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2 COMMISSION convened in Public Session on August 30,
3 2001, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Mesa Community College,
4 1833 West Southern Avenue, Mesa, Arizona, Kirk Student
5 Center, Navajo Room, in the presence of:

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7 APPEARANCES:

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2 PRESENTATION BY:

3 VICE CHAIRMAN ANDI MINKOFF

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5 SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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7 PHIL AMOROSI

8 COUNCILMEMBER JOE DURBALA

9 COUCILMAN MARK MITCHELL

10 ERIC EMMERT

11 JERRY D. WALKER

12 CONNIE THOMPSON

13 MARK THOMPSON

14 JOHN McCOMISH

15 HARRY MITCHELL

16 KEVIN ADAM

17 DALE DESPAIN

18 EVELYN ENSMINGER

19 A. J. LAFARO

20 LAURA KNAPERREK

21 ONNIE SHEKERJIAN

22 DEAN ANDERSON

23 FRAN EMERSON

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2 SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CONT'D):
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4 FRITZ FUFFLI
5 BILL REGNER
6 KATHLEEN RAHN
7 DICK McBLANE
8 TOM CARLSON
9 DAVE WELLS
10 EILEEN FELLNER
11 CAROL OWENS
12 TOM MORRISSEY
13 GARY CHRISTENSEN
14 JERRY BRISCO
15 KIRK ADAMS
16 DEBORAH THOMAS
17 COUNCILMAN DENNIS CAHILL
18 BOB BOGLE
19 BETTY BOGLE
20 MAYOR TIBSHRAENY
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1 Public Session
2 Mesa, Arizona
3 August 30, 2001
4 6:30 o'clock p.m.

5 P R O C E E D I N G S

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7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'd like to call the
8 meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission
9 order.

10 I'd like the record to show all five
11 Commissioners are present with the consultants and legal
12 counsel and staff present.

13 (Whereupon the Chairman asked the audience
14 in Spanish if anyone required the services of an
15 interpreter as the Spanish interpreter stood. No one
16 indicated the need for an interpreter.)

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: This evening we're here to
18 hear from the public on the Congressional and
19 Legislative draft maps published. We have, as is our
20 usual custom, to give you a historical view of where we
21 are and how we got there, a Power Point presentation.
22 We'd ask the Vice Chairman of the Commission, Andrea
23 Minkoff, to present that Power Point presentation at
24 this time.

25 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Would you do the

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1 introductions?

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'd be happy to do that.

3 I'll start to my far right.

4 Jose Rivera, legal counsel.

5 Next is Lisa Hauser, co-counsel to the

6 Commission.

7 Seated next to me on my far right is Vice

8 Chairman Andrea Minkoff.

9 On my right is Dan Elder.

10 On my near left is Jim Huntwork.

11 And on the far left is Joshua Hall.

12 I'm Steve Lynn. I Chair the Commission.

13 At the far end of the table, Dr. Florence

14 Adams and Marguerite Leoni with National Demographics.

15 Adolfo Echeveste, Executive Director.

16 While mentioning Mr. Echeveste, he has in

17 his hand speaker slips which you need to fill out if you

18 wish to address the Commission this evening. If you'd

19 raise your hand if you need a speaker slip,

20 Mr. Echeveste will get you one if you wish to be heard

21 later this evening.

22 Ms. Minkoff.

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,

24 Mr. Chairman.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to add my

1 welcome to those of the Chairman.

2 This is one in the second round of public
3 hearings.

4 We were here, many of you may remember, in
5 June. I was at that meeting and I think a many number
6 of you were as well. It's a pleasure to see you back.

7 We're holding these hearings in many parts
8 of the state, and we're going to begin with a Power
9 Point presentation.

10 Can you all hear me?

11 VOICES: No.

12 Is the mike on?

13 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I think it's on.

14 Does this help?

15 Now I can't see my notes.

16 We'll work it out.

17 Okay. If you can't hear me as it goes
18 along, just kind of wave at me and I'll do something,
19 talk a little bit louder.

20 The purpose of these hearings is to obtain
21 your opinions on the draft plans we've developed. We'll
22 be showing examples of the districts we've drawn and
23 explain why we drew them the way we did. There are also
24 maps you may have picked up or you can pick up on the
25 table near the entrance. There are maps up on the wall

1 that you can look at after the meeting. And there are
2 also citizen kits that are in manila envelopes like
3 this. I hope you each pick one up. They're full of all
4 kinds of good information.

5 There are maps in there with details and
6 it explains each of the districts for you.

7 If you don't have one and want one right
8 now, once again, raise your hand and someone from the
9 staff can bring these in and get one to you.

10 We would like you to know that after we
11 hear from you during the public input part of the
12 presentation, that we are going to stay afterwards. So
13 if you have individual questions you want to address to
14 specific Commissioners, we'll be glad to stay here until
15 they lock the doors on us and answer whatever your
16 questions may be.

17 Please remember, the maps they're going to
18 show you this evening are drafts. We know they can be
19 improved. Some have already told us ways they can be
20 improved. We know they can be improved. We believe
21 they can be improved. We believe they can be improved
22 tonight and subsequent to this evening.

23 Last year the people voted by a
24 substantial majority to establish the Redistricting
25 Commission. Proposition 106 established criteria for

1 drawing new districts. These are criteria as stated in
2 Proposition 106.

3 The first two criteria listed up there as
4 A and B, right there, are actually federal criteria. We
5 have to comply with the United States Constitution, and
6 we have to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

7 The United States Constitution says we
8 have to have districts that are essentially equal in
9 population. The Voting Rights Act says that we have to
10 protect the rights of minorities to elect candidates of
11 their choosing.

12 We are subject to Title V of the Voting
13 Rights Act. And before our districts go into effect,
14 the US Department of Justice will have to preclear them,
15 will have to approve them.

16 Rule C says districts shall be
17 geographically compact and contiguous to the extent
18 practicable.

19 D says the same thing about respecting
20 communities of interest, to the extent practicable.

21 E says that we should use visible
22 geographic features, political boundaries, city limits,
23 county boundaries, and undivided Census tracts.

24 The last of the rules, rule F, requires us
25 to try to make competitive districts.

1 Once we've addressed other criteria, we
2 need to address districts so long as it creates no
3 significant detriment to other criteria. I'll address
4 that specific criteria later on.

5 Proposition 106 had something unique in
6 it. No other state had such a requirement. We had to
7 begin designing a grid with geometric lines as a
8 beginning point with population equality as the only
9 consideration. The only thing we had to create was
10 eight Congressional Districts and 30 Legislative
11 Districts with essentially equal population. In
12 designing the grid we decided to use townships and give
13 you a pretty grid-like pattern of building blocks. We
14 then combined whole Census tracts to combine whole
15 population.

16 Here are the Congressional and Legislative
17 grids. You may say she said townships and straight
18 lines and grid, all of that, and that doesn't look very
19 grid-like. That's because of the imposition of Census
20 tracts on townships to provide for equal population.
21 Census tracts never cross county boundaries. That's why
22 you see county boundaries as the lines. Census tracts
23 are usually irregular in shape. That accounts for the
24 nongrid-like look of our grid.

25 New grids would have to be adjusted,

1 because they don't satisfy all the other requirements of
2 106. They are fairly compact and contiguous, use
3 undivided Census tracts, split cities, split counties,
4 split Indian Reservations.

5 We do have to take the reservations into
6 consideration, address the Proposition 106 requirements.

7 To help us adjust the grid, we had 24
8 public hearings in the first series of public hearings
9 across the state.

10 We invited the citizens to complete the
11 input forms, write to us, use the website, send us
12 e-mails. We had an incredible amount of citizen input.
13 And summaries of the input made it very clear Arizona
14 had a firm belief in respecting communities of interest,
15 respecting boundaries of cities, towns, counties, and
16 local governments. It was clear those should be the
17 basic principles guiding our approach to drawing these
18 district maps.

19 We also learned from this first round of
20 public hearings what people saw as communities of
21 interest. And there were three major communities of
22 interest that came out loud and clear during these
23 public hearings.

24 First, Native Americans and tribal
25 reservations should be respected. Second was we should

1 respect Hispanic communities of interest. And the third
2 was that the interests of rural and urban communities
3 were very different and to the extent possible they
4 should be separated in the drawing of districts. We
5 heard this, incidentally, from both rural and urban
6 residents in input, saw interests as very, very
7 different and meriting separation of districts.

8 The people who came to our first round of
9 public hearings and provided input via mail and the
10 website also helped us design the Arizona Units of
11 Representation, AURs, and told us what their units of
12 interest were, told us what the units of interest were
13 and who they were, the interests of people around the
14 state, what they felt were especially important in the
15 region. These were people we looked at in drawing draft
16 maps. We'll be showing the maps, districts, in a
17 minute. We think it's worthwhile to show the
18 differences between these drafts and existing districts
19 drawn by the Legislature 10 years ago.

20 The draft districts split less than half
21 the cities and towns. The existing districts split 16
22 cities and towns. Our draft split only six.

23 Similarly, the existing Legislative
24 Districts split 39 cities and towns. The draft
25 districts split a third of that, 13 cities and towns.

1 That's also true of counties. I'll give
2 you the county statistics. Keep in mind we're talking
3 eight Congressional Districts. 10 years ago there were
4 only six. The six existing districts included five
5 split counties. We added two, and we now have six
6 counties split.

7 Existing Legislative Districts included 13
8 split counties. Our draft map split only nine counties.
9 Two counties, Pima County and Maricopa, would be split
10 under any plan as they are too large to be contained in
11 a single Legislative or Congressional District.

12 We truly minimized the splits in the draft
13 maps.

14 The draft plans, as mentioned before,
15 respect communities of interest.

16 We mentioned three major communities of
17 interest before: Tribal Reservations have been
18 undivided, and in many cases various tribes are combined
19 within the same district. Hispanic communities of
20 interest are kept together in many cases. And rural and
21 urban communities are separated as much as possible.

22 Many of the other AURs, Arizona units of
23 representation, are also respected by the draft plan.
24 Obviously not all are because some are in direct
25 conflict with one another.

1 As much as we could, we respected all of
2 the AURs.

3 We mentioned competitiveness earlier.
4 Proposition 106 does not allow us to consider
5 competitiveness until the first stage of the mapping
6 process is complete. That stage is now complete with
7 the publication of the draft map. Under Proposition
8 106, we're now supposed to adjust the draft maps to
9 provide competitive districts when doing so would cause
10 no substantial detriment to the other characteristics we
11 already talked about, and that's one of the things we're
12 going to be doing during and after this second round of
13 public hearings. And that's one thing I'm sure many of
14 you will have comments about.

15 We solicit comments, if you have
16 suggestions as to how we should make districts more
17 competitive.

18 Now is time to show you the draft plans
19 beginning with Congressional Districts.

20 These are the eight the Congressional
21 Districts. I'm sure you notice it's very hard to see
22 them because there's not a lot of contrast on that map.
23 In the map in the citizen kit, you may have an easier
24 time seeing these maps. These are the eight
25 Congressional draft districts that we drew, letters A

1 through H. Here is the map for the greater Phoenix
2 Metropolitan area. And here is the draft map for the
3 Tucson area.

4 Now, let's turn to the 30 Legislative
5 Districts. Here is the draft map. Once again, the
6 contrast isn't really great. You may want to refer to
7 the map in the citizen kit.

8 The districts are numbered from north to
9 south beginning with the letter A in the northern part
10 of the state.

11 Here are the draft districts for Maricopa
12 County and the draft districts in the Tucson area. And
13 you'll notice we ran out of letters. There are only 26
14 of them. We have 30 districts. The last four are AA
15 and DD in the Tucson area.

16 We hope you'll take the opportunity this
17 evening to let us know your thoughts this evening,
18 whether favorable or negative.

19 If you like what we've done so far, it's
20 important you tell us that, as well as people who have
21 suggestions for change who will surely tell us what they
22 don't like about districts. If you don't want them to
23 change, let us know. If you do want us to change, let
24 us know and let us know how you want them to change, and
25 be as specific as you can. If you know streets, let us

1 know the streets, et cetera. We'd be happy to hear
2 that.

3 If you've not filled out a speaker slip
4 yet, raise your hand. One of the staff will give you a
5 speaker request form.

6 We have a lot of people that want to speak
7 tonight. We want to listen to everyone. We ask you to
8 say everything you need to tell us, but to please try to
9 do it as briefly as possible. Please try to keep your
10 remarks under five minutes, if you possibly can. We
11 want to hear everyone, and we want to be as respectful
12 of the last speaker as we will be of the first.

13 I'd also like to suggest if somebody else
14 has already said what you came here to talk about, if
15 there are a number of you concerned about the same
16 issue, if you get up and just tell us you support the
17 remarks of the other person, that will have the same
18 weight with the Commission as if you begin at the
19 beginning and go through all the criteria again.

20 We're also circulating a form you may wish
21 to use to indicate your opinion. You can hand it in
22 here, give it to the staff, or mail it in later using
23 one of the prepaid envelopes in the citizen kits.

24 If you have specific ideas for design for
25 adjustment, use that in making suggestions in your

1 citizen kit.

2 Also, we're pleased to hear from you via
3 regular mail or e-mail.

4 I encourage you to visit the website. Our
5 address is up there, right up there,
6 www.azredistricting.org. If you want give to use e-mail
7 to send a message, go to that website and leave it
8 through the website.

9 I'd also encourage you just to visit the
10 website and browse. It's full of information, is very
11 well-organized, very easy to use, and you can visit it
12 at regular intervals.

13 Whenever there is something new, it's
14 posted on the website. And it will allow you to keep
15 up-to-date on what we're doing.

16 Redistricting will determine the kind of
17 representation we'll have in the state for the rest of
18 the decade. It's worthy of the effort, energy, and
19 goodwill we can give it and you can give it.

20 We appreciate your interest and attention
21 in Arizona with the first ever independent
22 redistricting.

23 That's end of our presentation.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Minkoff.

1 This evening, as with the bulk of the
2 time, this is the time for consideration and discussion
3 of input from the public with respect to the draft
4 Congressional and Legislative districts. Those wishing
5 to address the Commission shall request permission in
6 advance by filling out a speaker slip. Action taken as
7 a result of public comment will be limited to direction
8 to staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter
9 for further consideration and decision at a later date
10 unless it is the subject of an item already on the
11 agenda.

12 We ask as you come to the podium, for the
13 convenience of the public stenographer, and say or spell
14 your name for the record. When finished, pause briefly
15 to see if there are any questions of the Commission or
16 staff once you've made your presentation.

17 With that, we'll begin the public hearing.

18 The first speaker slip I have is from Phil
19 Amorosi.

20 Mr. Amorosi.

21 Since we have a number of people that are
22 going to speak tonight, I'm going to give sort of an
23 on-deck hitter kind of approach so the person next to
24 speak can be moving toward the center and be ready to
25 speak.

1 Again, I apologize for mispronouncing
2 names. I believe it's Joe Durbala.

3 MR. ECHEVESTE: On deck.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Amorosi.

5 MR. AMOROSI: Philip Amorosi, P H I L I P,
6 A M O R O S I.

7 I live in Tempe. I reviewed the latest
8 district map for Tempe. Last time I spoke for a united
9 Tempe, one district. I see Tempe is still split. Now a
10 portion of the south, that portion, those people are
11 split away. This is unfortunate given the community of
12 interest in the new District Q. Mainly Tempe would be
13 fairer in voter registration.

14 Currently the Tempe district is 47, 44
15 percent Republican, 34 percent Democrat. The new, 46
16 Republican, 36 Democrat. All districts should be at
17 least this competitive.

18 Thank you for is listening at the last
19 meeting. I still don't understand why the district has
20 to jog north-south. Can't it go straight across Osborn
21 and Thomas in the north, southeast, go across Guadalupe
22 or Elliott?

23 And also, that the district kind of jogs
24 out at 64th Street in the north side instead of going
25 straight up 64th Street? Now, maybe this skews the

1 competitiveness too much. I don't know.

2 Has anyone looked into flopping the two
3 southern portions west so the side drops down to Elliott
4 on the east side of Guadalupe? Does this bring the two
5 major parties closer in competitiveness, even to the
6 slightest things, closer in competitiveness?

7 On the Congressional side, things are
8 dismal. The difference, five percent in the state, the
9 two parties, I wish every Congressional District were
10 that close. The average difference in the current plan
11 is 19 percent. In Congressional District E, it's 18
12 percent. Only two out of four, I'd agree, out of eight
13 Congressional Districts, are competitive. That's not
14 fair.

15 Trying to connect the Hopi Tribe to Lake
16 Havasu by a connector string looks like really bad
17 gerrymandering.

18 Trying to make all as even and compact as
19 possible, you can do better than the current plan.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Comments or questions for
22 Mr. Amorosi?

23 Thank you, sir.

24 The next speaker, Joe Durbala.

25 Next is Mark Mitchell.

1 COUNCILMAN DURBALA: Joe Durbala,
2 D U R B A L A. I'm representing the City Council in
3 Apache Junction.

4 We're very thankful you at least took the
5 consideration to keep us in one district. We're a
6 little upset at having to go way down to the Cochise
7 County part of the area. We'd still overemphasize most
8 of the residents attended Pinal County. It's large
9 enough, diverse enough, they have their own agenda,
10 being a rural community, being stuck together instead of
11 being split up. Again, we hope the Commission looks at
12 that. If still short on population numbers, people
13 recommended we look at taking part of the unincorporated
14 part of Maricopa County up to Sossoman, adding that for
15 population into our area.

16 That's all I have to say.

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Elder?

18 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I didn't catch what,
19 top to what?

20 MR. DURBALA: Sossoman. That's
21 unincorporated. It still has part of a rural
22 atmosphere. It's not all urban yet.

23 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mark Mitchell, City
24 Councilman with the City of Tempe.

25 On deck is Eric Emmert.

1 COUNCILMAN MITCHELL: Thank you, Chairman
2 Lynn, Members of the Commission.

3 The City of Tempe's boundaries represent
4 the City of Tempe's interests. The District of Tempe
5 boundaries are geographically compact and also
6 incorporate the geographical features. I'm in favor of
7 keeping Tempe in as few districts as possible.

8 I appreciate the last meeting, and keeping
9 our interests in consideration. If the Commission
10 recognizes the unique interests of Tempe, you could
11 insure the unique representation of Tempe's population.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Eric Emmert.

13 On deck, Jerry Walker.

14 MR. EMMERT: Eric Emmert, E R I C,
15 E M M E R T. I'm Vice President of the Tempe Chamber of
16 Commerce.

17 The Tempe Chamber is a civic chamber
18 comprised of more than 1200 businesses committed to
19 building an environment that enhances the economic
20 vitality of Tempe. I come before you this evening to
21 offer the perspective of the Tempe business community
22 and suggest how the Commission can best represent our
23 wishes.

24 First and foremost, thank you for what you
25 are doing. The Chamber supported the passage of Prop

1 106 and we recognize the difficult task you have in
2 meeting our goals, the requirements of the federal
3 government, the requirements of Prop 106, and trying to
4 please everyone all at the same time. Your service is
5 appreciated.

6 Contrary to what the media claims are the
7 wishes of Tempe, the Chamber believes Tempe should be
8 split into two districts. Further, the Tempe Chamber
9 believes the dividing line should be US-60 as the
10 dividing line between the north and south districts.

11 In an attempt to provide you the best
12 possible information, the Chamber's Government Relations
13 Committee studied Census tracts, the grids you provided,
14 and looked at what best represent businesses in Tempe.
15 Dividing the city at US-60 between the northern and
16 southern district appropriately segments communities of
17 interest within Tempe allowing for the most equitable
18 representation. North Tempe is a historic section of
19 the city encompassing Arizona State University and the
20 Historic area. The State University, South Tempe, they
21 have their own newspaper, has a more established
22 constituency.

23 Dividing Tempe in half, the population
24 needed for each of the districts, we can provide further
25 specifics the Chamber recommends for the entire

1 Ahwatukee Foothills area, southern districts, South
2 Tempe Ahwatukee Foothills, in addition to sharing the
3 high school, combined areas, to provide residents the
4 resources necessary to create one residential district.
5 Additionally, the district of northern Tempe, East
6 Phoenix, Thomas Road south to Baseline, and from the
7 Tempe border west to 32nd Street, or Scottsdale south
8 from -- Tempe border north to Chaparrall, North Tempe,
9 either one of the areas share demographic identities
10 that provide needed population for the demographics of
11 the district.

12 Let me reiterate, Tempe should remain
13 represented in two districts, a northern and southern
14 Legislative area; however, unlike the current maps,
15 shift the dividing line to north US-60.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Emmert, not so much a
17 question, do you have suggestions you have given us in
18 represented written form or on a map so we don't make
19 any errors in what you are proposing?

20 MR. EMMERT: I'd be happy to provide that.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

22 The next speaker is Jerry D. Walker.

23 On deck, Connie Thompson.

24 MR. WALKER: Jerry D. Walker, W A L K E R.

25 I want to express the great pleasure with

1 the district map you've given us for the Legislative
2 District draft map marked area S. I think it's
3 extremely appropriate, and we're rather happy with what
4 you've done. I ask you to please keep it the way it is.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Walker.

6 Next is Connie Thompson followed by Mark
7 Thompson.

8 MS. THOMPSON: Connie Thompson.

9 Can I borrow him?

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Better that you ask than I
11 do.

12 MS. THOMPSON: Good evening. Connie
13 Thompson, C O N N I E, T H O M P S O N.

14 I want to thank you for the opportunity to
15 speak to you about redistricting.

16 I want to begin telling you, I'm slightly
17 unique, not only an Arizona native but a Tempe native.
18 There are not too many of us around. If that gives me
19 any more weight, I'll take it.

20 Next, what I've provided to you, I'll
21 speak to you as a resident of South Tempe. What I
22 provided to you, I want you to see where my community of
23 interest is.

24 If you notice, below US-60, I shop at
25 Arizona Mills Mall, shop south of US-60. If I go north

1 of US-60 it's to Fiesta Mall. My friends, family, are
2 south of US-60. Please don't make the switch
3 recommended. You'd take away my in-laws, friends,
4 family, all down in the southern part Tempe. I think
5 wonderful everyone wants to be with South Tempe. We're
6 sociable, fun, know where the best restaurants are, but
7 I wish tonight to pick who I want to hang out with, like
8 Ahwatukee, South Chandler, who to intermingle with.

9 I'd really appreciate it if you truly look
10 at it, not vote politics, keeping everything together,
11 competitiveness, think about families, friends,
12 communities of interest. That's the goal, to continue
13 with the importance and continue to follow the goal.

14 I really appreciate this tonight.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Thompson, just so it's
17 clear, you are asking us to split Tempe at US-60.

18 MS. THOMPSON: Absolutely.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I wanted to be clear.

20 MS. THOMPSON: And combined with
21 Ahwatukee.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker after Mark
23 Thompson, he'll be followed by John McComish.

24 Mr. Thompson.

25 MR. THOMPSON: Mark Thompson, M A R K,

1 T H O M P S O N .

2 I have lived in Tempe for over 24 years,
3 owned businesses in Las Vegas, Tempe, and support the
4 redistricting lines initially released by the
5 Redistricting Commission dated August 10th which
6 separates Tempe at Highway 60 going north and south.
7 for the boundaries. And eastern boundaries at Price and
8 101.

9 I shop and attend church in South Tempe.
10 I live with my wife in South Tempe, which is convenient.

11 And the Independent Redistricting
12 Commission charged with redrawing fair and competitive
13 districts based on the criteria set forth in Prop 106.

14 I believe the split of 60 does that.

15 The problem is currently these maps
16 released dated August 17th which has the North-South
17 boundaries in the southern part of the district, at
18 Guadalupe and Elliott, our Legislative District southern
19 border lines, some of the areas are dropping far south
20 of Elliott. The northern boundary, Thomas and Phoenix,
21 I'd like to know how that happened.

22 When reviewing the documents on the
23 website, I noted the NDC summary dated 6-25, the
24 proceedings, the summary of the Commission stated nine
25 speakers argued for varying ways the Tempe community of

1 interest was based on the presence of the Arizona State,
2 and speakers urged Tempe be kept whole. Where did this
3 perception come from?

4 I'd like to know, for the nine speakers,
5 speaking as elected officials of Tempe, I can't give
6 away the farm. I know where they live. I can tell you
7 they are very happy with the currently drawn lines. It
8 seems to me there is something wrong with the picture.

9 I read the report, the summary of the
10 released articles in the East Valley Trib, about the
11 Commission and many Tempeians that want one Tempe, one
12 district.

13 I may be wrong. I don't believe all Tempe
14 got here, South Tempe, in the last presentation. Many
15 live in South Tempe, Ahwatukee.

16 Redrawn Legislative maps of August 17th
17 has it with a northern border somewhere near Thomas.

18 Half of the initial testimony from Tempe
19 on redistricting boundaries are from personal and
20 professional interest under the current plan. Lines
21 between what truly benefits citizens of Tempe and what
22 is gerrymandering.

23 With respect to gerrymandering, I'll use a
24 quote from Vice Chairman Minkoff. "Both parties do it.
25 Both parties are equally guilty. It does dilute votes.

1 Voters of Arizona wanted to clean things up, prevent
2 things like this from happening, so it created a new
3 entity, the IRC."

4 Please listen to your own words. Don't
5 let the voters of Arizona get short changed and put in
6 the hands of a handful of officials.

7 Incumbents are virtually guaranteed tenure
8 in one district of Tempe. Let us have, my interest
9 truly lies with my neighbors in South Tempe.

10 Consider the lines of August 10th.
11 Tempe's interests are south of highway 60, west of 101.

12 June 25th, three individuals argued
13 Scottsdale and Fountain Hills should not be included as
14 Mesa or Tempe. It's interesting to note all stated you
15 can't get there from here. You can't get here from
16 there. As a South Tempe resident, I have to agree. In
17 the past few years, on many occasions, I said the same
18 thing: I can't get there from here. You can't get to
19 North Tempe from South Tempe.

20 Thank you for your consideration.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you Mr. Thompson.

22 The next speaker is John McComish followed
23 by Harry Mitchell.

24 Mr. McComish.

25 MR. MCCOMISH: John McComish, J O H N,

1 M c C O M I S H.

2 I'm the President of the Ahwatukee
3 Foothills Chamber and Ahwatukee Foothills Planning
4 Committee.

5 You asked earlier if we were happy with
6 anything, to please say that. And speaking for
7 Ahwatukee, the Foothills Committee, our primary goal was
8 to remain whole. We are a community of interest. So
9 far in the various iterations I've seen on maps, you
10 have kept us whole. We're very pleased with that.
11 We're in what is labeled District T on the map. I have
12 only one suggestion for refinement. That is if any
13 changes are to be made in District T, I ask you to
14 consider the Kyrene School District.

15 Right now, as the maps are drawn, it comes
16 close to encompassing the Kyrene School District. I
17 think that's a good thing. If the maps are to change, I
18 ask you to consider moving the line, the Tempe line
19 north so it would be somewhere north of Guadalupe, which
20 would then require the Chandler line to be moved a
21 little west which would be around Price Road, which
22 somebody earlier spoke of as the 101 Freeway.

23 Education is clearly the -- obviously a
24 number one issue in terms of funding that the state
25 Legislature deals with. It is very important to our 350

1 some independent small business people in the Ahwatukee
2 chamber, paying taxes to the Kyrene School District.
3 Again, to repeat, if it is necessary to make those
4 changes, please keep that district in mind. I know you
5 can't with hall districts. You almost have it right in
6 this one. That would be a big plus. We want to
7 conclude by saying thank you for the openness of these
8 proceedings, everything you are going through. It
9 certainly appears you are seeking the input of the
10 residents around the state. I thank you for that.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Comments or questions for
13 Mr. McComish?

14 Thank you, sir.

15 The next speaker is Harry Mitchell
16 followed by Kevin Adam.

17 MR. MITCHELL: Harry Mitchell, H A R R Y,
18 M I T C H E L L.

19 When I came here to the very first
20 meeting, one of the things I thought important was to
21 keep Tempe whole. I'm a long-time resident, former
22 Tempe official. I thought this was in the best
23 interests of the community of interest, Tempe.

24 Looking at the maps you've done, I think
25 one of the more important elements of the charge you

1 have is the idea of competitiveness.

2 If Tempe is to be split, as I believe it
3 will be split, I think probably the arrangement you have
4 now fits the bill of all the criteria listed in your
5 charge of responsibility as a result of this initiative.

6 The idea of competitiveness, I think this
7 is really important to keep in mind. When districts are
8 skewed so bad they always put one party at a complete
9 advantage over another, that means very few people end
10 up controlling the whole process. People get
11 discouraged, don't vote. What difference does it make?
12 When city councils, for example, most city councils,
13 most of them, run at large, run nonpartisan, what that
14 really means is there's an opportunity of
15 competitiveness, complete competitiveness.

16 If you look at what happens in the way
17 cities are run, I firmly believe this, compared to the
18 way sometimes a state is run, you'll find it's done in a
19 much more civil manner, a manner which includes probably
20 the interests of more people, and complete public
21 interests.

22 I think what happens when you have
23 districts skewed so much to one part or another you find
24 ideologic interests overriding community interests.

25 I urge you to look at the maps. You've

1 done a terrific job so far. There are some districts,
2 some could be rearranged because of competitiveness,
3 which I think is important. I think, as Vice Chairman
4 Minkoff said, what you are doing will take over for the
5 next 10 years. What we want for the next 10 years is
6 competitive races where people feel they have a choice
7 and chance to be heard.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Mitchell, if you would
10 be so kind, we hear competitiveness spoken about clearly
11 as one of our charges. We struggle with a number of
12 definitions in terms of doing what we do. Community of
13 interest is undefined and we asked the communities of
14 the state to define it for us.

15 What is your definition for us?

16 MR. MITCHELL: I think there are a number
17 of them. Where either party running a very vigorous
18 campaign has a chance of winning a particular race. I'm
19 thinking Legislative race, and it also applies to a
20 Congressional race.

21 I think anywhere where there is a four,
22 five, six percent difference in voter registration,
23 either in size, I think that makes those truly
24 competitive.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

1 The next speaker is Kevin Adam followed by
2 Dale Despain.

3 Mr. Adam.

4 MR. ADAMS: Members of the Commission, I'm
5 Kevin Adam, K E V I N, A D A M. I represent the City of
6 Mesa.

7 Thank you once again for coming out to
8 Mesa and giving the residents of East Mesa and others an
9 opportunity to share their comments on the Commission's
10 process. I also acknowledge the admirable job the
11 Commission has done sharing the City of Mesa's
12 boundaries with the draft map. Our hope is the final
13 product doesn't stray significantly from what you have
14 in place now, at least in regards to the districts Mesa
15 is in.

16 As population, 400,000 is reasonable for
17 us to expect to be placed in four districts. What we
18 were concerned about, if we were to be placed in four or
19 more, we didn't have a situation where we were
20 specifically drawn up where there was a small sliver of
21 the city, a relatively insignificant population, that
22 was located in another district which we currently have
23 in Legislative District Six, where there's just a tiny
24 portion of Southwest Mesa involved in that district.

25 With the proposed districts you have

1 drawn, the smallest population that we have in any given
2 district is 38,000. And we are very comfortable with
3 that being the smallest population in any given
4 district.

5 It's our hope if there are, again, aren't
6 major revisions done, if there are, the major concern is
7 the population of 38,000, proposed District U, as well
8 as 40,000 in District V, aren't diminished any.

9 If you are going to make any changes, it
10 would be our desire those are increased slightly,
11 possibly at the expense of the Mesa population, and
12 that's where we have a very strong majority. The same
13 could be said for the Congressional Districts as well.

14 We are very satisfied with the lines that
15 were drawn for that.

16 We are currently represented by two
17 Congressional Districts. And with the explosive growth
18 we've experienced in Mesa, it was our concern that our
19 influence wasn't diminished. In fact, we continue to be
20 located in two Congressional Districts, E and F. If any
21 adjustments are needed to be made there, we would share
22 a similar concern that E, with the population of
23 100,000, again, if adjustments were to be made, the
24 population of 100,000 isn't diminished.

25 Once again, thank you, and I hope the

1 final product is very similar to what you have proposed
2 for Mesa.

3 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Questions or comments for
4 Mr. Adam?

5 Mr. Despain, you are next followed by
6 Evelyn Ensminger.

7 MR. DESPAIN: Dale Despain, D A L E,
8 D E S P A I N.

9 Chairman Lynn, Members of the Commission,
10 I want you to know I'm highly impressed so many of you
11 are here this evening. I think it's amazing you can go
12 to all of these meetings.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: This is all we have.
14 There can't be any more of us.

15 MR. DESPAIN: That's impressive you are
16 all here.

17 I have a record in the Tempe Elementary
18 School District for government relations. The board has
19 discussed this matter and have a consensus that the
20 Tempe School District should be in one Legislative
21 District. Legislative District Q, as you have defined
22 this, does this very well. There has been some
23 discussion of the Kyrene School District and Tempe
24 School District, the border between those two districts
25 is Guadalupe Road. If you were to make divisions in

1 Tempe, Guadalupe Road would be the road to sever the
2 elementary districts, I believe. So we would hope you
3 would consider that as you make your decisions. If you
4 were to move up the freeway, then that would split the
5 elementary district and put us into two separate
6 districts and we would not be able to have the support
7 that would be necessary within the Legislature.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any comments or questions
10 for Mr. Despain?

11 Thank you, sir, very much.

12 Next speaker is Evelyn Ensminger followed
13 by A. J. LaFaro.

14 MS. ENSMINGER: Evelyn Ensminger,
15 E N S M I N G E R.

16 I want to thank you so much for the work
17 that you've done. I've been very impressed with the
18 website and the ease in being able to follow the changes
19 you've been making.

20 I spoke last time about the district that
21 you had. The legislative district you included us in,
22 East Mesa, up to north Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. I
23 actually drove that area to see how easy or how
24 difficult it would be to continue the work I do. I'm
25 just a citizen but I do a lot of work for the community,

1 and I thought it was impossible. Now I watched you
2 contract that, watched you cut it off at the river,
3 watched you expand it again, and think you've done a
4 good job. Leave it the way it is.

5 As far as Sossoman, the comment about
6 Sossoman being more a rural area, I think that may have
7 been true. It's building up so much, you can't call
8 much of that except Chrisman to Meridian rural anymore.
9 I appreciate extending this S all the way from Meridian
10 to the county line.

11 I worked with the Census as a crew leader.
12 I feel I know it very well. It's a good, concise area I
13 feel I can comfortably work in.

14 Thank you so much.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

16 A. J. LaFaro followed by Laura Knaperek.

17 MR. LaFARO: A.J. L a F A R O.

18 I'm a citizen of Tempe, live in South
19 Tempe, and I don't envy you with regards to your task,
20 all right?

21 The maps that were proposed back in the
22 June time frame where you were showing Tempe in two
23 unique districts I felt was an excellent suggestion. As
24 the Tempe Chamber of Commerce mentioned tonight, some of
25 my neighbors, Mark and Connie Thompson, do have unique

1 communities of interest, North and South Tempe.

2 Please don't think the City of Tempe is
3 all harmony.

4 I'm also Chairperson of the recall of
5 Giuliano. All right? And let me assure you, that it's
6 an issue that has absolutely created a lot of interest
7 in our city. Unlike the great civil war of this great
8 nation, where the it was north and south, it absolutely
9 is all over the city with regards to what is going on.
10 But please don't be misled by what a few politicians,
11 self-serving politicians presented to you the first
12 time. I was here the first time and chose not to speak
13 the first time. I felt you needed to be able to do your
14 work, needed to be able to come back with iterations of
15 compromise you needed to do. I was very encouraged when
16 I saw US-60 dividing the City of Tempe into unique
17 districts, because that absolutely represents what the
18 City of Tempe is all about.

19 Again, thank you. I hope you bring the
20 line back up to US-60.

21 Last June I was surprised, as Mr. Thompson
22 was, that for some reason maybe some people had input or
23 scheduled a different meeting with the Commission. I
24 ask and plead you raise the line back up to US-60.

25 Thank you very much for all your work.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, sir.

2 The next speaker is State Representative
3 Laura Knaperek followed by Connie Shekerjian.

4 I hope I was close.

5 MS. SHEKERJIAN: That's great.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Representative Knaperek.

7 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERЕК: It's L A U R A,
8 K N A P E R E K.

9 Let me start out saying I'm a little
10 uncomfortable even coming before you, under the
11 circumstances, with new lines that divide Tempe about
12 80/20. I just need to bring to your attention one
13 issue, and that is where you actually divide on the
14 south side at Rural, you have divided three different
15 schools. So if you are looking at communities of
16 interest, I think those communities around those
17 schools, and I have talked with some of those folks,
18 they are concerned they'll be in different Legislative
19 Districts.

20 I wanted to point out to you and encourage
21 you again to keep in mind the mandate of communities of
22 interest.

23 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Knaperek, if I may, I
24 heard about keeping it whole, dividing US-60. It seems
25 to me, if Tempe is divided at US-60, went back to

1 something they previously had, lower the district, move
2 south, move south to both sides of Rural, it seems to
3 me, one option, which would, sounds like it's a problem
4 with what you just raised.

5 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: Mr. Lynn, I
6 believe it would. I don't want to comment too much.
7 I'll just tell you this particular issue I think stands
8 out so much, I felt I needed come out and tell you about
9 that.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Elder.

11 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Yes, Representative.
12 The three schools, three elementary schools or
13 districts?

14 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: Two elementary
15 schools, one middle school. Want me to name the
16 schools?

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Yes. Use attendance
18 areas.

19 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: Kyrene Del
20 Ninez, Kyrene Del Norte, and Kyrene Middle School.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you very much.

22 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Representative
23 Knaperek, I have a question also about moving that line
24 further south, actually based on information I heard
25 from previous speakers. If we move the three schools

1 which are all in the same school district, all in the
2 Kyrene School District?

3 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERREK: That's correct.

4 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Basically Kyrene
5 School District is in District T, as well as District Q.

6 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERREK: I apologize, I
7 cannot read --

8 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Q includes most of
9 Tempe and T, Tempe and Chandler.

10 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERREK: Yes. Separating
11 that.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: If moved it up to
13 US-60, have we united the entire school district or go
14 up to US-60 --

15 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERREK: Except what goes
16 to Price, south and the Chandler area, Chandler is the
17 Chandler school district.

18 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Doing that then
19 appears prior the speaker in Tempe --

20 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERREK: The line isn't
21 Guadalupe. The line is Tempe and --

22 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: A small part of
23 District Q, one little area.

24 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERREK: Current lines.

25 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: East of Rural and

1 south of Guadalupe.

2 REPRESENTATIVE KNAPERK: That's correct.

3 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Again, the next speaker is
4 Onnie Shekerjian.

5 On deck is Dean Anderson.

6 MS. SHEKERJIAN: I had my husband
7 phonetically spell it for me before I allowed him to
8 date me.

9 I'm Onnie Shekerjian, O N N I E,
10 S H E K E R J I A N.

11 I wanted to start by thanking you for
12 taking on the numerous community meetings across the
13 state in order to get a wide range of views. It's a
14 real successful way of being as fair as possible.

15 I read today, I'm an avid newspaper
16 reader, and read today some elected officials spoke last
17 time and were interviewed in the Republic.

18 I was really concerned about what the
19 Mayor said regarding Tempe, that was a quote that "Tempe
20 has a lot of like-thinking people."

21 I've got to tell you, I've lived in Tempe
22 now for 14 years. We are very diverse. In fact, we're
23 most diverse probably in diversity of thought. I was
24 very surprised to see us represented that way.

25 I have lived in South Tempe for the last

1 14 years and have been specifically active, having
2 served on the Kyrene School Board. I call it south
3 Tempe because I never felt connected with the Northern
4 part of the city. I shop south of 60. My children
5 attended Kyrene, and my interests are very much part of
6 Tempe. The South part of city is very suburban, the
7 northern part of the city is focused on downtown issues,
8 older neighborhoods, and ASU dominates a lot of it. I
9 don't mean that as a criticism, it's just that we're
10 different.

11 We do have different issues than South
12 Tempe. One proof we have a different community of
13 interest is North Tempe has a great resistance by the
14 citizens to unify the two elementary districts with the
15 high school in the past. It has come up many times,
16 three times I can think of, in the past 14 years. There
17 is a strong desire to keep those communities of
18 interest, even if meant dollars would be saved and a
19 better continuity of education for students from
20 kindergarten through high school created. This is a
21 fact many of us who actually would like to see a unified
22 school district and have unfortunately had to accept
23 children south of Guadalupe go to the Kyrene School
24 District and those north go to Tempe.

25 Creating two Tempe School Districts of

1 more equal size in Tempe along boundaries along the
2 school districts or South 60 as the Commission
3 recognized, two very distinct school districts exist in
4 Tempe.

5 This proposed boundary respects the great
6 boundary Tempe enjoys.

7 The northern and southern part of the
8 state has different issues. They shop in different
9 locations. School children are under different
10 leadership. We are two different communities. We feel
11 a large respect for the different issues that are best
12 represented and addressed in the two Legislative
13 Districts as originally drawn in the plan as of August
14 10.

15 Please keep the boundary as you have
16 originally drawn them.

17 With respect to Tempe, this will better
18 serve all citizens of Tempe.

19 Thank you for letting me have this
20 opportunity to express my views. It's really nice to
21 know we live in America and can stand up and say what we
22 think.

23 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Shekerjian.
24 Dean Anderson is the next speaker followed
25 by Fran Emerson.

1 MR. ANDERSON: Good evening.

2 I'm Dr. Dean Anderson, D E A N,
3 A N D E R S O N.

4 I'm a member of the Chandler City Council.

5 Tonight I'm speaking more prospective,
6 long-term, and as a long-time educator and resident of
7 the community.

8 I'm here to express my support for the
9 Legislative draft and ask you to try to keep them as
10 they are currently shown for Chandler.

11 The Commission will be making decisions
12 soon about changes to Legislative Districts in other
13 areas of our state. I hope that these changes will not
14 cause you to alter the proposed districts in Chandler.

15 The Commission has found an excellent
16 solution to the very difficult problem of dividing our
17 community.

18 First, we are the -- we first, we are only
19 in two districts. That is the best option for a city
20 the size of Chandler.

21 Next, in this proposal, our population has
22 been distributed between the two districts so that we
23 have one that is clearly Chandler's Legislative District
24 and the other one where we will still have significant
25 influence.

1 Finally, you have a way of dividing the
2 central area of our city which has its own unique
3 characteristics.

4 Just a couple comments, and actually, just
5 singly, to refute some of the previous testimony.

6 The City of Chandler is a community with
7 five school districts. And it is impossible to address
8 and accommodate all the school districts in this state
9 and at the expense of Legislative competitive balance.

10 I hope that you will continue to use these
11 concepts to guide any changes that may occur as you
12 finalize your drafts.

13 Thank you, again, for your efforts on this
14 very critical issue.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Dr. Anderson.

17 Next speaker is Fran Emerson followed by
18 Fritz Tuffli.

19 MR. EMERSON: Mr. Chairman, Members of the
20 Commission I'm Fran Emerson, F R A N, E M E R S O N.

21 I'd like to thank the Commission as you
22 set off for your hard work and effort. I know you'll
23 hear from many people unhappy with your proposal. It's
24 just as important you hear from us, we who are happy
25 with what you've presented us.

1 I don't think anyone will be a hundred
2 percent happy with your districts, but each change you
3 make will only trigger a need to shift boundaries in
4 another community.

5 What makes the map good for one person or
6 area could have very serious negative impacts on others.
7 And I don't want to changes in other parts of the state
8 to negatively impact Chandler. Both the Congressional
9 and Legislative maps will serve Chandler well, will
10 provide residents of this community with fair
11 representation.

12 I hope you will maintain the proposed
13 districts as you finalize the redistricting plan. If
14 you do have to make changes, I hope you will not push
15 the dividing line between our eastern and western
16 Legislative Districts back to the Price freeway. That
17 wouldn't put enough Chandler residents in the western
18 district.

19 The Legislative District boundaries in the
20 draft plan work well for Chandler.

21 I'd like to thank you for the opportunity
22 to speak this evening, and keep up the good work.

23 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you very much.

24 MR. EMERSON: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker, Fritz

1 Tuffli. I'm sorry about that. Hopefully it's semi
2 close. Followed by Bill Regner.

3 MR. TUFFLI: Actually, you've given the
4 correct Swiss pronunciation. It's a Swiss name.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I knew that.

6 MR. TUFFLI: Tuffli, T U F F L I, first
7 name Fritz, F R I T Z. The Americanization of it is
8 Tuffli.

9 First of all, I'd like to compliment you
10 on the tremendous improvement in the map from the first
11 one. I came to a previous meeting at this location. I
12 think you listened to the input and have taken into
13 account the human interests and made good decisions in
14 terms of changes.

15 I live in area of Tempe represented by Q
16 in this area. I used to live on McKellips in north
17 Tempe. I currently live in middle Tempe on Broadway,
18 pretty much in the middle of this area. This unites
19 communities of interest much more so than the original
20 map, no question about it. We're much more closely
21 associated in demographics, language, income levels, and
22 everything else.

23 I did see, actually didn't see it, saw on
24 the map, according to a person I spoke to on the
25 Redistricting Commission about the August 8 version

1 rather than August 10th version, didn't see it, just
2 heard about it, my understanding was it was divided at
3 60 and instead of going further north than the current
4 map Q does, it went further north than Mesa,
5 predominantly north of Southern.

6 I think the whole City of Tempe is a
7 community of interest. I hate to tamper with something
8 that was much better than the original version, there's
9 almost no words to describe. How I would suggest you
10 make it better, more closely, communities of interest,
11 if you took the area north of McDowell, added the
12 corresponding area on the south side of Q, that would
13 pretty much take in the whole City of Tempe and you'd
14 have it fairly closely united in terms of a number of
15 issues, the area, in that means. If you have to divide
16 Tempe, and of course I hate to see that done, because I
17 think that's a mistake, I think that a more logical
18 dividing point, rather than state route 60 is Baseline.
19 I say that because the areas that are on either side,
20 north and south of 60, are a community of interest very
21 much united, very much united by the freeway expansion
22 issue, and on the issue of expanding the other freeways,
23 in lieu of expanding the freeway and 60. And rather
24 than add an area on the north, if you are intent on
25 splitting into the area north of the current boundary of

1 Q, I think it would be more closely related to the area
2 of interest to add it back into Mesa as the August 8
3 version of this map does. Those would be my
4 suggestions.

5 Also, I hate to phrase this in terms of a
6 complaint. You've all done an excellent job. I do have
7 a little bit of problem with even a temporary
8 representation of these areas with letter designations
9 rather than numerical designations. I know they're not
10 going to be the same as the current numbers, even for
11 areas in similar areas. You have to do it in a
12 systematic way not related to the way the old numbers
13 are. I have to point out that does create a problem for
14 potential candidates that would like to begin getting
15 signatures not having numericc designation to put on a
16 petition form. And I say that telling you that the area
17 that I'm in, of five different versions I've seen or
18 heard about of for the area, I've been in the same one
19 all five times, and it hasn't changed. If I were a
20 candidate, say, running for state office in that area,
21 the precincts I already targeted would not have changed
22 in the five permutations of the map and I could have
23 quite a few signatures by now. This doesn't affect
24 nearly as much candidates that are incumbents who have
25 primary recognition, but it does dramatically affect

1 candidates who are not, not incumbents, that need the
2 advantage of an early start to make up for the
3 difference.

4 I understand the areas are still subject
5 to change and it is somewhat problematical. There is no
6 reason to put letters in for any reason. You might as
7 well start off with numbers.

8 My suggestion would be, whatever the
9 systematic plan is for putting numbers in, do it in the
10 proposed areas now so people can get at least get an
11 idea where they want to be. Some might want to get an
12 early start. Otherwise I think you are unwittingly
13 giving an advantage to incumbent candidates and
14 candidates with high name recognition. I'm sure you
15 don't intend to do that. Some might construe that as
16 election erring. If you give a systematic plan to
17 predict what the numbers might be, that would be
18 helpful.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

20 The next speaker is Bill Regner.

21 The following speaker is Kathleen Rahn or
22 Rahn.

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Rahn.

24 MR. REGNER: Thank you.

25 My name is Bill Regner, R E G N E R.

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1 I want to start off by thanking you for
2 the tremendous job you are doing, tremendous job, a
3 thankless job. You've done, I think, a tremendous job.

4 There are a couple areas I want to thank
5 you for, one is the treatment for the Hopi Reservation.
6 I appreciate that very much, and secondly the
7 consideration of Tempe.

8 I spoke at the last hearing. You had a
9 hearing and I appreciate very much that you listened to
10 the comments from many, not elected officials, though I
11 do serve as Chairman of the Tempe Design Review Board,
12 and I also serve as president of my neighborhood
13 association, which I live in, of course.

14 What my community of interest is, I hear
15 that being asked, why Tempe is a community of interest,
16 what case can we make to you about that is, I want to
17 try to give you why I think it is. And why, what
18 evidence I think there is of that, at least a couple
19 points.

20 In district, currently District 27, which
21 you know well what the boundaries are, one party holds a
22 majority of registered voters over the other party.
23 However, two of the three elected representatives in our
24 Legislature are from the minority party. This is a new
25 occurrence in Tempe, in District 27, and first time that

1 has happened, to have two in power. Four years ago, we
2 had not had a member of a minority party in District 27
3 since it was designed. So what does that mean? How
4 does that happen in a community like Tempe? I think it
5 happens because the two individuals of that minority
6 party who were elected were elected because they are
7 known to be of good character, known to be dedicated to
8 the community known to be Tempe.

9 The voters of District 27, which Tempe is,
10 probably, makes up a majority of that district, voted
11 for individuals who they felt had the interests of that
12 community as their highest priority. That's a community
13 of interest. And I would ask that you consider that as
14 evidence of that community of interest.

15 It is not a part -- it is a nonpartisan
16 choice of this community, if you will, to do that.
17 Their presence here, and it has been commented that
18 those people came to speak, and that they came to speak
19 in a self-serving manner, I would suggest to you they
20 came to you, they came to speak in a community manner as
21 people elected.

22 The two maintain existing plans that you
23 have now may allow the company to continue to have -- be
24 able to elect people who have a strong Tempe identity,
25 which I think is very important. To change it back to

1 the original plan that came out, or some suggestions you
2 heard tonight, which divide Tempe, likely will result in
3 reverting to a fairly partisan election result and,
4 likely, that the representatives who are -- the people
5 who are elected, you know, it's very possible they would
6 not have any strong Tempe association as either a
7 resident or somebody who works in the community. That
8 is a major concern of those of us who feel there is a
9 community of interest here.

10 So it's -- I encourage you to look beyond
11 the statements about where we socialize or where we shop
12 or if the area of a school happens to be cut through by
13 a Legislative District. I'm not sure how that makes a
14 difference. I'm not sure how that applies to those
15 things. I'm not sure how those are impacted in the
16 designs.

17 I live in the north part of Tempe. I go
18 shopping and to restaurants and have a lot of friends in
19 the south part of Tempe. I don't understand how this
20 matters in this situation. What it will do, though,
21 possibly, is take us back to partisan politics.

22 If you can, drop the southern boundary to
23 Warner Road. If you can, or if you must, not if you
24 can, lower the northern boundary no lower than McDowell.
25 If you can't do that, don't do anything else, leave it

1 the way it is, the way you have it now. It's not
2 perfect, but it certainly, you know, gives us a lot more
3 as a community of interest than the previous plan that
4 was being proposed.

5 Again, I thank you for the efforts you
6 made. I appreciate them as a Tempeian and encourage you
7 to maintain that community of interest.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Questions for Mr. Regner?
9 Ms. Hauser.

10 MS. HAUSER: You mentioned you appreciated
11 the treatment of the Hopi Reservation. In one plan the
12 Hopi are separated from the Navajo, the Congressional
13 plan. In the Legislative plan they are combined with --

14 MR. REGNER: I was referring to the
15 Congressional. If you'd like to work on the other one,
16 that would be good, too.

17 MS. HAUSER: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: As is custom, we take a
19 break every hour, hour and a half, for the public
20 stenographer.

21 Ms. Rahn, I'll take your testimony and
22 then break, take a break for about 10 minutes. We're
23 trying to respect everyone's time. We'll start in 10
24 minute's time.

25 Ms. Rahn.

1 MS. RAHN: Kathleen Rahn, R A H N.

2 I'm speaking as a citizen, parent, and
3 educator.

4 My main concern I want to address is the
5 idea of competitiveness and choice in the districts. My
6 husband and I moved here in 1994. We live in what is
7 currently referred to as Congressional District 21. And
8 it was not until the 2000 election we had an opportunity
9 to have a choice and a candidate for the state Senate or
10 the state representative position. That is because our
11 district, and as it remains, is still heavily skewed, 26
12 percent difference between registered Republicans and
13 Democrats. The result of that is that it was not until
14 the 2000 election that any, there was any dialogue, any
15 debate about what our district wanted to do about
16 education, priorities about transportation. All those
17 things were denied two citizens that happened to be
18 Democratic in that area, because there was such a skewed
19 difference.

20 So I would encourage you, when you look
21 for your final plans, to think of citizens like myself
22 and many others who want to make sure we're in a
23 district where there is dialogue, candidates running,
24 because there is opportunity for success.

25 I think what Senator Mitchell said about a

1 four to six percent, that is totally understandable.
2 But districts with 17 percent, or 20 percent one way or
3 the other I don't think adequately represent the
4 citizens.

5 Secondly, as a parent, I also have two
6 children that have either graduated or currently are at
7 the University of Arizona. And I certainly think our
8 universities are major areas of interest. I don't live
9 in Tempe, don't live in Tucson. I certainly believe the
10 major universities need a friend, need a representative
11 in Congress, in the Legislature, that represents their
12 interests.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Rahn, one question.
14 Let's look at District S in its current configuration on
15 the map as proposed.

16 MS. RAHN: Uh-huh.

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: If you were to go about
18 making the district more competitive, how would you go
19 about it?

20 MS. RAHN: I think because did I volunteer
21 for one candidate that ran for several years that I
22 lived here, if you notice where the district goes up to
23 east Broadway, kind of, I can't see which road it is,
24 east Power and the road to the east, to bring -- I don't
25 know where all the registered, where the registration is

1 more fair. I know basically around the corridor of
2 US-60, I think it tends to be more -- the demographics
3 show more registered Democrats. I'm not -- I don't know
4 that for a fact. But I do think there's a major
5 difficulty for citizens that want to see dialogue when
6 denied a candidate because the district is so skewed.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

8 We'll take a 10-minute recess and
9 reconvene at 8:10.

10 (Recess taken from 7:57 p.m. until
11 approximately 8:15 p.m.)

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'll ask everyone to take
13 their seats and we'll reconvene.

14 Ladies and gentlemen, if I can ask you to
15 take your seats, we'll reconvene.

16 For the record, all five Commissioners are
17 present along with legal staff and the consultants.

18 And gentlemen, two announcements as we
19 move forward. If I may have your attention in the back.
20 Thank you very much.

21 A cellphone was found at the rear of the
22 Hall.

23 A VOICE: It's mine.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: If someone lost a
25 cellphone, we might be able to hook you up; but you'll

1 have to tell us who you were last talking to, because we
2 did a star 69 and found out who it was.

3 If anyone lost a cellphone, we may have
4 it.

5 The second thing I wanted to mention
6 tonight, I would like to, on behalf of my fellow
7 Commissioners, we discussed this during the break, but
8 only in groups of two -- you have to know the open
9 meeting laws to appreciate the joke -- this group has
10 been extraordinarily succinct in their points this
11 evening, and we appreciate it more than we can tell you.
12 The number of speakers we've had this evening and number
13 of input that has been right on point in telling us
14 exactly what you think and how you think it ought to
15 work is not only refreshing, it gives us an impression
16 of how we ought to be doing this job. We appreciate it
17 more than we can tell you.

18 If anyone has come in late, has not filled
19 out a speaker slip, would like to and has not done so,
20 please do so to tell us you want to speak.

21 Next two speakers, Dick McBlane.

22 On deck, Mr. Tom Carlson.

23 Mr. McBlane.

24 MR. McBLANE: Dick McBlane.

25 D I C K, M c B L A N E.

1 I could be short and say I don't want to
2 change anything in Chandler; we're happy; but I won't.

3 I'd like to thank everybody on board here
4 for taking on a difficult task. You all should be
5 commended for the hard work and good job, the
6 unbelievable work you guys have put in.

7 I do realize the work was not finished
8 yesterday. I know some changes need to be made to
9 accommodate the issues that have been raised throughout
10 the state. Changes -- I hope the Commission will avoid
11 making any changes, like I said, to Chandler.

12 I'm extremely pleased with how Chandler
13 has been divided into two Legislative Districts. One
14 district where I live is predominantly Chandler
15 residents. I think that's important for a city our
16 size. We deserve that representation. I'm talking
17 about the district in the east part of Chandler. The
18 other district has enough Chandler residents in it to
19 insure our voices will be heard by whoever is elected to
20 represent them. And I understand we're too large to be
21 a single district.

22 I initially was concerned we would be
23 divided in a way that would dilute our influence
24 completely and disenfranchise some segments of the
25 community. I always believed the dividing city as close

1 to Dobson Road as possible helps achieve redistricting
2 goals for our community. The current district, dividing
3 the line along Dobson Road and Alma School, works real
4 well. The plan creates an acceptable compromise, and I
5 urge you folks to keep it as is.

6 Again, I thank you and appreciate your
7 hard work.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. McBlane.

9 Next is Mr. Carlson followed by Dave
10 Wells.

11 Mr. Carlson.

12 MR. CARLSON: Tom Carlson, C A R L S O N.

13 Again, I want to thank you for the
14 opportunity as a citizen of Chandler and being
15 interested in politics, it concerned, some information I
16 read about in previous proposals. At one point I read
17 Chandler would be divided into four districts, which
18 would not be good for the community. Chandler should
19 not be put into more than two districts. I'm glad to
20 see the latest map does that. I'm happy with that
21 latest map. I suppose you want to hear that. I
22 probably should have started with that.

23 I understand enough about this process to
24 know maps may change, especially hearing some of the
25 talk tonight. I want to point out some of the concerns.

1 And hopefully when you make changes, you'll keep in
2 those mind.

3 First, the west Chandler district, please
4 do not go any further east. As the previous speaker
5 mentioned, we have a solid neighborhood there, a core
6 neighborhood. We hope that district doesn't go any more
7 east.

8 Next we heard mention about the Price
9 Freeway, again, Chandler is split in two districts.
10 Using the alignment would not give enough people in the
11 western district. I believe Chandler is better off
12 having more influence and leave it alone with the Dobson
13 line you have now.

14 Finally, please make sure one district
15 continues to be made up mostly of Chandler residents.
16 We should have two made up mostly of Chandler residents.
17 Hopefully you won't have to go far as far as Chandler is
18 concerned. Chandler is good. The current proposal does
19 that. The population does that between the two
20 districts. I think again, letting us have a slim
21 majority in whatever that district is we're lined up
22 with, it could result in a weak representation in the
23 city community.

24 I hope you keep these issues in mind. The
25 main thing is I'm happy the way the lines are drawn up

1 currently.

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Carlson.

3 Next, Mr. Dave Wells.

4 MR. WELLS: Dave Wells, W E L L S.

5 And I appreciate the opportunity to speak
6 before the Commission tonight.

7 Just a couple things. One, I wanted to
8 make sure the Commission is aware, as you probably are,
9 your audience isn't necessarily representative of the
10 people you are drawing the districts for.

11 I know I live in District Q, as you've
12 drawn it. I know that district has 15 to 20 percent
13 Hispanic population. I don't think they are accurately
14 represented tonight, and that's probably true of other
15 districts. Just because we're talking tonight doesn't
16 mean you are hearing all the voices.

17 I think you've done a very good job in
18 District Q, because it's so competitive. It means
19 people of either party can win the race. I'm
20 disappointed in looking at the breakdown of other
21 districts. Most don't share that.

22 I encourage you, to the degree you can
23 play with Census tracts around the edges of districts,
24 see if there are ways the computer programs, or so on,
25 can improve that, or at least get more districts at

1 least below 10 percent, if that seems to be feasible.
2 Unfortunately, it appears a lot of Democrats and
3 Republicans live together. It appears hard to do that.
4 Things might change.

5 Then, in respect to Tempe, I do want to
6 reiterate some of the reasons why I happen to live south
7 of US-60. I live south of Baseline, north of Guadalupe,
8 and we were on a citizen Commission with the City of
9 Tempe recently to work with our neighbors north of US-60
10 about building a bike pedestrian bridge across US-60,
11 something the Council approved in April. It was
12 important to join up with them. We were happy to work
13 with Arizona University, go up past north US-60. I
14 don't consider myself in any way distinctly different
15 from them. Our neighborhood, the house was built in
16 1974. There are a number of houses north of US-60 that
17 have the same characteristic of the neighborhood, the
18 age of the houses, yet go much north, the houses get to
19 be built in the fifties. We do draw a demographic line
20 in terms of income, and so forth. I bicycle, and so
21 forth. Elliott is the point, and south of Elliott, the
22 home values increase tremendously, home sizes, garages,
23 and so forth. They get much larger. There are even
24 horses down there.

25 Those are a couple of recommendations.

1 Finally, looking to 2011, unfortunately
2 you probably won't be on this Commission,

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Not unfortunately for
4 us.

5 MR. WELLS: Because Tempe is landlocked
6 and won't grow as fast as the rest of Arizona, just as
7 seen this time around, we're trying to have districts
8 somewhat consistent in the next 10 years, somewhat
9 consistent with Q, consistent with Tempe, one district,
10 and Q will be a good setup for 2011.

11 Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

13 The next speaker is Eileen Fellner
14 followed by Carol Owens.

15 Ms. Fellner.

16 MS. FELLNER: Eileen Fellner, E I L E E N,
17 F E L L N E R.

18 I, Mr. Chairman, Members of the
19 Commission, I would like to congratulate you on a very,
20 very noble effort. I cannot imagine how much time and
21 effort went into this. I feel it would be a real shame
22 if after all this work, the work that went into passing
23 Proposition 106, which I was very active in getting that
24 passed, and all the work the Commission has done, that
25 the state will not be in a much better position than it

1 has in the last decade after the 1990 redistricting.

2 I would keep this very short because I can
3 say that I agree very strongly with Senator Mitchell who
4 talked about competitiveness, Senator Mitchell from
5 Tempe and Katherine Rahn from Mesa, who also talked
6 about competitiveness.

7 I know you are charged with taking care of
8 other things before you take care of the
9 competitiveness, but there is a huge, hundreds of
10 thousands of people in this state who are
11 disenfranchised because they have no competitiveness in
12 this district. This is particularly true in the East
13 Valley, other than Tempe.

14 So I would like to say that keeping the
15 minority districts unified has its advantages in some
16 way, but protecting minority voting rights is not going
17 to have an effect on the overall direction the state
18 will go, because just those areas that have minority
19 majorities, there's not enough of them to have real
20 clout on a statewide basis. So it would be as much in
21 the interests of the minorities to have more competitive
22 districts as it would for the state as a whole.

23 I thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Fellner, if I may ask
25 you a question, I'd like to pose three concepts, and

1 from your own perspective if you'd rank order them in
2 terms of importance, if you would: compliance with the
3 Voting Rights Act, respect for communities of interest,
4 competitive districts.

5 MS. FELLNER: I know that's your problem.
6 If I knew the answers, I would have gotten in touch with
7 the Redistricting Commission a long time ago.

8 I personally think competitiveness will --
9 it's good for the communities for the community of
10 interest and good for the minorities. How exactly you
11 do that, I hate to say I don't have the answers, but I
12 certainly hope you can do something, because it's
13 been -- I mean we live in an area that is ruled by --
14 well, let me not get into that.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I appreciate your candor.

16 Thank you very much.

17 Carol Owens is the next speaker followed
18 by Tom Morrissey.

19 Ms. Owens.

20 MS. OWENS: Carol Owens.

21 C A R O L, O W E N S.

22 I also worked getting signatures for Prop
23 106 to get on ballot, hoping it would help with
24 competitiveness if nothing else. I echo much of what
25 Ms. Fellner said. Also, Mr. Durbala of Apache Junction

1 suggested moving Legislative S west of Sossoman. I
2 disagree with that. Since I live in the area, I feel
3 any shift, if made, should be to the east and include
4 Apache Junction LD S to make the area more politically
5 competitive. And we're dealing with politics here.

6 One of the catch phrases when we were
7 circulating petitions for the redistricting petition was
8 trying to get rid of the ameba in the heat. We still
9 have some out there getting it on. There is some
10 strange gerrymandering in it.

11 Congressional District F, no sane person
12 would entertain running in it.

13 In the interest of putting politics in it,
14 we've been stuck with Bob Hornlake Horn, far too long.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Owens.

16 COMMISSIONER HALL: It's no secret I'm one
17 of the Democrats on this Commission. I speak for all
18 the Commissioners. We also desire for each of the
19 districts to be as competitive as possible.

20 Speaking specifically to District F, since
21 you reference that district, as you know, if you take
22 the map, we have that capability, color the party
23 registration of one party, color another party, East
24 Mesa, color the Republican party blue in the area of F,
25 that is about the color of the sky. So the question is,

1 it refers back to what Mr. Lynn asked the previous
2 speaker, how do we accommodate communities of interest
3 and issues relative to the Voting Rights Act and where
4 there are areas that there are significantly high
5 concentrations of one party registration and still make
6 those areas competitive? I'm asking the question not
7 rhetorically but sincerely because we are seeking
8 solutions to challenges we see that are just extremely
9 difficult.

10 MS. OWENS: I'm afraid some of us have to
11 be in lopsided districts. Overall registration in the
12 state is not all that different. What is it, 100,000
13 difference between Ds and Rs, something like that? Some
14 of us are going to be, I'd like to see it be at least
15 enough competitiveness we don't offer up a sacrificial
16 lamb. We feel like the ugly stepchildren in the East
17 Valley. I'd like see competitiveness. I feel it serves
18 the other two issues as well.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

21 The next speaker, Tom Morrissey followed
22 by Gary Christensen.

23 Mr. Morrissey.

24 MR. MORRISSEY: I appreciate the
25 opportunity to address the Commission.

1 Tom Morrissey, M O R R I S S E Y.

2 I live in Ahwatukee. My community of
3 interest is more horizontal than it is vertical. I look
4 to South Tempe as part of my community. I don't know
5 anybody except for the people here this evening speaking
6 about it that really is in Ahwatukee, particularly South
7 Tempe, really interested in one district for the City of
8 Tempe, and that's the north and south except for --
9 there are a few, of course, few exceptions to every
10 rule.

11 You can tell from my accent I come from
12 New York City. I do not go to north Tempe. I avoid it
13 like the plague because it reminds me of New York City.
14 I pay exorbitant monies to park, find a parking spot.
15 People think me a little different than they do in South
16 Tempe. I feel that the word competitiveness is thrown
17 about here. I think it's no secret to anybody
18 competitiveness is truly from their own perspective.
19 They all have their own agendas. They all have their
20 right to their own agenda. Everyone else does.

21 I enjoy living in the East Valley. I
22 enjoy the fact I enjoy people, living with people who
23 are like-minded. They are good people. There's nothing
24 wrong with them. I just don't think like some of other
25 people who spoke here tonight. I enjoy that.

1 I'd like to translate that into what I
2 feel is a good line drawing for the map.

3 I don't -- I like the first maps you had
4 where it was South Tempe and Ahwatukee. I don't agree
5 with going north of I-60. And I feel that it -- it just
6 feels more natural. That is not the natural flow
7 between South Tempe and North Tempe because of traffic.
8 It's not a natural flow even in shopping areas. When
9 you look at Elliott Road, Elliott Road spills over from
10 Ahwatukee into South Tempe as does Ray Road which is now
11 beginning to have a minority in Chandler. That's the
12 natural thing.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Morrissey.

15 Next is Mr. Gary Christensen.

16 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Gary Christensen,

17 G A R Y, C H R I S T E N S E N.

18 Competitiveness is good. It's number
19 three, to answer your previous question.

20 I can't understand why anyone interested
21 in the well-being and prosperity of Tempe would want to
22 have one Legislative District when they can have two and
23 have twice representation at the state level. It sounds
24 like a conflict of thinking, somehow. As a matter of
25 fact, if you want to split it and make it four, just a

1 thought.

2 I do agree US-60 should be the dividing
3 line. I point out while I fall on the Q side south of
4 Baseline, therefore I share several districts, V, S, and
5 R. In particular, I'd have very minor changes where
6 US-60 and Baseline seem to be kind of be convoluted
7 there. There's quite a disparity when you are just
8 across the freeway and you are the only three blocks
9 that are in a district that -- on the north side or
10 south side of the freeway and to move the line to the
11 freeway just makes more sense. It's a natural
12 geographical barrier that divides the neighborhoods and
13 interests. There may be other overriding
14 considerations. I personally agree with US-60 to
15 consider as a division. The majority of Tempe north,
16 activities revolve around the core of the city and the
17 core of the ASU campus.

18 Interests, housing styles south of the
19 US-60 dividing line have similar interests.

20 I've lived in the East Valley, lived in
21 Tempe for 16 years now. I've lived in Arizona, the
22 Phoenix area, for over 45 years.

23 A comment was made regarding S, that there
24 was quite an imbalance in one party in that competitive
25 situation. I guess I would comment, with no offense

1 intended to that person, if they moved into the
2 neighborhood and thought they liked the neighborhood and
3 what they found there, it's kind of like marrying
4 someone and hoping to change them after the marriage.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you,
6 Mr. Christensen.

7 The next speaker, Mr. Brisco, followed by
8 Kirk Adams.

9 MR. BRISCO: Jerry, J E R R Y, Brisco,
10 B R I S C O.

11 I live in South Tempe.

12 First of all, I congratulate the
13 Commission for a good job very well done. Any changes
14 you make like I'd like to see the districts be more
15 competitive I think are pie-in-the-sky thinking.

16 I keep looking all night and I say 30
17 districts, competitive, others way up and way down, I
18 don't know how -- I'm not a statistician, mathematician,
19 but I've been playing with figures a long time, and I
20 don't know how you do it. Even though I rank
21 competitiveness one, I think community of interest is a
22 good compromise. You won't get competitiveness. I
23 don't see how you do it.

24 I disagree strongly with the speakers that
25 say South Tempe are different people. Three

1 communities, North Tempe, people are the same. I moved
2 from South to North Tempe. I have friends in North
3 Tempe. They still spoke to me. In fact, I moved back
4 to South Tempe.

5 Harry Mitchell assures he'll still speak
6 to me.

7 A lot of people in South Tempe lived in
8 North Tempe and haven't changed stripes.

9 I don't have a different wardrobe when
10 I've move back and forth. It is very similar.

11 There are a lot of people in South Tempe,
12 including Mr. LaGuardo's wife at ASU, a lot of
13 professors. Tempe is an extremely fine town, one of the
14 best in the country, and I've lived a lot of places.
15 I'm glad you've kept us in the district.

16 I think probably what happened is more
17 Tempe people were here at the first hearing, were very
18 happy with the lines you had then, probably thought it
19 was a done deal and didn't come back.

20 I hope you leave as much of Tempe together
21 as possible.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next is Kirk Adams, then
23 Deborah Thomas.

24 Mr. Adams.

25 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, Members of the

1 Commission, thank you for the opportunity to address you
2 today. I've had the opportunity also to attend a couple
3 meetings, comment to the Commission, staff, also the
4 consultants on the professional manner everybody has
5 conducted themselves. It's rife with landmines, and
6 you've done a very good job with a difficult task. And
7 a task, I might add, you've done on a volunteer basis,
8 which I think admirable. I express my thanks to you.
9 I'm sure many, many fellow Arizonians might do the same.

10 I'll admit being confused tonight with
11 words like disenfranchisement being thrown around. For
12 a moment I thought I was in palm beach Florida.

13 Also learned something new tonight. I was
14 under the impression Proposition 106 was all about
15 taking the redistricting out of the hands of the
16 Legislature and giving it to a citizen panel like
17 yourself. What I learned is it's about giving the
18 minority party a helping hand. That's what I would like
19 to address tonight. I think it's also interesting to
20 point out each one of us in this room has constitutional
21 guarantee of a right to vote. We do not have a
22 constitutional guarantee the person we vote for will win
23 or even get very many votes.

24 One final note on that. To turn a
25 district, Legislative District S, into a competitive

1 district is equivalent to turning water into wine. It's
2 just not going to happen. But my intention tonight is
3 to encourage the Commission to continue to stand by the
4 goals outlined in Prop 106, that is I ask you to
5 disregard, I'd ask you not to give into those that would
6 have you disregard the clearly-stated priorities of 106
7 and thus submit to intimidation of one self-interested
8 set of voices.

9 Prop 106 is clear. Districts must be
10 clear on the Voting Rights Act. They must be careful
11 and must comply with equal population, be geographically
12 compact when possible, reflect communities of interest
13 when practicable, and also when possible use visible
14 geographic lines, city boundaries, town boundaries, and
15 county lines. And last, and I quote, competitive
16 districts should be favored where to do so create would
17 create no significant detriment to other stated goals.
18 No significant detriment.

19 So I urge you not to be swayed by the
20 ranking editorials, belligerent threats of lawsuits.
21 Your job is to draw the lines, not to artificially
22 politicize the landscape. Those that elevate the
23 competitiveness to highest factor in the process are not
24 interested in the law or welfare of the process but are
25 interested in their own self-interest and in gaining

1 more power.

2 In essence, these critics are asking you
3 for a handout. They simply want you to give it to them,
4 to guarantee their political success. Unfortunately,
5 they forget grass-roots politics is all about precinct
6 men women meeting in greener neighborhoods, discussing
7 with them their ideas and registering them to vote in
8 their column instead of participating in hard work
9 politics with the weapon of choice being lawyers who
10 parse words and threaten and intimidate.

11 I urge you to continue to protect the
12 process, the integrity of the Commission, as you've done
13 thus far. Stick to the law as written, not as some wish
14 it was written. And finally to those that may disagree
15 with me on the other side, I simply say you can gain the
16 desired number of seats, but do it the old-fashioned
17 way: Earn it.

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Adams.

19 Any questions for Mr. Adams?

20 Thank you.

21 The next speaker, Ms. Thomas, followed by
22 Dennis Cahill, I believe.

23 Ms. Thomas.

24 MS. THOMAS: Hello. Thank you for having
25 the meetings, and thank you for the work and time you've

1 put into it.

2 I'm Deborah Thomas. I live in Chandler.

3 When I looked at the Congressional map,
4 specifically District F, I recommend you move the line
5 at State Highway 87 over to Price Road, include all of
6 Chandler into that district. And then on the, the
7 opposite side, move Apache Junction over to Pinal County
8 District, like you did over on the Legislative District,
9 moved to the north, toward M O U E R, make it just like
10 that, so moving -- to one side.

11 My other issue is regarding
12 competitiveness. As the previous gentleman said, it's
13 supposed to be earned, but you can't earn it in a
14 monopoly society. And the way the maps, the numbers are
15 drawn up, you have one party that's going to run the
16 state.

17 In District A, you are talking about
18 163,325 Republicans to 108,491. That's a monopoly.

19 Look down at the rest of people, various
20 parties. It's very small. Then come over to District
21 B, 17.33 difference, 176,000 -- excuse me 176,068 versus
22 113,894. How are you supposed to earn that? If another
23 party wants to run, how are they supposed to earn that?

24 If you come over to District E, you have a
25 skew there. You're talking 190,271 Republicans,

1 118,650. I know you are saying cultural differences,
2 community differences are key, and they are important.
3 And did you that when you did it with Hispanic
4 districts. You gave them two large districts. And I'm
5 sure they are quite grateful for that. At the same
6 time, democracy was based on people having a choice and
7 being able to be heard.

8 I do not want us to go through what we did
9 in the presidential election when everybody was not
10 heard and votes were not all counted. And it doesn't
11 matter what color the sky happens to be in F. It
12 doesn't matter what color it is. The thing is I would
13 be happy to ask what community of interest did you take
14 in in District F?

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Thomas.

16 THE REPORTER: How do you spell Deborah?

17 MS. THOMAS: D E B O R A H.

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker, Dennis
19 Cahill, followed by Bob Bogle.

20 MR. CAHILL: Dennis Cahill, Dennis with
21 two Ns, C A H I L L.

22 I live in Tempe. It's pronounced Cahill
23 in Ireland. I'll give the background on how I describe
24 myself as a Tempeian.

25 When I was going to grade school, I called

1 myself a Tempeian. I actually lived in the county in
2 South Tempe. When I was in high school, my family lived
3 in South Tempe. When I raised my family, started to be
4 in business, I lived in Central Tempe. Now, almost 50
5 years later, I live in North Tempe. But I've always
6 lived between Broadway in the south and University on
7 the north. I've always lived in that strip. And I have
8 family that lives in Tempe south of Elliott. I have
9 friends all over Tempe.

10 My brother, who lives in South Tempe,
11 belongs different political party than I. We have this
12 in common: We're very proud to be Tempeians. Arguments
13 tonight have changed numerous times.

14 I applaud the Commission and Chairman.
15 You have a rough job here. But I've thought about what
16 is the most important. Community of interest?
17 Competitiveness? I believe if you have competitiveness,
18 you will rely on community of interest to elect your
19 officials. I believe that strongly. If I had my way,
20 and I realize that in this world we have to make
21 compromises, I would like the district I lived in almost
22 50 years to be the boundaries of Tempe. And I feel that
23 very strongly. But knowing that that is not entirely
24 possible, and almost feeling guilty to turn my back on
25 many of my friends of all political parties active in

1 sister cities, and we have one of the best Sister City
2 Programs in the world, we sent over 30 children
3 throughout the world this summer to exchange Tempe
4 values for worldly knowledge, and I mean that in the
5 most positive manner, if I have to turn my back on some
6 of my friends who live in South Tempe that work so
7 strongly for the Sister City Program, I would say that
8 the boundaries that you have right now in Q are pretty
9 good. They are definitely competitive, will work on the
10 community of interest, and I believe that we would have
11 a, a community, where a person of either political
12 party, and the other one that one of my brothers belongs
13 to would still have a chance to serve the community.

14 Thank you for your efforts.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Cahill.

16 The next speaker is Bob Bogle followed by
17 Betty Bogle.

18 I'll say to the audience I have one
19 additional slip in the cue. If anyone else wishes to be
20 heard, they need to provide a slip to me fairly quickly.

21 MR. BOGLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 Bob Bogle, B O G L E. I'm from Chandler.
23 Like most of the Chandler people that talked to you
24 tonight and talked to me, we like Chandler the way you
25 have it done and applaud you for your hard work and

1 excellence.

2 I know that if you make some changes some
3 folks asking for, it's a little like taking a Rubik's
4 cube and turning it around to make theirs right. Now
5 ours is all wrong.

6 Leave it alone. We like it that way.

7 If I get onto a little history you may
8 already know, I've lived in the City of Chandler for
9 well over 50 years. And I can remember back in the '80s
10 when the folks doing the job you are doing now put part
11 of Sun Lakes with Ajo and made the people in Ajo really
12 mad because people in Sun Lakes always outvoted them.

13 Now, in the '90s, when I believe Mr. Rios
14 was president of the Senate, he took my family out of
15 District 30 and put us in District 7. If any folks want
16 straw Democrats, we're two and a half to one straw
17 Democrats and we'll be glad to give them some of ours.

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The community or your
19 family?

20 MR. BOGLE: Nightingale precinct, which is
21 where I live in, it looks like a parade of inch worms
22 going along. So I'm very pleased with the relative new
23 map, and I know it's not the boxiness we originally
24 talked about. I'm in an area with people around me who
25 have lived in area for a while, and I know, and know the

1 way I think, and that sort of thing. We're in
2 Legislative District U and Congressional District F, and
3 we like it there, and we thank you very much.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Bogle.

5 Next speaker, Betty Bogle, followed by
6 Mayor Jay Tibshraeny.

7 MS. BOGLE: Good evening, Chairman Lynn.
8 Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you.

9 I hope I'm not too repetitive. I signed
10 up first. You called on him.

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I apologize.

12 COMMISSIONER ELDER: His wife is hear.
13 He'll hear about that.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Please take all the time
15 you need to set record the straight for the Bogle
16 family.

17 MRS. BOGLE: I'm currently a member of
18 Legislative District Seven, Maricopa County. We need to
19 stipulate that our district, Maricopa County alone, is
20 Tortilla Flat to Avondale to where I live near Sun Lakes
21 in Chandler and then extends on up through Pinal County
22 and Kearny and several other spots. I have been living
23 in a district which was designed to be a community of
24 interest. And, however, whenever you design a community
25 of interest as strict, you may find, like myself, you're

1 not part of a community of interest that's never going
2 to be one community of interest residing within an area.

3 I believe that you have done very well in
4 your job, in following the law; that Proposition 106
5 designed in Chandler very comfortably with the changes
6 made. I've now been returned to my local area in
7 Chandler. Not only is it comfortable as far as my
8 friends, the people I know, but also in driving, just
9 the logistics of driving from one end of the state to
10 the other as I conducted business in the Legislative
11 District was ridiculous. We're very pleased with what
12 you have done.

13 Again, I would reiterate what my husband
14 stated. You make changes in one area, of course you are
15 going to have to make changes in another. We hope
16 you'll not change the Chandler area.

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Bogle, very
18 much.

19 Now the Mayor of our host city. Mayor
20 Tibshraeny, the Mayor of Chandler.

21 Sorry. See what I know?

22 Pardon me, we're in Mesa, the neighboring
23 city.

24 MAYOR TIBSHRAENY: Neighboring city to the
25 south, one of the sister cities.

1 I want to thank you, the Commission, all
2 five Commissioners. We're very impressed, all of us in
3 the East Valley here.

4 Not to belabor the point you've heard all
5 night long, long evening, you've been on that side of
6 the dias, you've already heard several valley residents
7 tonight. I've had the privilege of serving as Mayor for
8 the last several years. One thing, their community, my
9 community, I believe my citizens have spoken to tonight,
10 are familiar with, have spoken about community, and I
11 understand the needs of the community.

12 I agree with the majority of the remarks
13 made by my constituents and support their remarks.
14 You've been very open, very -- very open to listening to
15 what my citizens had to say to you.

16 We're personally pleased with the
17 Congressional Districts if they stayed as presented in
18 the plan you put in. If any changes have to be made, I
19 hope you consider the remarks made tonight by the
20 residents of Chandler. We'd not like to see changes
21 made to neighboring districts that adversely affect
22 Chandler citizens.

23 Thank you for the diligence and all your
24 work. We support the maps as you've drawn them. We're
25 glad to offer any input if you may need that.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any further members of the
2 public wishing to be heard?

3 If not, we'll close the public input
4 portion.

5 If not, is there anything we need to hear
6 from counsel?

7 Anything we need to hear from the
8 consultants?

9 DR. ADAMS: I was hoping to discuss
10 possible changes to the schedule and did present you
11 with a memo on the possible changes.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Commissioners, we have
13 been presented with a memorandum on proposed schedule
14 changes.

15 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I have one. I lost
16 mine.

17 COMMISSIONER ELDER: One. September 21st,
18 NDC report on hearings, tests, and options. Is that a
19 summary of the first?

20 DR. ADAMS: Summary all hearings, all
21 tests, and all options. What we envision is two interim
22 sessions where we canvass some of the options we come up
23 with as we've gone through the process, and then that
24 final report would summarize all options and tests and
25 information from the hearings.

1 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Follow up to that
2 where you say tests would we use, I guess the down and
3 dirty competitiveness for this run and then wait until
4 we have a final plan to do the one week or whatever
5 length of time it is for competitiveness?

6 DR. ADAMS: When I speak of tests, I'm
7 speaking of testing different concepts coming out of
8 public hearings. We would be testing concepts, testing
9 options, and those are things we'd present to you, also
10 tests that come to us, or recommended tests and options
11 that come from the Commissioners. So I'm not talking
12 about tests of competitiveness tests.

13 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Let me ask the
14 question: Do we have the capability or time on each one
15 of these tests or options to run some competitiveness to
16 know whether we're getting better or worse?

17 MS. LEONI: Commissioner Elder, if I may
18 address that, currently the data base is set up so the
19 data base runs automatically, registration will come up
20 with every single test. I believe we also have it
21 hooked up now, I'll have Dr. Adams address this, so it
22 also runs the down and dirty, or the quick and dirty,
23 along with the registration. So you will have two
24 measures that come out with every test automatically.

25 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Great.

1 MS. LEONI: We're hoping by that time to
2 have an additional tool for you, which will be the
3 thematic maps, so you can visually see registration.

4 And then I believe by the 5th I'll be able
5 to give you a date certain for presentation of the
6 formal report. But you will have the tests.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Minkoff.

8 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Can you tell us
9 when the Judge It analysis will be available and when
10 that analysis will be able to be done on the options or
11 changes we may have?

12 MS. LEONI: Commissioner Minkoff, my rough
13 estimate now, I can be more definite next week, the
14 Judge It analysis will be ready the week after next.
15 The Judge It analysis is -- doesn't run on tests. It
16 analyzes -- it predicts election outcomes in districts.

17 It is, right now, the study is structured
18 so it runs on current districts, the draft districts,
19 and then once again on your final plan. Now, we have
20 not designed the program or requested assistance with
21 every single test that would come up. But if you would
22 like, I can explore how quickly that can be done with
23 tests and other relevant factors like the cost of doing
24 it by test.

25 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I am concerned. I

1 understand it's a very strong analysis. I'm concerned
2 if we get an analysis of the draft analysis, if we don't
3 get anything until we've already approved final
4 districts, it's really not going to help us. It would
5 tell us, perhaps, we need to make changes.

6 If we want to address competitiveness, it
7 won't tell us if we're moving in the right direction or
8 wrong direction as to making changes.

9 I think we have to have some way of
10 determining what the effect on competitiveness is of any
11 changes we make for the draft maps. And we need to know
12 not only how much it would cost but how quickly it can
13 be done. If we can't do it quickly, it won't do any
14 good.

15 MS. LEONI: I'll get that information.

16 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: For something
17 specific, I make a motion we adopt the schedule.

18 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: It's been moved we adopt
20 the schedule.

21 COMMISSIONER HALL: Second.

22 MS. HAUSER: Chairman, would you like to
23 hear from counsel on the schedule?

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Sure.

25 MS. HAUSER: Well, I regret to say Jose

1 and I have talked about this and we are uncomfortable
2 with this schedule for a couple of reasons. We don't
3 have a problem with adding meetings early on to update
4 with tests of options, but this particular draft leaves
5 counsel no time to work without attending meetings in
6 order to prepare the final legal analysis of the
7 districts that you are likely to be considering, will be
8 considering during the final end of the meetings.
9 That's our concern.

10 We got this memo when we arrived this
11 evening. We've been trying to talk about it during
12 breaks and have yet to arrive at a suggestion as an
13 alternative. But we do have concerns about it. One of
14 the things that we tried to talk to you, one of the
15 things we presented in Tucson at the conclusion of the
16 last meeting was a schedule that allowed for that time,
17 allowed a great deal of time for NDC to work and allowed
18 us to work. That's the only thing we're asking for at
19 this point is to have --

20 Some individual dates here, the problem,
21 let me turn it over to Jose.

22 MR. RIVERA: More than that, we also have
23 concerns in terms of the analysis, whether -- whether
24 the analysis, the racial voting block analysis will be
25 done next work, and the competitiveness. We still

1 expert, what I understand, it still does not, there's
2 some information she needs to analyze, voting block
3 analysis, as of today, which makes it difficult how to
4 understand how she can get that and review that by the
5 5th of next week. I don't understand how that's
6 possible. She still hasn't reviewed the ballot
7 composition. She still does not have the data breakdown
8 of 1996 elections which is crucial for her analysis, the
9 way we understand it. Those same things, 1996, county
10 wide elections, have also not been conducted for the
11 Judge It. Luckily there's more time on the
12 competitiveness.

13 There are two major constraints we have to
14 start facing at this point in time. I think the
15 Commission has to look at those two aspects before you
16 can answer some crucial questions you are asking right
17 now. You know, the major concern we have at this point
18 in time, making sure the plans go up to Justice
19 Department to meet the Section Five standards. I worry
20 about it in terms of schedule timing being done. I'm
21 not sure we can deal with the information. And I'm
22 concerned with whether the Commission will have
23 sufficient information to make the decisions they need
24 and counsel will have sufficient information need to
25 give you.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Given the concerns of
2 counsel, I wonder if we might -- the only date critical
3 seems to me, for this evening, is to notice properly the
4 September 5th meeting for a review of some of the
5 options of the early rounds of the public hearing. I
6 wonder if I might ask the maker and seconder of the
7 motion to either withdraw or table the motion on the
8 remainder of the schedule rather just adopt the
9 September 5th portion of this properly notice meeting.

10 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: We already have.

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Not all issues this would
12 impose, I don't think.

13 Is is properly noticed?

14 Then just take that, either withdraw the
15 motion, or table the motion until such time as counsel
16 and NDC can workout an accommodation in terms of
17 schedule. I don't think we can consider it tonight.

18 Mr. Huntwork?

19 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: I'd be happy to
20 withdraw the motion. I'm not comfortable if our counsel
21 aren't comfortable.

22 I do want say in the process, the timing
23 here, the concept seems like a good one, if we can do
24 it. I like the fact of meetings earlier so there's an
25 opportunity to respond to questions we have and fill

1 them in and get the professionals together. That idea
2 is a good one. I'd like to work to that, if we can.
3 But let's give our counsel the opportunity to work out
4 some of the details. So I'm happy withdrawing it.

5 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I'll withdraw the
6 second as well.

7 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I guess I'm dense or
8 don't know what I'm looking at.

9 Let me ask questions of NDC or legal
10 counsel. The two interim presentations on the 5th or
11 17th, I didn't know we were looking for racial block
12 voting on those two. I thought what was what being done
13 was at the end of the meeting on the 17th of August, it
14 was, NDC was to test or let's give us information as to
15 how they might modify some of the districts we have on
16 the maps right now and give us an idea where it fits in
17 with either minority-majority districts have we gained,
18 lost ground, whatever, then heard in the first five
19 meetings, we've been presented with alternatives we
20 wanted to also have tested, see how that fits in, what
21 ramifications are around the state on districts around
22 state might be. I thought that's what it was all we
23 were getting. First two testing what NDC was to look
24 at, and give us general criteria using the 90-minute run
25 on competitiveness rather than the seven-day run on

1 competitiveness.

2 Now, am I missing something? Is that what
3 we were trying to do?

4 MS. HAUSER: Mr. Chairman, there are.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Hauser.

6 MS. HAUSER: There are things that can be
7 presented with respect to options I believe that do not
8 need to get into the need to have the more advanced
9 responses on racial block voting and on competitiveness.
10 But there's at least somewhere the Commissioners will
11 more likely than not not feel comfortable making a call
12 on some options until they have some more information.
13 So, I mean, there's no reason not to go ahead and have
14 NDC present options September 5th. But wherever there
15 are those ramifications, we're not at a point where we
16 can tell you whether a particular district will hold as
17 a majority-minority district if it is eroded, for
18 example. Not there.

19 COMMISSIONER ELDER: One follow-up for
20 NDC. Were you asking us to make decisions on the 5th
21 and 17th or receive information?

22 DR. ADAMS: Commissioner Elder,
23 Commissioners, receive information, have that in hand as
24 we move through process, present more information on the
25 17th, and then for final hearings, or for the whole

1 series of hearings, if anything else comes up as a
2 result of those two presentations, anything else that
3 you want to be tested, that come out in that final
4 report. If you want further testing of any of these
5 options, as counsel is suggesting, certainly there will
6 be once you will simply eliminate and you will be able
7 to at least eliminate some of the options before we get
8 to the final set of meetings.

9 My concern, just so you are aware, is the
10 concern that was expressed by Commissioner Huntwork, and
11 that is that I would like to to see us have those
12 individual meetings earlier on. I'm not certain that
13 they even need to be complete when the full report comes
14 out. I would like to just see that we have those
15 meetings a little bit earlier in the process. Because I
16 think that information that might come out of those
17 meetings will be helpful to us as we go into those final
18 meetings.

19 The way we're presently scheduled,
20 individual meetings on Friday, Monday, and immediately
21 go into session on a Tuesday, I don't think that that
22 worked terribly well last time. I would like to see
23 it -- I think there were a number of issues that came up
24 at that time that required further exploration, and I
25 think it would be important however we can reach an

1 accommodation with counsel to have those individual
2 meetings earlier on and allow us some time between the
3 individual meetings and the public sessions.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Minkoff and then
5 Mr. Huntwork.

6 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Mr. Chairman, it
7 was my understanding we're not really going to move any
8 district lines or approve any changes from the draft
9 maps until the meetings the week of October 2nd at which
10 point we will have all the analyses we're waiting for.
11 So if what we're doing on the 17th is just looking at
12 things saying yeah, that seems to make some sense. Work
13 on it a little bit more. Or no, that seems to be worse
14 than what we have now, let's not go forward with that
15 one, I'm having trouble understanding what the problem
16 is.

17 We're not going to change district lines
18 on the 17th is my understanding. We're not going to say
19 we'll move this from here to there, just say: Examine
20 what was happening. If we move this from here to here,
21 and that gives them time to incorporate all these
22 analyses into the questions that we would ask. My
23 concern is the meetings we have scheduled the week
24 October 2nd to 6, I hope we'll be able to finish in
25 those several days. Knowing how long took to draw draft

1 draft districts, if we do not finish that week, then
2 we'll have to wait until November, and then Justice
3 Department doesn't get it until December. And that
4 becomes a real, real problem for the state.

5 So I think we have to work with the plan
6 adoption meetings with IRC October 2nd through 6
7 allowing us the time to cushion if we can't finish in
8 the last several days we have the next week we can go
9 into, push them back a week, or we don't have another
10 following week to go into.

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Huntwork and then
12 Ms. Hauser.

13 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Mr. Chairman, I'm
14 very mindful of the fact it's late. If we have hearings
15 tomorrow, there are a number of Commissioners with long
16 distances to travel still tonight and nothing here
17 requires a decision tonight. We have a meeting
18 scheduled on the 5th. We can resolve these issues on
19 the 5th. By that time our counsel and the consultants
20 will have ample opportunity to consider this. And I
21 just feel we should -- there's no motion on the floor.
22 I feel we should let it sit where it is, give them the
23 opportunity to discuss it. At this time no motion.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Hauser, do you want to
25 be heard on this issue?

1 MS. HAUSER: All I want to be heard on in
2 response to Commissioner Minkoff, the September 5th and
3 September 17th dates, I have no concern about that.
4 After that, how the rest of it plays out, recognizing
5 Commissioner Minkoff's concerns, if we proceed with the
6 notion to do the 5th and 17th as proposed, you know, we
7 just need time to work with NDC to come up with
8 workable --

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Commissioner Huntwork's
10 point is well-taken. You and the consultants get
11 together and work out the tail end of the schedule.

12 Any further business to come before the
13 Commission this evening?

14 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Will we have a
15 presentation on the 5th?

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The Commission is
17 adjourned.

18 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded at
19 approximately 9:20 p.m.)

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