sell real estate.
14 The broker I had long established myself with and worked
15 for previously suggested I pick a neighborhood to work
16 in I enjoyed living in. So I did. We came back and
17 looked. I looked through most of Central Phoenix. We
18 kept coming back and comparing our home to others, and
19 others fell short.

20 The reason I bring it up, as the map is
21 laid out, the district map, we've been -- it put us in
22 District N, I believe, what you have here. You have the
23 westernmost boundary at 19th Avenue. And keep in mind,
24 I'm talking about our neighborhood being two blocks
25 north of Thomas. It runs from Thomas up to Indian

1 School, from 19th Avenue to 23rd Avenue. I'll give you
2 the specifics of the neighborhood and the uniqueness in
3 a moment.

4 If you look at the red lines drawn through
5 this particular district, one of them being I-17, Black
6 Canyon Freeway, the other being Grand Avenue, how many
7 try to stay away from Grand Avenue in the afternoon or
8 I-17? They tend to be as natural boundaries as any
9 river or any mountain range. Very seldom do I find
10 myself or any of my neighbors finding a reason to travel
11 west. Most of our involvement is east. We consider
12 ourself part of central and downtown Phoenix.

13 We are currently identified as the
14 Westwood Village Neighborhood. It was developed three
15 years ago. We're involved, currently part of the
16 Encanto Village Planning Committee. As the district is
17 drawn out, if you'd move us over into, like most of us
18 consider, a significantly different, like community, if
19 you will. Most of the building, or activity, if you
20 will, or zoning, all up and down Black Canyon, except
21 apartments, is commercial. As you move a little west,
22 there's a triangle formed, a triangle, it even becomes
23 industrial. It's significantly different. That is a
24 very heavily industrial, commercial area.

25 If you get into the specifics of a

1 planning committee or a Legislative District, I find it
2 very probable that our interests as a neighborhood are
3 being grossly overlooked when the predominant interest
4 in that area is mostly commercial.

5 Another point about our neighborhood, and
6 I apologize for speaking on such a narrow spectrum here,
7 but I am interested about our community. I appreciate
8 you folks are giving us an opportunity to speak. Our
9 homes were manufactured, built by Alfred Anderson. Any
10 neighbor that has as much gray hair as I do on my head
11 knows who he was. He lived two doors west of me. I
12 believe our development was the last he built.

13 He built a lot of the homes further east:
14 Encanto Village, the Willows District, the Palmcroft
15 area. His homes are all 100 percent brick. There isn't
16 one two-by-four that makes up any part of the walls of
17 our homes. These are homes people revere as very
18 well-built homes. It's the only community he built, the
19 only community he built exclusively, Alfred Anderson
20 homes. In the twenties, thirties, forties, there were
21 one here, one there, a mix match, of home builders.

22 There is a significant historic value to
23 the neighborhood.

24 We started the historic status research.
25 ASU is helping us with that. Why it's important to do

1 that, we're considering it as part of the Central
2 Phoenix community. We're very excited, have been
3 excited about what is going on in the downtown central
4 areas.

5 My wife and I ride bicycles almost every
6 Saturday morning, go downtown, up and down Central
7 Camelback. We enjoy it. It's one of the most enjoyable
8 areas to live in of all.

9 I think if we are separated from more of a
10 like-minded community, which would be certainly consist
11 with homes built by the same builder, built by, already
12 established as historic, and we start finding ourselves
13 fighting for interest in a mostly industrial or
14 commercial area, I'm just trying to paint a picture and
15 let you use your common sense.

16 What you see, as everyone can see, you
17 have a monumental task.

18 I already see a little glaze on some eyes.

19 I appreciate the opportunity to let us
20 speak. I wish you the best and pray for good judgment
21 on all of your parts.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Mr. Holmgren, I
24 would like to ask you a question. I'm sorry. I
25 apologize. I just wanted you to describe, if you would,

1 the outlines of this neighborhood.

2 MR. HOLMGREN: I envision or we envision?

3 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Yes.

4 MR. HOLMGREN: The western boundary, we
5 seem to think makes a lot of geographic sense, when I
6 describe the Black Canyon, or river, mountain range,
7 that's kind of the mountain boundary, or western
8 boundary. 23rd Avenue is the western boundary of the
9 Alfred Anderson homes. But the Black Canyon Freeway.

10 I know you are working very hard to make
11 numbers work as well as other issues, population issues
12 work.

13 We do see that, that we are more similar
14 to homes to the north and east of us than we are to the
15 south and west of us, if you just turn south of Thomas
16 or just go across the Black Canyon Freeway or even Grand
17 Avenue.

18 Thank you for calling me back up. I'll
19 cheat and tell you this: When we have people come to
20 our home, people we're involved with from school
21 activities, or church activities, one of the comments we
22 almost invariably hear: Wow, we didn't even know this
23 neighborhood was here. Because if they come in from the
24 west, they don't picture it. If they come in from the
25 east, it fits. That's who we are. That's why I live

1 there. That's why a lot of people who do, live there.
2 We enjoy the Central Phoenix lifestyle, if you will.
3 And most of us, maybe we need to be forgiven, we buy
4 homes and get to enjoy the lifestyle of that particular
5 community.

6 Thanks.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. MILLS: John Mills. I'm here
9 representing myself.

10 M I L L S.

11 I also happen to be Chairman and the
12 Republican Precinct Committeeman for the current
13 Legislative District 26.

14 First of all, I'd like to take a few
15 minutes to congratulate the Commission here. While the
16 map is, in my opinion, not perfect, it's very good. And
17 for the most part, it would be something we can probably
18 live with.

19 Again, it's not a map I would have drawn
20 myself, but it's definitely something we can live with
21 overall.

22 The Congressional District of what is,
23 you've been calling District D, I believe, which is the
24 South Phoenix District, I would have to agree with
25 Supervisor Wilcox. When it comes to area she talked

1 about, the Biltmore area, this is roughly bounded
2 between 24th and 32nd Street, from Camelback on up on
3 the north until it moves into the other district,
4 District B, this district is quite a bit different than
5 what most of that district that you are -- that that
6 district would represent. So I would ask that that
7 district, that that area be moved into District B.

8 As I'm well aware, the population of these
9 districts have to be very uniform. The Congressional
10 District has to be down to a single individual. So to
11 balance that out, I would suggest that there is an area
12 roughly around -- between Thomas and Indian School, 32nd
13 Street to roughly 36th Street, that could be moved into
14 that area. And the populations would be pretty close to
15 being equal.

16 Another thing I noticed, I'm sure you are
17 aware of, there's a portion of Carefree split between,
18 actually the City of Carefree is split between two
19 Congressional Districts. If the little arm of Carefree
20 currently in District E was moved back into District B,
21 as in Baker, then that would again change the
22 population. And down in the same area I just described,
23 the small area between Thomas and Oak and between
24 roughly 36th Street and 40th Street, that again would
25 balance that population out. I'll be leaving these maps

1 with the Commission.

2 Next of all, turning to the Legislative
3 Districts, there are several areas in and around the
4 area.

5 I'm sorry, one other thing about the
6 Congressional District. I spoke originally about the
7 area of Arcadia. And as luck would have it, the Arcadia
8 area is split between District B and E. My road is on
9 it. My road is on one side. If I throw a rock, it's on
10 the other side. This area is bounded by 50th Place to
11 50th Street, Indian School Road and Thomas Road. That
12 area, if it were again moved -- that's roughly 1,200
13 people that live in that area. If that were moved into
14 District 2 -- I'm sorry District B, and use the
15 population down in the area I previously described to
16 make everything balance.

17 With the data I've been working with, this
18 would, the deviation right now, the plan that has been
19 presented by the Commission is roughly .05 percent. And
20 with the changes I suggested here, the deviation would
21 be .03 percent. So it would be a more uniform plan.

22 Now we come to the Legislative Districts.
23 And because I live in the southern portion of my
24 Legislative District, there's kind of three areas I
25 would like to talk about. The first portion is an area

1 that starts at Spur Cross Road and the Arizona Canal,
2 goes east until it hits the Crosscut Canal, then goes
3 south, and the Crosscut Canal goes into the 64th Street
4 alignment. It then comes to Oak at 64th and Oak, goes
5 west on Oak to 56th Street, and then back up to Thomas
6 Road where it runs through another canal and continues
7 on up to Spur Cross.

8 This area is, as far as school districts
9 go, is in the Balsz School District. In fact, most of
10 the students, almost all families, send their students
11 to the Scottsdale School District. These people
12 actually have a choice on where they are sending them.
13 They've chosen the Scottsdale School District. With the
14 alignment you've given them in District Q, as in Quebec,
15 this has moved them into a Tempe type district.

16 I've heard from numerous people they'd
17 like to be moved into the same district, District K. To
18 do this, of course, we have to balance population,
19 again.

20 There is a portion of District K which is
21 Thomas Road to Oak and from 48th Street to 56th Street.
22 There is a huge difference in communities below Thomas
23 and above Thomas. And that area would much -- we would
24 be much similar to the homes in the original area that I
25 described than we would be with those, with that

1 community. So it would be a nice switch between one and
2 the other, and pretty much population would hold. There
3 would also have to be a little more population given.
4 And that population could be found by an area roughly
5 from 51st, or 52nd Street and Oak, and taking in the
6 northern Park Avenue Parkway area down to portions of
7 the Grand Canal. If this area was moved in, we would
8 again have a little bit of population deviation.

9 The final area that we could use to be
10 picked up is an area roughly bounded by, and I'm reading
11 this off the maps, so give me a moment, Indian School
12 and 36 -- actually 40th Street to Clarendon to 36th
13 Street. So it would be 36th Street to 40th Street and
14 Indian School to Clarendon. That area is much similar
15 to the homes in the community in and around my area.

16 And with those three changes, the
17 population would move from a deviation of .38 to a
18 deviation of .1 -- I'm sorry, .0 -- I'll try again. .1.
19 So from .38 to .1.

20 Those are the issues that I will be
21 leaving with the Commission after I get it reorganized
22 in a minute will much satisfy a few of the small areas
23 in and around my communities.

24 Overall, I think the Commission has done a
25 very good job in satisfying a -- it's almost a

1 monumental task of balancing different areas of
2 interest. You have school districts. You have the
3 Voting Rights Act. You have these historic
4 neighborhoods, all these different communities of
5 interest you've been looking at. They almost overlap
6 each other. People don't understand no matter how hard
7 you try, you can't make some changes. I think you could
8 make some changes.

9 It's a very good map.

10 One final comment. Competitiveness.
11 Competitiveness is great in principle. In practice, it
12 will be hard for you and the Commission to come together
13 with. The reason is because take a look at what we're
14 calling on your map District G, North Scottsdale.

15 There is, in my opinion, no way to draw a
16 competitive district that would encompass this area.
17 This area is heavily tilted to one party. If you take
18 the entire East Valley, everything from roughly Alma
19 School Road east to the county border, try to draw a
20 competitive district in this area. Again, it is
21 extremely heavily oriented one way. Look around the
22 area of the South Phoenix, West Phoenix area. Again,
23 it's heavily tilted one way.

24 Now, one thing you could do, I guess
25 District P that you have, you could put that in with

1 District T, the Ahwatukee area, blend those together.
2 The Voting Rights Act will give you trouble. The other
3 option is huge unnatural arms and legs from one District
4 to another and go grab population here and grab
5 population here.

6 I guess the only other option is forcing
7 people to move from one home to another and saying you
8 will register in this manner in this home and that's it.
9 None of those options, of course, will work out.

10 So competitiveness is -- was written into
11 106 as the very last issue. And it was done
12 specifically saying all other issues had to be satisfied
13 first. There was a reason for that.

14 I hope very strongly the Commission takes
15 that into account and sees the competitive districts for
16 what it is.

17 Thank you very much.

18 Any questions?

19 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you very
20 much.

21 The next speaker is Lynn Anderson followed
22 by Kay Remein.

23 I would like to just take an opportunity
24 here, if there is anyone else who wants to speak who has
25 not submitted a yellow speaker form, please raise your

1 hand and staff will provide it to you.

2 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.

3 I've been a Phoenix resident for 35 years
4 and a Central Phoenix resident for 13 of those years,
5 most recently. I'm an attorney. My husband is an
6 environmental consultant, and we have two children. I
7 live near 20th Avenue and Earll.

8 I concur with the comments of the resident
9 who received so much applause, Glenn Holmgren.

10 I'm also a resident of Westwood Village
11 Estates. I object to the draft Legislative boundary
12 between the map sections O and N, as in Nancy, and
13 request the west boundary be I-17. I'd like be to part
14 of O. It still maintains a geographically compact area
15 if we are part of section O.

16 We are currently in the Encanto Village
17 Planning Community and wish to remain so.

18 As stated, the neighborhood is eligible
19 for historic qualification in the year 2002. I strongly
20 desire the historic district be part of the Central
21 Phoenix community. It meets the goals of keeping like
22 communities together and our interests with the historic
23 neighborhoods.

24 My commonalities are with the central
25 corridor. I really don't have much going on in common

1 with other areas on the other side of the freeway. As
2 previously stated, I shop in Central Phoenix. My
3 children attend school in Central Phoenix. If 19th
4 Avenue would have been a boundary, it divides me and my
5 family from our community of interest. Our cultural and
6 recreational activities are in Central Phoenix, the
7 downtown Phoenix area. Much of my work as an attorney
8 occurs downtown.

9 This is an active, stabile, improving
10 community. We're revitalizing, working, and excited
11 about the revitalization efforts of the Central Phoenix
12 area. By doing this, having a vibrant community, it
13 allows me to live there.

14 Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Does anyone have
16 any questions?

17 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next speaker
20 is Kay Remein followed by Allen Grass.

21 MS. REMEIN: Kay Remein, R E M E I N.

22 I'm here also as part of the Westwood
23 Village Estates.

24 Everyone here from Westwood Village, raise
25 your hand.

1 (Many hands are raised.)

2 MS. REMEIN: This area is very active. We
3 like our community. If you go down Central Avenue, you
4 may have noticed Hinkley Lighting Store. I live in
5 Mr. Hinkley's house on Earll Drive. It's a beautiful
6 neighborhood, an old, brick house a little over 50 years
7 old.

8 If you look on the map, it's really
9 simple. I want you to take a little piece right here,
10 this green part, and when you take that little section
11 off here, make N bigger for Isaac School District, take
12 a piece out of N and put it on O, this will also help --
13 this will also help keep Phoenix Elementary School
14 District together, this little area here, the little
15 area in between I-17 and west of Central Phoenix.

16 We really want to stay with the rest of
17 the Historic Central Phoenix District.

18 I'm so glad you all are doing this and
19 planning this.

20 I would not enjoy what you are doing. I
21 would enjoy if you put this little piece right over
22 there in the O section.

23 Thanks.

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

1 Next speaker is Carol Turoff.

2 A VOICE: She's gone.

3 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next speaker
4 is Allen Grass followed by Bill Brotherton.

5 MR. GRASS: Allen Grass, last name spelled
6 like the lawn, G R A S S.

7 THE REPORTER: Is Allen ALAN or --

8 MR. GRASS: A L L E N. Thank you.

9 There's a story with that, but I won't go into it.

10 I'm also from the Westwood Village Estates
11 area.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. GRASS: I've lived in Phoenix since
14 1951, so Phoenix is partial to me. I've lived in the
15 house in Westwood Village since 1975. It's a beautiful
16 area, as many of the others have intimated.

17 We're looking at going historic next year,
18 if everything goes well. We're been working heavily
19 with the Encanto Planning Committee as a Historic
20 Planning Committee, as the others stated.

21 As we essentially stated, east of 19th
22 Avenue, the leg there, the dividing line on 19th Avenue
23 creates difficulties working with the historic area in
24 the Central Phoenix area.

25 I believe District O, as mentioned, should

1 extend to I-17 versus stopping at 19th Avenue. If I
2 relate that to Proposition 106, Section C, D, and E, C
3 talks about contiguous boundaries. I think if
4 necessary, there could be some adjustments made to
5 District N, if there are population issues, that sort of
6 thing. Again, with the freeway, I-17 being a boundary,
7 that makes more sense. If you look at section D,
8 Proposition 106, I mentioned Westwood District filing
9 for historical status. Currently with the Encanto
10 Planning Committee, keeping like communities together, I
11 mentioned that in there. I think it's important we
12 remain tied to the Encanto community as we work on our
13 historic status, as we move forward on that. It's
14 important as we move forward revitalizing the Central
15 Phoenix section, work on that over the years. I've
16 lived in the neighborhood since 1975. That neighborhood
17 struggled, is on a path now tied into historic status.
18 More and more people, as Glenn mentioned earlier, come
19 into the neighborhood and are amazed and impressed with
20 what is going on.

21 If we look at section E of Proposition
22 106, again, where it talks about obvious boundaries, as
23 Glenn mentioned, the freeway is an obvious boundary,
24 much more obvious than 19th Avenue.

25 For all those reasons, it makes sense to

1 extend Legislative District O, make adjustments as
2 necessary, minor adjustments, as necessary, with N,
3 maybe even to the south of I-10, in order to balance
4 some of the things you are trying to balance.

5 Again, I feel very strongly about this.
6 I've been a resident a long time, have been in Phoenix
7 since 1951. I appreciate the difficulty of your job and
8 recognize everything you are going through.

9 I would appreciate any consideration you
10 would give to moving the boundary.

11 Thank you very much.

12 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Any questions?

13 MS. HAUSER: Yes.

14 Mr. Grass, when you are working on
15 attaining historic status, what particular governmental
16 entities do you have to work with to accomplish that?

17 MR. GRASS: I'm not as close to that as
18 I'd like to be. We've recently become involved as we
19 worked, there's a gentleman, F.C., that is very aware --

20 MS. ITO: I'm Donna Ito, I T O.

21 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Donna, if you'd
22 fill out a speaker slip as soon as you are done.

23 MS. ITO: We handed in the documentation
24 to be a Phoenix Historic, handed it in to the Phoenix
25 office, networked with the National Historic Office.

1 They have asked specifically, in our documentation, that
2 one of -- we do the normal documentation, but since
3 there are no post-WWII tract homes that have been
4 historic, would we please write up the defense and
5 documentation thereof to make our district historic.
6 We've done that.

7 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

8 MS. ITO: I'll fill out the form.

9 DR. MARSTON: I'm Dr. Ruth Ann Marston,
10 M A R S T O N.

11 Within the City of Phoenix, as Westwood
12 Village becomes historic, the zoning changes and
13 historic overlay will have to go through the Encanto
14 Village Planning Community and probably should be
15 supported by other historic neighborhoods. I think
16 that's pertinent to the question you asked.

17 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Ladies and
18 gentlemen, we'll take one more speaker and then take a
19 brief break, then resume.

20 Bill Brotherton.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BROTHERTON: I'm State
22 Representative Bill Brotherton, B R O T H E R T O N.

23 I actually represent the people in
24 Westwood Village.

25 If indeed there is a desire to be in a

1 district east of I-10, that would be fine with me. I
2 assume they are aware for the last 20 years they have
3 been in a district west of 19th Avenue. So actually you
4 would be changing what is set right now.

5 I guess I want to clarify a few things. I
6 spoke with the lady from the Planning Commission here, a
7 staff member from the City of Phoenix on the Legislative
8 lines. And however you draw them, it will not change
9 the situation from the standpoint of the planning
10 committee. They won't be placed into any different
11 planning, moved out of the Encanto Village, because of
12 being in one Legislative District or another. Those
13 lines have been fixed for quite some time. So your
14 drawing of lines won't make a difference there.

15 I wanted to correct that misinformation
16 because some folks were concerned this would affect them
17 in other ways.

18 A lot of people were getting confused
19 about city boundaries, school district boundaries,
20 county boundaries, and that is one thing that isn't
21 going to be affected.

22 I guess what I would want to point out,
23 though, is there are some neighborhoods that are going
24 to be coming up further north on I-17, coming up from a
25 historic standpoint from the 50-year mark. I don't know

1 if you guys are going to be able to get everybody in, in
2 that sense.

3 I guess from the standpoint of talking
4 about historic status, I checked with our staff. On the
5 Legislative level, we've never dealt with any type of
6 legislation that dealt with historic neighborhoods.
7 It's a city issue. Putting them all together in one
8 Legislative District would be fine. I don't think it
9 makes any difference from the standpoint on a statewide
10 level. It is a local issue. As you heard, the process
11 would be going to local governments. The concern I
12 have, though, as much as folks in Westwood Village would
13 like to change 20 years and be over here in a
14 Legislative District on the other side of I-17, I do
15 want to stress their boundaries are approximately the
16 I-17, Thomas to 19th, and then Indian School. But the
17 area south of there and north of there are not historic
18 areas. They were asking for the entire line to be made
19 at I-17 there. The areas south of there, many of them,
20 and north, are minority areas.

21 Right now, District N as it stands, part
22 of my old district, District 20, is a majority-minority
23 district. I think that would have impact on whether or
24 not it stays a majority-minority district if you were to
25 take out the area south of Thomas and areas north of

1 Indian School and swap them over into a different
2 district.

3 So I guess it would be possible to maybe
4 take a chunk out there, Thomas to Indian School, but
5 from -- I don't know on a Legislative level whether it
6 would make all that much difference from the standpoint
7 of representation, because those issues are more
8 addressed by City Council people.

9 Things I did want to commend Commission on
10 were with regard to my district was, and I had spoken at
11 a previous meeting, not parting, in part, the district
12 with El Mirage, Surprise, and Sun City. I see that has
13 not been done. That's split apart, and there's a
14 definite split of community of interest there.

15 Lastly, to kind of just address something
16 more generic, beyond the El Mirage issue, or folks in
17 Westwood Village, I do want to stress, I know you guys
18 are looking at how important that is.

19 I have no problem in being in a
20 competitive district. I think we need that from the
21 standpoint that one of the biggest complaints I hear
22 from voters with regard to elections are that there is
23 nobody to vote for, that, depending on what party they
24 are, they either have an election, primary to vote in,
25 or if they happen to be in the out party in that

1 district, have no one running at all, or one individual.
2 When it gets to the general race, it's really over.
3 Whoever won the primary, whatever party it is, is really
4 a shoe-in, other than a few districts throughout the
5 state.

6 I think that is why you see a situation
7 where more and more, people are going unopposed.

8 My first election, I actually was
9 unopposed for the position. And as nice as that
10 personally can be for a candidate to do that, I don't
11 think it's good for the system as a whole.

12 I think what we need to do is not, as
13 speakers talk about, if you run in one of those types of
14 districts, your chances of winning are so astronomically
15 small, we really do need to look at the competitiveness
16 issue, which I think can be done, along with all the
17 other issues, and make sure that folks think that, hey,
18 this is a winnable race. This is something doable. If
19 this individual is not representing that Legislative
20 District, or Congressional District in a proper fashion,
21 they can win as opposed to a situation where a candidate
22 only has to placate the voters who vote in that primary,
23 whether a Democratic primary or Republican primary.
24 Then talking low voter turnout, those individuals, and
25 we're not getting representation, looking at the needs

1 of the entire district and not just one small segment.
2 That's the thing you really have to do.

3 I found the difficult thing to do as a
4 Legislator, to look at the district as a whole, and all
5 the different competing -- people say you don't you
6 listen to your constituents. On almost any issue,
7 there's controversy. You have somebody calling saying
8 "vote yes," somebody calling saying "vote no." That's
9 good. You are trying to balance that. We want that to
10 be done, I think more so by competition.

11 I just think we could make this map I see
12 much more competitive and then we'd be much more likely
13 to get more people out to run. If there are more races,
14 we'd have more people voting, feeling like their vote is
15 going to count as opposed to being a forgone conclusion.

16 Thank you very much.

17 (Applause.)

18 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: We'll now take
19 exactly a 10-minute break.

20 (Recess taken from 4:48 p.m. until
21 approximately 5:03 p.m.)

22 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I'll call the
23 meeting back to order. We need to start back up so we
24 can finish. The recess was for the reporter to rest her
25 hands.

1 For those of you that have had to wait, I
2 apologize. Maybe I shouldn't, because it's really neat
3 to have so many of you here; but for those of you who
4 got your speaker slip in late, it's bad, because you'll
5 have to wait.

6 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next speaker
7 is Peter Moraga followed by Bert Tollefson.

8 MR. MORAGA: Peter Moraga. I'm from
9 Willow District. I spoke before the Commission once
10 before.

11 There are two things. I want to say thank
12 you for the maps to you folks. Last time I was before
13 you on behalf of the Historic Districts. Last time it
14 showed a split. You brought it together. I appreciate
15 that.

16 I think a lot of people here are from
17 another Historic District. They are talking about
18 putting it back in with other Historic Districts. Being
19 from Willow, I support that.

20 Willow, every single person on my street
21 was at my house this morning having coffee. We didn't
22 talk about these issues. You might not like that. We
23 didn't talk about Legislative Districts. We talked
24 about personal issues, talked about issues like cars
25 driving too fast, it being unsafe for children. Those

1 were our issues, policy issues, people trying to raise
2 families, wanting to do good things for the
3 neighborhood.

4 That's what we support, bringing in other
5 sections, bringing in a historic section into historic
6 neighborhoods.

7 Somebody asked a question, had a good
8 point: How much does a Legislative District impact a
9 Historic District? You are right, the City Council has
10 more of the day-to-day impact on Historic Districts.

11 Some of the issues we're talking about
12 revitalizing are Central Phoenix, revitalizing the urban
13 area, cultural entity. We have a very important solid
14 working relationship, not only with the City Council,
15 but State Legislators. That's why I believe so many
16 people came out today, talking about the importance and
17 relevance of having Historic Districts together.

18 We really are involved. That's why people
19 are out here speaking about this. We care about
20 Phoenix. We care about the state. It's important we
21 maintain historic areas together.

22 Again, I think you've done a great job. A
23 tiny bit of work needs to be done on the rest in the
24 Encanto area in Phoenix, in the Encanto Village
25 Districts.

1 We have one map left, and we will submit
2 another one to make your job that much easier.

3 If you keep Historic Districts in mind,
4 that would be great.

5 Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Bert Tollefson
7 followed by Jeff Bagg.

8 A VOICE: Jeff has left.

9 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Mr. Tollefson
10 followed by Susan Bitter Smith then.

11 MR. TOLLEFSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
12 Members of the Commission.

13 You've gone to great effort.

14 I spoke at the other session you had a few
15 weeks ago. Some other folks were there.

16 We're all God's children. It's
17 understandable there are different interests, community
18 interests. We need to keep things in mind. They are
19 less and less of a factor.

20 Thinking in my own case, my oldest son,
21 who farms out here west of Phoenix, he's nearly 50 years
22 old now, he's been single a while, married a beautiful
23 lady, a Hispanic widow, raised two sons, both in college
24 now, 15, 16, you know, nationality lines are getting
25 less and less.

1 My youngest son is married to a young
2 lady, a thanatologist. She's part Japanese.

3 It's getting to be more and more in this
4 country a United Nations.

5 I'm a real minority, a Norwegian Native
6 American, along with Peterson. That's what we deal
7 with.

8 I've run for office a few times. I just
9 want to say how important it is for people running for
10 office being involved. I was originally involved
11 against a prominent Senator in South Dakota. I've been
12 here 30 years. I didn't make it. Sometimes you win.
13 Sometimes you don't. I don't feel that was a wasted
14 effort in any way. I ran for Congress a couple times.

15 One reason I'm glad to see redistricting
16 the way it is, I ran out of Phoenix against an East
17 District Congressional race. You know, you see that arm
18 going out into Phoenix, nobody is going to get elected
19 from the Phoenix area from an east district. It's
20 understand we have a community of interest. I have a
21 lot of friends out there. That's one of the things that
22 happens.

23 I think you moved in the right direction,
24 whether for Congressional races or Legislative
25 Districts. I.

1 Do think we have an opportunity here to do
2 it in such a way as you've structured things it can be
3 an example to the rest of the country to look at this.
4 If it goes well, they'll say it makes sense to do it
5 this way and the end result will be acceptable and
6 beneficial for this state. And that's the main thing.

7 Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Susan Bitter Smith
10 followed by Corey Overgaard.

11 MS. BITTER SMITH: Madam Chairman, Members
12 of the Commission, I'm Susan Bitter Smith.

13 I'm here on behalf of Sherwood Heights,
14 Fairway Park, and Heritage East Neighborhood
15 Association.

16 We're in South Scottsdale, bounded on the
17 north by Thomas Road, on the south by Oak, 56th Street
18 to 64th Street. We are the neighborhood Mr. Mills
19 stated, the Arcadia children that attend Scottsdale
20 public schools.

21 Let me first again offer thanks to you as
22 volunteers for your efforts on the Commission and the
23 great progress you've made.

24 Obviously I'm here with minor suggestions
25 for Legislative changes to suggest to the Commission.

1 Our particular in neighborhood South
2 Scottsdale, as I already mentioned, does share a
3 community of interest, not only community, but Boy Scout
4 areas, Girl Scout areas, Little League areas,
5 neighborhood areas such as YMCA, baseball teams, things
6 that bind communities together. As such, that's where
7 neighborhood issues are resolved. That's where
8 communities of interest seem to be held.

9 Unfortunately, the current draft map puts
10 the neighborhood interest into Q which encompasses the
11 City of Tempe and South Scottsdale. I have an affinity
12 for Tempe, but I do not share a community of interest
13 with Tempe. A multijurisdictional interest, place of
14 residence, does dictate the outcome.

15 Current Legislative 26, those
16 neighborhoods, Tempe, lumped with City of Scottsdale
17 District 26, effectively found success in being
18 candidates or having their interests represented. I'd
19 encourage you to look at the kinds of interests and
20 boundaries and areas there.

21 Let me address also, if South Scottsdale
22 residents moved the same District Q further towards east
23 64th Street to Pima Road, those residents in tune with
24 Scottsdale School District would have nothing in common
25 with the school district, services of the City of Tempe.

1 If you look at potential movement of as
2 many precincts as possible into proposed District G, I
3 believe, more into the City of Scottsdale area, I
4 recognize the entire city cannot be one area, the city
5 areas, local school areas, on behalf of the Commission,
6 those make sense.

7 South Scottsdale, those follow the
8 politics. South Scottsdale and North Scottsdale have
9 different conflicts, management issues, zoning
10 interests, money issues. Pulling South Scottsdale and
11 the Arcadia issue out with the minority population will
12 not help that.

13 I ask you look at my area of interest, the
14 Sherwood Heights area, South Scottsdale, to balance the
15 interests with the areas north of that region.

16 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

17 Anyone have questions?

18 MS. BITTER SMITH: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next two
20 speakers are Penny Overgaard and Corey Overgaard.

21 I think both left.

22 Next is Pat Buckmaster followed by Susan
23 Shelton.

24 MS. BUCKMASTER: Patricia Buckmaster,
25 B U C K M A S T E R. And I'm here on behalf of the

1 Murphy School District.

2 I see part of our district is in one
3 district, and part of our school district is in another.

4 I'm also on the Estrella Village Planning Committee.

5 We have Fowler School District, Murphy School District,
6 Isaac School District, and Riverside School District.

7 We feel like we should be a part of
8 section M here, because we are in the west part of the
9 valley, and we are in the southern part of that section.

10 Again, as everybody else has said, you
11 guys have done a good job, but we would like to stick
12 together, those school districts, and be a part of M.
13 Estrella Village Planning Committee goes to 107th
14 Avenue. We go to the west, not to the east.

15 Thank you very much.

16 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Susan Bitter
19 Smith, if you would come back up here one moment. We
20 have a follow-up question we wanted to ask.

21 This is Florence Adams with NDC, our
22 consultant.

23 DR. ADAMS: Yes, Ms. Bitter Smith, I'm
24 wondering if you have suggestions of territory you would
25 trade for territory you want to bring into your

1 district? Do you have specific territory you would move
2 out of the district?

3 MS. BITTER SMITH: I do.

4 The current District Chairman for District
5 26 and I, we've visited. My sense is what is the most
6 practical area we're seeing bounded on the north, in the
7 current proposed District Q, it's bounded north by the
8 Crosscut Canal following down 56th Street to Oak and
9 over to 64th, which is area the I specifically
10 represent. That potentially has an affinity with
11 proposed District K. Now, if you do that, obviously you
12 have to lose something from District K. South of
13 Thomas, in District K, all the way to 48th or even 32nd
14 Street, is, on the west side of 56th Street, is in fact
15 Phoenix Union High School District and Balsz Elementary
16 District. That make sense. Those neighborhoods have
17 much more in common. They may disagree.

18 Other areas currently proposed, District
19 P, if you make those exchanges, as I read my cursory
20 demographics, make the demographics you are charged to
21 do, on the other broader issue, the rest of South
22 Scottsdale, then east of 64th Street, if you were
23 potentially to move that into potential District G, all
24 I suggest is move proposed District Q further south,
25 proposed District T, some neighborhoods complete the

1 cycle in Tempe in a more totality fashion and create
2 some balance. Some neighborhoods in the south part of
3 Tempe, south part of Scottsdale, have similar economics
4 and demographics. I'm less confident of the numbers
5 there. The other gentleman might come up with more
6 definitive numbers.

7 DR. ADAMS: Thank you very much.

8 MS. BITTER SMITH: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Susan Shelton
10 followed by Robert Fleckenstein.

11 MS. SHELTON: Susan Shelton,
12 S H E L T O N.

13 I'm from Westwood Village and a native
14 Arizonian, and I will be fairly brief as so many people
15 from Westwood spoke so articulately on the matter. I'll
16 speak from a little different standpoint.

17 My parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Shelton,
18 bought off 21st Drive and Verde Lane in 1952 when it was
19 all an orange field. I, therefore, grew up there as I
20 was two years old. From that you can figure out
21 approximately how old I am now. I'm also a health care
22 provider.

23 My parents over the years could have moved
24 to many different places but chose to stay there. My
25 dear neighbor, Mr. Arbon, is an original owner from the

1 area. Unless, like my parents, who have passed away,
2 original owners have lived there until they die. Why?
3 Because it is a wonderful, beautiful, clean, pristine
4 neighborhood.

5 As was stated before, they are Anderson
6 homes. They are all brick. The neighborhood has worked
7 extremely hard to maintain the neighborhood and prepare
8 for the historical moment which we've all been in
9 anticipation of in the next four months to come. Our
10 community has worked very hard as a neighborhood
11 community. We've contributed to the area with
12 contributions to the schools, churches, to the
13 neighborhoods themselves.

14 It's a good neighborhood. For the little
15 tiny area mentioned here, and most of us who have lived
16 in this area, for me, 50 years, always has felt Black
17 Canyon Freeway, which I can remember when it was built,
18 is the natural boundary.

19 I feel Westwood Village should be
20 considered part of Encanto Village, should therefore
21 still be considered for historic. Everyone I know in
22 the neighborhood works extremely hard to maintain a
23 good, clean area and to support the area.

24 That's all I need to say. And from a
25 native Arizonian, thank you for your time.

1 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Robert
2 Fleckenstein and then Ken Waters is the next speaker.

3 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: Robert Fleckenstein.

4 THE REPORTER: Would you spell your last
5 name, please?

6 MR. FLECKENSTEIN: F L E C K E N S T E I N .

7 I'd like to thank the Commission for
8 leaving my area in one piece. People have heard enough.
9 I'm in favor of it, and in favor of Fowler District's
10 proposal, in favor of Richard Miranda's proposal.

11 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Ken Waters
14 followed by Ralph Haran.

15 MR. WATERS: I just wanted to address the
16 competitive issue.

17 I don't know why the statement was made at
18 the beginning of the meeting about don't worry about it.
19 I don't understand why that statement was made. If so
20 many are concerned about it, I think we should speak our
21 mind about it.

22 That's the issue that concerns me most.
23 The voters of Arizona voted for independent politics, to
24 take out gerrymandering from politics. When you took
25 the duties to do this, to make it independent, then they

1 give it to an independent body, and 75 percent of the
2 districts, I'm talking Congressional, I haven't really
3 addressed the Legislative Districts, 75 percent of the
4 Congressional Districts, they're uncompetitive. That's
5 a landslide.

6 If you look across the board there to
7 competitive, the rest are landslide numbers. It's not
8 even competitive.

9 When the people voted to go with an
10 independent commission, I mean, competitiveness would
11 have been numero uno on the issues of politicalness.
12 That's why they wanted to make it an independent
13 commission.

14 Then you were also mandated to ignore
15 residency of incumbents. Low and behold, all six
16 Congressional incumbents land in their own separate
17 districts. I mean, that's a slap in the face to the
18 voters of Arizona. No competitiveness and incumbents
19 retaining power.

20 It irks me to look at this. One, the lack
21 of competitiveness, and incumbents retain power across
22 the line.

23 I'd like to say thank you for the public
24 service. I don't think this is a public service.

25 When the national media looks at the job

1 the Independent Commission has done in Arizona, we'll be
2 out there in the wing again looking at the results
3 produced, and it's landslides for incumbents.

4 Thank you.

5 THE REPORTER: Is that W A T E R S?

6 MR. WATERS: Yes.

7 MR. HARAN: Bob Haran, H A R A N.

8 I'm Chairman of the West Side Republican
9 Club.

10 Yes, we do have Republicans on the west
11 side. We represent the area, we represent the area west
12 of central, south of Northern. It's predominantly
13 Democrat, but we are out there.

14 I was a candidate last election. I, along
15 with candidate Mr. Brotherton, supported it, were
16 against gerrymandering, Democrat, Republican, or ethnic.
17 It only serves politicians, not the people.

18 I'm for competitiveness. We need
19 competitive districts. We're supposed to have two
20 people running in an election. People need a choice.
21 That's from two different parties.

22 I want to talk about my little area here.

23 By the way, looking at this, this should
24 be in the Guinness Book of World Records. You're working
25 on the world's largest Rubik's cube.

1 I live in South Glendale. We have drugs,
2 drive-bys, a lot of neglect, indifference by the powers
3 at be. You have us, have split our community.

4 Draft Legislative L, it's split us right
5 in half, right down Maryland Avenue, right through the
6 heart of Glendale.

7 You have, I don't know what the areas are,
8 I don't know whether it is south of Cotton Avenue, the
9 southeast valley, innercity of Glendale, hooked in with
10 an agriculture area. I don't know where the logic is
11 there. I don't know where it is at all. That's a big
12 problem I have with this district.

13 Looking at other draft districts you have,
14 probably the best solution for my neighborhood -- my
15 neighborhood, the only problem I have, is this the end
16 of L, it comes out here, way out here. That's south of
17 Glendale. Push M up into that. I understand this is
18 Republican now. I'm asking for a Democratic district.
19 I want to keep my community in one piece. I put my
20 community before my party.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. HARAN: Supervisor Wilcox was up here
23 earlier, really had some interesting ideas about my
24 community, putting it in with, I believe, District O
25 over here, from here to there. That doesn't make any

1 sense, makes no sense whatsoever. This is Glendale.
2 This is Southeast Phoenix. Where is the connection? I
3 don't see that at all.

4 She also was talking about El Mirage in
5 with M. How do you do that without having an island out
6 there? Going to draw a line up, I don't know what,
7 Dysart Road? That doesn't make sense, either.

8 She keeps on looking at -- she's trying to
9 keep all the Hispanics in one big area. It doesn't work
10 that way.

11 I live in a Hispanic community. I'm a
12 non-Hispanic other. We don't have a district. You
13 might want to draw one for me. It makes about as much
14 sense as having El Mirage in the same district as
15 Nogales.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. HARAN: It really is silly. I wish
18 you wouldn't be looking at race so much. People in my
19 community, I live there. We have the same problems. We
20 have drive-by shootings. They can hit my house as well
21 as my neighbor's house. Everyone is in the community.
22 Every precinct, I don't think there's a precinct in this
23 state entirely of one ethnic group or another. There
24 are blacks in each precinct. There are blacks in my
25 precinct. They are a minority, small minority. I'm

1 there, an Anglo. I don't know of any Hawaiians.

2 I'd like to see that. That's the major
3 thing I'd like to talk about.

4 Thank you for your time.

5 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: At this time we're
8 down to four more speakers. I'd offer one more
9 opportunity for anybody that wants to speak. Fill out a
10 speaker slip. Staff will bring you a speaker slip.

11 The next speaker is Brian Miller followed
12 by Susan Schweiger-Nitchals.

13 MR. MILLER: Good evening. Brian Miller,
14 M I L L E R.

15 THE REPORTER: Brian with a --

16 MR. MILLER: I A.

17 I live in the Westwood Village
18 Neighborhood Association. I'm the treasurer of the
19 association.

20 One bit of information, to correct Glenn
21 Holmgren, yes, Westwood goes up 23rd Avenue, but it jogs
22 over and picks up 24th Avenue in a couple spots.

23 I-17 is the natural boundary.

24 I've been involved with ASU with the
25 information-gathering they helped us do. One of the

1 bits of information they did, Mr. Anderson wrote,
2 indicated some homeowners in Westwood Village wouldn't
3 just own their first home there, they'd own their second
4 home and third home, and some got up to their fifth
5 home. People stayed in that community. Bringing that
6 bit of information to today's standard, my wife and I
7 are just finalizing a deal in a couple days, are buying
8 a home in Westwood Village because that's where we want
9 to stay.

10 Again, it's a natural boundary.

11 We've been involved in the association,
12 have been active for four, five years. I can only just
13 echo everything said about our neighborhood and
14 association. And it should be part of the East Valley.

15 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: The next speaker
16 is Susan Schweiger-Nitchals.

17 MS. SCHWEIGER-NITCHALS: My name is
18 Suzanne Schweiger-Nitchals. I'm a native Phoenecian
19 voting in Arizona.

20 I based my perception when I turned 18 and
21 could register to vote. I wanted to make sure I could
22 have a shot. That meant I had to vote in the primary.
23 If I didn't vote in the primary, I didn't have a choice.

24 My first point is I really feel it's very
25 important to have competitive districts. With that in

1 mind, I have to look at my special interest.

2 I'm a clerk at the Creighton District
3 School Board. I'm not speaking on behalf of other
4 members but as a concerned citizen and involved person
5 in my school district.

6 Our school district has 8,400 students,
7 30,000 registered voters, and we're split into three
8 Legislative and three Congressional Districts. We're
9 really very small, but we're all over the place. And
10 I've talked to people about maybe that being an
11 advantage. I don't know if it's ever going to be, but I
12 have real concern about that.

13 I do hope you will take under
14 consideration that school districts do have an interest.
15 It's very difficult in this state to find support for
16 schools, especially in our Legislature and in National
17 Congress, also. We are underfunded, and part of it is
18 because we have very little voice. And in order to have
19 a voice, we can only have 25 percent of the voters in a
20 district who have children in the public schools. That
21 means 75 percent of the people don't really care what is
22 going to happen to kids. That's one of the problems
23 with education right now. There are not enough people
24 that really care.

25 It's really important to look at the

1 community of interest, that school district, when you
2 are looking at these kinds of divisions.

3 I'm also concerned when I'm sitting here
4 listening, I have so many people trying to divide my
5 particular small neighborhood into a small district.
6 I'm the area bordered by 36th Street and 40th Street,
7 McDowell to Thomas. I've been in all kinds of districts
8 as I've listened today. I have concern with that. I
9 also have concern with being pulled into District P in a
10 Legislative District when we have the airport that
11 separates us, really, from the rest of that district.

12 Our district, that area, my area of
13 Phoenix north of the 202 shops north and east and west,
14 but we don't go south. There's nothing south for us to
15 shop in. So that community of interest is not being
16 looked at as far as this map is concerned.

17 I really appreciate your taking the time
18 to do this. I know it takes a lot. And thank you very
19 much.

20 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Bev Cuthbertson
21 and then Harriett Granthen.

22 MS. CUTHBERTSON: Bev Cuthbertson,
23 C U T H B E R T S O N .

24 I'm Secretary of the Republican Party,
25 Second Vice of the American Republican Party. I'm

1 representing myself and attended two premeetings before
2 you had maps.

3 I'd like to take the opportunity to thank
4 you. You listened to me. You kept me in my district.
5 I don't know why.

6 You heard a lot of people here today
7 talking about the boundary of I-17 being a legitimate
8 boundary for districts. I mentioned last time it took a
9 long time getting across I-17 to get across traffic. I
10 can sympathize for the people in the Historic Westwood
11 District that want to stay east of the freeway, as I
12 did.

13 The other thing I want to talk about very
14 briefly is this: Actually, I think you've done a great
15 job with things. You've squared things off, which is
16 another thing I asked for. But as I said the last time,
17 when we talk about competitive districts, we talk about
18 gerrymandering, we talk about taking away from the
19 Legislature, all the other things, talking about
20 politics, people, talking about Democrats, Republicans,
21 Libertarians, green party, it makes no difference. This
22 is a political interest for a community of interest.
23 That's why I wanted my district to stay the way it was.

24 I worked a long time on my district and
25 wanted to keep it the way it was. I don't think that's

1 wrong of me. God created us all with free will. If a
2 lot of one party want to live in one part of a city or
3 state, I don't see how you can take one part, put them
4 in another without creating odd-ball districts, like
5 carving out El Mirage and Surprise again.

6 Let us live together in peace, like Bob
7 Haran said. We're all different nationalities, came
8 from overseas, many of us, not me, but my grandparents
9 did. We learned to live together. Let's all live
10 together, have peace and quiet, have a good Legislative
11 District.

12 And thank you for your work.

13 (Applause.)

14 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Thank you.

15 Harriett Granthen followed by Bill
16 Brotherton.

17 MS. MITTEN GRANTHEN: Harriett Mitten
18 Granthen, H A R R I E T T, M I T T E N, Granthen,
19 G R A N T H E N. It's German Lutheran.

20 You drew a line real personal. Now you'll
21 have to listen to my personal story.

22 I live in Westwood Village, have since
23 1958. Before that I lived at 8th Avenue and McKinley.
24 I'm a fifth generation Phoenician, and I very much love
25 my neighborhood.

1 I work at 35th Avenue and Thomas. I'm
2 very much politically active there, and I want to go
3 home every night across I-17 to the east. And I want my
4 friends and neighbors where I vote to be in District O.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BROTHERTON: Bill
6 Brotherton from Westwood. Some heard what I said
7 before, some didn't.

8 I don't support putting Westwood into the
9 Central Phoenix area. As you have N now, it's a
10 majority-minority district. What I'm concerned about,
11 above them, the other parts in between I-17 and 19th
12 Avenue, if you indeed go ahead and take them there and
13 put it into the Central Phoenix District, that's fine.
14 If that's what they like, that's fine.

15 What I'm concerned about is let them, the
16 people come speak for themselves. Perhaps they are not
17 here. There are folks in other parts of that same strip
18 that are not historic.

19 What I'm concerned about is changing the
20 entire map for that portion. Certainly taking them out
21 would be fine. I have no problem with doing that.

22 So I just wanted to make sure that was
23 clarified.

24 I believe some of the speakers mentioned
25 going up all the way up to Northern, I believe where

1 that was, bringing it across, and that certainly would
2 not be in their neighborhood there.

3 Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Anyone else still
5 awake enough to speak?

6 MR. HOLMGREN: Can we ask questions?

7 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: We'll stay around
8 to answer questions.

9 I want to thank you for coming down.

10 These are called draft maps. They'll
11 change.

12 The input you've given us today has given
13 us food for thought and will be considered before any
14 changes are made in these draft maps.

15 Thank you for your interest.

16 As I said before, if you do have questions
17 you want to ask us individually, we're not running out
18 the door.

19 (Written Letter submitted by O'Dell Arbon
20 is included as follows:

21 "To: The Commissioners of the Independent
22 Redistricting Commission.

23 "Subject: West Boundary of Westwood
24 Village/Estates.

25 "I'm O'Dell Arbon, reside at 2919 North

1 21st Drive, and am a resident of Westwood
2 Village/Estates. I would like to present the following
3 request to the Commission.

4 "According to the City zoning office, they
5 said that the boundary to the west, is referred to as,
6 'Just a little bit beyond west of Nineteenth Ave.'
7 Well...I recommend to keep the established boundary as
8 it presently is today. It's easily recognized by
9 everyone as, the I-17 Freeway. This seems to be a very
10 logical boundary to establish for everyone's
11 convenience, and geographical location.

12 "At the present time we are an 'Encanto
13 Village' planning community. Our neighborhood is
14 Historic eligible in just four months, and I strongly
15 desire to remain a part of the existing historic
16 neighborhoods. This is in accordance of 'Keeping like
17 communities together.'

18 As expected, in anticipation of being
19 historic eligible in such a short time, there is much
20 excitement, pride and expectation for this to happen.
21 I, as 'One of the first residents in this neighborhood,'
22 would be most thankful for the designation of historic
23 eligible. It is my hope this will meet with your
24 approval.

25 "Thank you very much."

1 "O'Dell Arbon. 2919 No. 21st Drive,
2 Phoenix, AZ., 85018-6016, 602, 253-4055, dated 24
3 August, 2001.)

4 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded at
5 approximately 5:47 p.m.)

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