

ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Public Session

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Location

**Town of Oro Valley Council Chambers
11000 North La Canada Drive
Oro Valley, Arizona 85737**

Attending

Colleen C. Mathis, Chair
Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair
Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair
Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner
Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

Mary O'Grady, legal counsel
Joe Kanefield, legal counsel

Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Whereupon, the public session commenced.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: This meeting of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will now come to order.

I'd like everyone to please rise, and we'll say the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance commenced.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Now that we're all awake, I'd like to inform everyone who would like to speak during public comment session to please fill out a request to speak form and give that to our executive director, Ray Bladine.

I have a number of them here today, so we'll be getting to that shortly on the agenda.

I'd also like to note we have a court reporter transcribing this meeting for us, Marty. And so everyone please be aware of that. And when you come up for public comment, please state your name and the organization you're

1 representing and what issue you'd like to talk about so that
2 we have a clear record taken.

3 And also I remind the commissioners to not speak
4 over one another, one at a time so that we can have an
5 accurate record too.

6 RAY BLADINE: I don't think your mic is on.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

8 So if we could begin with roll call.

9 Vice Chair Freeman?

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera?

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner McNulty?

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Here.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz?

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And this is somewhat of an
18 auspicious occasion. This is the first time that our
19 commission is actually all present together with legal
20 counsel.

21 And I'd like to acknowledge them.

22 We have two individuals with long track records of
23 public service to our state. Joe Kanefield, who was just
24 recently Governor Brewer's counsel, is now in private
25 practice. And Mary O'Grady, who was former solicitor

1 general for the state.

2 And we also have Executive Director Ray Bladine
3 here.

4 And I thank our staff for organizing this and
5 getting this all set up and Buck for getting us streaming.

6 And he's over there with earphones on, so we're
7 all set.

8 And I'd also like to thank the Town of Oro Valley
9 for hosting us today. This is a very fancy venue for us
10 frankly compared to other locations, not to, you know,
11 offend anyone, but this is very nice.

12 And I thank the League of Arizona Cities and Towns
13 who I think put us in touch with the Town of Oro Valley. So
14 thank you.

15 And thanks to all of you for being here today.

16 Let's start with agenda item two. That's call for
17 public comment, which we do at each of our meetings.

18 And this is the time to address the Commission,
19 and we'll receive your public input.

20 And given that we have so many slips today, which
21 is great, we're going to ask that you limit your time to
22 four minutes per person, if that's adequate, and I am hoping
23 that would be.

24 And we'll start with the first one I have here,
25 Kevin Burke, who's from the Town of Oro Valley and his

1 subject is greeting.

2 MR. KEVIN BURKE: Chair Mathis, members of the
3 Commission, my name is Kevin Burke, assistant to the town
4 manager here in Oro Valley. I wanted to welcome you to our
5 town and welcome you to District 26.

6 I want to just say we really appreciate you taking
7 the opportunity to come down and spread the message about
8 what you're doing with the AIRC and your work throughout the
9 state of Arizona. We're glad that you're here in the town
10 of Arizona(sic). You'll find we have a very active and
11 engaged citizenry, so good luck today. Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Thanks for having
13 us.

14 Our next speaker is Ralph Kayser, representing
15 Tucson Tea Party. And the subject is communities of
16 interest.

17 If I mispronounce anyone's name, please correct
18 me --

19 MR. RALPH KAYSER: You got it right. Thank you.

20 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the
21 Commission. My name is Ralph Kayser. I'm a resident of
22 Oro Valley and a small business owner in Tucson. I'm also a
23 member and one of the principal organizers of the Tucson Tea
24 Party.

25 I'm here representing the Tucson Tea Party, a

1 group of approximately 3500 members. We're nonpartisan in
2 that our membership consists of freedom loving individuals
3 from all political parties.

4 I'd like to speak to the importance of using the
5 concept of keeping communities of like interest together as
6 a key element of your redistricting criteria, and we'll use
7 the following example.

8 Many of our Tea Party members live in the
9 Saddlebrook community, 27 miles north of Tucson.

10 That community currently is part of State
11 Legislative District 26 and U.S. Congressional District 8.

12 The Saddlebrook community is closely tied to
13 Tucson, Oro Valley, and Marana in terms of church
14 affiliation, social groups, business ties, political
15 interest groups including the Tucson Tea Party. We eat at
16 the same restaurants, shop in the same major retail
17 locations, attend the same churches.

18 Saddlebrook is a closely linked in a community of
19 interest with other cities in communities in the Tucson
20 area.

21 Geographic proximity and ease of transit within
22 these communities of like interest are integral to the
23 linkages that bind the Saddlebrook community to the larger
24 Tucson community.

25 The Saddlebrook community on the other hand is

1 73 miles from the next largest community in Pinal County and
2 Legislative District 23, Casa Grande.

3 And shares very little with this community in
4 terms of common interests.

5 It would be unnecessary and highly irregular to
6 consider changing the legislative boundaries to isolate and
7 exclude the Saddlebrook community from other communities in
8 the northwest Tucson area.

9 In terms of drawing new Legislative and
10 Congressional district boundaries, we would urge you not to
11 do this.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 Our next speaker is Onita Davis from Tucson Smart
14 Girl Politics, and the subject is mapping.

15 MS. ONITA DAVIS: Good morning. My name is Onita
16 Davis, and I am an Independent. I belong to Smart Girl
17 Politics, which is a nonpartisan organization to encourage
18 women to participate in politics.

19 We Independents have tried to do your job for you.

20 We have created a redistricting map for southern
21 Arizona.

22 In doing so, we took into consideration the
23 five reasons for redrawing lines for redistricting 2011.

24 It is our belief that the lines do not have to be
25 drastically changed to, one, create equal populations. The

1 shift in population can be adequately addressed by minor
2 redrawing of the lines. Such minor modifications would
3 allow communities of like interest to continue to exist. To
4 create compact and continuous communities because in most
5 instances that exists today.

6 For example, we have many small independent
7 communities in northwest Pima County that positively coexist
8 due to commonality of interest.

9 For example, Saddlebrook, Eagle Crest, Catalina,
10 Oro Valley. And I'm a resident of Oro Valley. Adjacent
11 unincorporated areas and Marana form a very strong
12 continuous -- contiguous community of like interest.

13 Does not have to be drastically changed to respect
14 local boundaries, because the term boundaries goes beyond
15 just city or county, but includes many aspects of our lives,
16 such as schools or economic and culture centers.

17 Does not have to be drastically changed to create
18 competitiveness, because how do you proscribe such a thing
19 when the number of Independents has outpaced Democrats and
20 may overtake Republicans.

21 Does not have to be drastically changed to keep
22 communities of like interest together, which is the most
23 important criteria, at least as far as I'm concerned.

24 We want to be grouped with other communities with
25 which we share hospitals, schools, shopping, medical

1 facilities, economic development, and cultural interest.

2 Each of us has a vested interest in the success of
3 the other.

4 In fact, as my community of interest exists today,
5 it fits the description given for communities of like
6 interest on your website, which includes religion, political
7 ties, history, tradition, geography, demography, ethnicity,
8 culture, social and economic status, trade, or other common
9 interests that would benefit from common representation.

10 We believe our map does all of this, and does them
11 very well, thank you.

12 A copy of the map is being provided because, if
13 you are like me, it helps to have a visual aid.

14 We hope you'll take these factors into
15 consideration in your study. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

17 Our next speaker is Scott Leska. He is
18 representing PC361, and the subject is mapping redistrict
19 boundaries.

20 MR. SCOTT LESKA: Good morning. My name is Scott
21 Leska, as you mentioned. I'm a resident of Oro Valley.

22 And I am not going to be as articulate as Onita.
23 She is very articulate. Same like minded type of person as
24 me though, as she presented.

25 Eagle Crest, Oro Valley, Catalina, Saddlebrook,

1 northwest Tucson really have the same like minds as
2 politically, economically, culturally. Ninety percent of my
3 friends live up in this side of town. My church is in this
4 side of town. I work at this side of town. I work in the,
5 you know, in the northwest.

6 And I do not want redistricting lines to change.

7 I like this -- I like the political climate here.
8 I love Oro Valley, and I think and I'm hoping that you will
9 take my consideration, as well as the others that are
10 possibly going to speak here, into really deep hearted
11 consideration to keep our constituent base the way it is
12 now.

13 Or LD 26 the way it is. Marana. Marana has the
14 same like minded as northwest Tucson region.

15 So I really hope and pray that you all take this
16 into heart, that we do not want the boundaries to change.

17 At least keep it as close as possible as it is
18 today. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Jeff Anderson, representing
21 Legislative District 25, and his subject is public access
22 electronic communication web presence and open meeting law.

23 MR. JEFF ANDERSON: Good morning. Thank you for
24 allowing me the opportunity to speak.

25 I won't be -- I'll be well within my time limit.

1 I would like to bring to your attention
2 three items that concern me when -- as I try to get involved
3 in looking at redistricting and doing my civil duty.

4 I'd like on the topic of open meeting law to bring
5 to your attention that the Arizona statutes specifically
6 excludes Sunday from the days on which you can conduct your
7 business.

8 And I would like to point out that by issuing a
9 meeting notice on Sunday could be construed as violating
10 that regulation as it specifically does not allow you the
11 ability to do that.

12 It also should be noted that the complex nature of
13 the subject at hand, redistricting, does not lend itself
14 well to short notice preparation such as the 24-hour rule
15 specified in the statute.

16 Thank you for the 48 hours that you granted us.

17 However, due to the complexity of this, I think
18 that it doesn't support the due process of the citizenry as
19 it doesn't give us much opportunity to put together a
20 cohesive argument or suggestion or opinion.

21 Because of that, I would request that this meeting
22 be rescheduled to a later date.

23 Next, on the agenda I would like to bring to your
24 attention deceptive web presence.

25 I would like to let you know that the

1 ArizonaRedistricting.com website is deceptively published on
2 the Internet such that the site does not allow people to
3 gain access through the use of non-functioning links.

4 This practice has been published on the Internet
5 by several individuals, one Warren Smith of RangeVoting.org.

6 As much as three weeks ago, apparently the Arizona
7 Redistricting.com site has a second access check that allows
8 it to be able to use the full functions of the website,
9 specifically the mapping program.

10 Lastly, public access of electronic communication,
11 I would like to suggest that the executive sessions be open
12 to public viewing, of any and all electronic meetings such
13 as those conducted with the Skype interface to include the
14 executive sessions.

15 And I would simply close with one last request,
16 that you do not use a 60/40 rule in determining
17 redistricting lines. Specifically one side I've seen in
18 some conversations on the subject of redistricting that
19 people consider a 60/40 rule Democratic over Republican to
20 be fair, but the reverse is not fair.

21 So I would ask that you not consider it at all.

22 Thank you very much and have a nice day.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24 Our next speaker is Curtiss Leroy, and he is
25 representing PC226. The subject is civic justice.

1 MR. CURTISS LEROY: Good morning. My name is
2 Curtiss Leroy. I'm a PC in representing 226.

3 I'd like to address the issue of civic justice,
4 more specifically the way in which the Commission has or in
5 this case has not exercised its civic responsibility in
6 selecting legal counsel.

7 You would think that given the bipartisan
8 Commission, two Democrat, two Republican, and an
9 Independent, and knowing there's only two selections to be
10 made, they would have chosen attorneys that each side had
11 indicated as their preference.

12 It just seemed like the natural outcome, but
13 Commission charged with the responsibility of all of
14 Arizona.

15 You would think that after Vice Chairman Freeman
16 had stated that he was willing to give deference to accept
17 as Democratic counsel any of the three interviewees, so long
18 as he would be given the same deference and that his pick
19 for Republican counsel was Lisa Hunter(sic), that you would
20 think that the Democrats would have reciprocated.

21 That would seem like the natural outcome.

22 Unless there was an agenda to prevent the
23 selection of Hunter.

24 You would think that after Commissioner Herrera
25 indicated his preference for Michael Mandell as counsel and

1 later voted him down when the vote was to select Hunter and
2 Mandell as the two representatives, you would think there
3 was some reason for this inconsistency.

4 It's just not the natural outcome for that
5 scenario.

6 And why would the Independent commissioner side
7 with the Democrats that are telling the Republicans that
8 they are choosing for them someone more qualified than Lisa
9 Hunter. By the way, Lisa Hunter served as a -- served the
10 Republicans in this capacity in the 2000 redistricting
11 effort. You would think that there was some concerted
12 effort here to prohibit the Republican selection.

13 You would think that it was a fatal flaw in this
14 supposedly bipartisan body.

15 I could go on, but the question here is this.

16 Will this be indicative or indicative of the votes
17 to come.

18 Commissioner McNulty has stated that she was
19 concerned that the public be proud of the process.

20 Well, the folks in Precinct 226 are watching, and,
21 Commissioner, we're not proud of the process.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24 Next speaker is Frank Olivieri, representing
25 Precinct 148. And the topic is open process.

1 MR. FRANK OLIVIERI: Ladies and gentlemen, thank
2 you for allowing me to speak this morning. I represent
3 Precinct 148 in the unincorporated areas of Pima County.

4 Talk about the criteria for selecting a vendor
5 open process. How transparent would the process for the
6 mapping contract request proposal be and when will you
7 publish the criteria for selecting a vendor, which includes
8 objectives, project details, deliverables, just to name a
9 few.

10 Since you'll be using the Arizona state
11 procurement rules for the request for proposal, which is
12 your official statement to vendors about the services you --
13 services required, vendors typically try to respond point by
14 point to your RFP when you make the proposals. For these
15 reasons, the RFP must be carefully crafted and reviewed
16 before distributing it to the vendors by the State.

17 Compensation for this successful vendor is derived
18 from the taxpayer's pocket, and the public deserves
19 transparency on how the dollars are spent and the vendor
20 does not exceed the budget.

21 Finally, do the results meet the goals specified
22 by the input from the respective communities, sometimes key
23 communities like together of interest -- like interest
24 together, respect local boundaries such as cities, counties,
25 and schools, create compact and contiguous communities.

1 A typical RFP would include the following, but not
2 limited to, number one, general goals. This section
3 includes the general business goals which are met by the
4 process.

5 Number two, the target audience. These are the
6 citizens of the state of Arizona, they're ultimately paying
7 for this, would their goals be heard openly and fairly.

8 Number three, objectives. Each objective should
9 be listed and discussed openly and performed to state and
10 federal regulations election laws that consider the public's
11 goals.

12 Number four, project details. This selection --
13 this section should include summaries of public meetings,
14 federal and state rules and regulations, descriptions and
15 anticipated project team reporting on the process,
16 description of required development process and division
17 cycles, listing of expected deliverables.

18 Number five, constraints on budget schedule and
19 design. This section should describe. To stay within the
20 budget boundaries, specific dates and completion of
21 milestones such as design plans, drafts, test sessions of
22 master deliverables, constraints on the process.

23 Number six, resources provided. This section
24 should describe the resources, information, critical data,
25 et cetera, to be provided by you and the public record.

1 Specifically it should include a description of the subject
2 matter experts, market research, technical documentation,
3 and any other resources that would provide the vendor going
4 forward with the process.

5 Number seven, criteria for evaluating success.
6 How will be public objectives be taken from the public
7 record be met. If so, how was it measured.

8 Number seven -- finally number seven, criteria for
9 selecting a vendor. This is a list of criteria which we use
10 for determining best vendor proposal. Typical criteria
11 include vendor quality as evidenced in the sample of the
12 work, price, vendor's understanding of the subject matter,
13 and so on.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16 Our next speaker is Geri Ottoboni. Excuse me,
17 you'll have to correct that for me when you come up.

18 She's representing NETOT, so you'll have to tell
19 us what that is. Thanks.

20 MS. GERI OTTOBONI: I was having difficulty
21 hearing people in the back, so can people hear me?

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can everyone hear okay?

23 MS. GERI OTTOBONI: Maybe it's too low, just
24 because I was having trouble hearing what Frank was saying.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

1 BUCK FORST: It's on. They just need to be on it.

2 MS. GERI OTTOBONI: Closer? Is that better?

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah.

4 MS. GERI OTTOBONI: Okay. Because I had a
5 difficulty hearing all the individuals who spoke earlier.

6 I think there's only one person I could hear
7 clearly.

8 Anyway, Geri Ottoboni, and I live here in
9 Oro Valley. And I want to thank the Commission for having
10 the meeting in Oro Valley, but I am surprised and shocked
11 when I learned that the Oro Valley town council room had
12 been booked last week.

13 And I was concerned because the e-mail
14 notification from the Arizona Redistricting Commission went
15 out barely 48 hours before the meeting was scheduled.

16 Redistricting is of such complexity and importance
17 to the public that it should require additional public
18 notice other than what's required by law, like 24, 48, and
19 even 72 hours' notice, often covering a holiday, like
20 Memorial Day was covered, because it was the day after
21 Memorial Day, or weekend, is insignificant -- insufficient,
22 I'm sorry, time to give the public time to participate.

23 I urge the Commission to let the public know
24 immediately when the location is booked so the maximum
25 number of people can participate.

1 And just to point of note, I've been up to Phoenix
2 twice, and it was interesting because there were very few
3 people in attendance.

4 So I thought this possibly might be the reason.
5 So thank you for much for your time.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7 Next speaker is Christine Bauserman, and
8 representing Citizens for Common Serve Redistricting.

9 MS. CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Sense.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, sense. All right.
11 Common sense. I'm sorry.

12 I won't make a comment about myself on that one.
13 Subject is LD 30 boundaries Rita Ranch.

14 MS. CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: I'm representing Ken
15 Moyes, M-O-Y-E-S.

16 He was on unable to attend on the way here. I'm
17 from LD 30, which is on the far northeast side, about an
18 hour from here.

19 RAY BLADINE: Use the mic.

20 MS. CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Is that better?

21 Ken Moyes is the former director and secretary of
22 the reed Rita Ranch Neighborhood Association, and he wanted
23 us to speak on elements of common community interest.

24 Rita Ranch neighborhood is chartered by the City
25 of Tucson to identify and encompass common communities

1 defined by a neighborhood of common interest. The
2 boundaries of the association start at Foreman Road at the
3 north, the city limits on the east, I-10 on the south, and
4 with some jogs mostly the Harrison Road line extended south
5 of the western boundary.

6 The long-standing large plain development known as
7 Rita Ranch falls within the Rita Ranch Neighborhood
8 Association and is bounded by Valencia, Houghton, and
9 Old Vail Roads.

10 The following is a list of common interests with
11 Legislative District 30 besides the neighborhood association
12 with communities east of Houghton Road.

13 The first one is the school district. All
14 developments along Houghton south of Irvington Road
15 including Rita Ranch fall into the Vail school district.

16 The second is shopping. All -- Rita Ranch in that
17 area contains the only shopping out there. So everybody
18 south all the way east, everybody goes there shopping.

19 Employment, a high percentage of the neighborhood
20 work at Raytheon, IBM, and DM Air Force Base.

21 Another is entertainment. The annual Rita Ranch
22 Family Fun Day on Memorial Day weekend has 2,000 people
23 attending, it's held in Purple Heart Park in the Rita Ranch
24 development and it is attended by residents of both east and
25 west side of Hallum all in the neighborhood association.

1 You know, it is the hub of -- that park is the hub.

2 Isolation. Rita Ranch is isolated and
3 noncontiguous both socially and physically to the north,
4 west, from the, from the other LD areas by vacant land and
5 the military base.

6 It's like here and the base is here.

7 The Houghton corridor is a transportation that
8 links all of LD 30 and Rita Ranch, links them to that
9 corridor. Again, that was part of transportation.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Tommy
12 Tucker, 2007, 2008, Pinal County rep community, and the
13 subject is the future.

14 MR. TOMMY TUCKER: Thank you again for coming.

15 And certainly can understand with the whole state
16 in mind that it's pretty hard to do your scheduling, and I
17 certainly understand that.

18 I try to sit in here wearing your moccasins as
19 much as possible.

20 Eleven minutes ago the Saddlebrook PC's meeting,
21 which is monthly, ended.

22 So I'm one of the few, I think maybe the only one,
23 here from there.

24 We live just a mile and a half above the two
25 county line.

1 And logistically these two HOAs, of which there
2 are 31, I think the County is active precinct people,
3 obviously for one party, but the other party has a similar
4 kind of structure.

5 We do, like was mentioned earlier, we interact, we
6 buy everything essentially here in Pima.

7 But when you only have two precincts that are
8 connected with an area that you, you get with the people,
9 but in theory you have no -- we have no input directly to
10 Pima County.

11 By this, however, our nonlogistic people, they get
12 more in tune with the political aspects of Pima, which you
13 can't do anything about, than they do about Pinal.

14 And the thing that really bothers me as a past
15 chair logistically is the fact that we have great trouble
16 going over, yes, as we've mentioned earlier, near Florence,
17 you know, Florence, everything's in Florence for us, in a
18 county that's larger than three states.

19 So we had, as chair, Maricopa as an example in
20 CD 7, and they have kind of a similar situation.

21 And if you go along, there's Eloy, which is close,
22 Coolidge. And it would appear that as redistricting
23 boundaries might be done, that if we take and have a line,
24 artificially of course, that runs essentially across that
25 southern part so that it combines to a degree, you can then

1 have structure, whether -- whatever party it is. Where
2 those areas interact with the area that is to the south
3 without losing their identities.

4 And so in doing that, it would seem to be more
5 structurally, for whatever that next CD, eight or whatever
6 it might be, we don't know what the number is going to end
7 up with obviously, but it seemed to make a lot of sense.

8 I think everybody on the Commission is aware that
9 nine, at least the scuttlebutt, that the new nine will kind
10 of center in Casa Grande.

11 And whether that's true or not, we don't know, but
12 obviously there's quite a little issue here.

13 But you can have, whether you're Democrats or
14 whether you're Republicans, you can have organizations that
15 at least have continuity for their respective areas. And we
16 wouldn't lose that identity with Pima, yet we would not
17 have -- our people have so much trouble to realize all
18 our -- everything that the county does to us is over there
19 in Florence.

20 It's not down here in Tucson.

21 So that is what I call the future. And I know
22 that there are all kinds of numbers that are going to enter
23 into this whole picture.

24 But I think for a better state, as many -- we have
25 other, you know, all across the state we have this type of

1 thing. And I realize that's rough for you people, because
2 putting it all together is kind of tough.

3 But thank you for being here.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5 Our next speaker is James Kelley, chairman of
6 Legislative District 29 GOP, representing Pima GOP, and
7 subject is mapping.

8 MR. JAMES KELLEY: Here we go. Good morning.
9 Thank you for my time today.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good morning.

11 MR. JAMES KELLEY: With regards to Legislative
12 District 29, it is my sincere desire that our boundaries
13 change dramatically.

14 At the moment the transportation corridors, the
15 communities of interest, actually compete against each
16 other.

17 My precinct in 296 is extremely diverse
18 culturally, including Pan-Asian, Pan-African, and
19 Pan-American citizens. And the culture just doesn't really
20 matter. We all consider ourselves members of
21 Rancho Valencia.

22 We have much more in common with Rita Ranch than
23 we do with downtown Tucson.

24 What I would like is I would like our borders, our
25 west borders to move east to Campbell. I would like our

1 northern borders to move all the way to Broadway. And I
2 would like our eastern borders to move all the way to
3 Houghton, to include Rita Ranch.

4 They were gerrymandered out into 30 ten years ago,
5 and basically took away homeowners, people of interest that
6 have more in common with the communities within the
7 boundaries that I just named.

8 We have more homeowners west of Campbell than we
9 do east of Campbell.

10 At our interest in terms of economic interest,
11 Raytheon, again, most of the people in my district west of
12 Campbell work for Raytheon or contractors that feed
13 Raytheon, or the airport, which is an area of interest.

14 Again, that is now in 30, but they live in 29.

15 So, all of these different areas that got
16 gerrymandered ten years ago has hurt my district
17 tremendously.

18 We're always at odds.

19 And that downtown centric controls what happens
20 everything east of Campbell.

21 So, that is my request for mapping. Those are the
22 boundaries I request for LD 29.

23 Thank you very much.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

25 Our next speaker is Chayah Masters, a member of

1 the Smart Girl Politics and a local realtor, and her subject
2 is redistricting.

3 MS. CHAYAH MASTERS: Thanks so much for -- I think
4 that's, I think that's too low for me. But, anyway, all
5 right, can you hear me?

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

7 MS. CHAYAH MASTERS: Basically I'm not going to
8 take too much time. I just wanted to pretty much reaffirm
9 what the gentleman from the Tea Party mentioned about the
10 fact that as a local realtor -- thank you -- thank you.

11 As a local realtor with Saddlebrook, and, you
12 know, I'm on the front line seeing the people that move into
13 our state, and one of the major populations that comes in as
14 I'm sure everybody knows here is the retirees.

15 One of their -- whether -- it doesn't matter what
16 party they're in. One of their primary social outlets has
17 to do with their political involvement. And by keeping like
18 minded communities -- or not like minded, but like
19 communities together, it allows them to participate, stay
20 engaged, and feel like they're, you know, involved in the
21 community and whatnot.

22 And as well as, you know, I would hope the lines
23 don't change too much, because it is a very dynamic group
24 down here, and so I just wanted to kind of jump on what he
25 said and reaffirm that.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3 And our last speaker is Joyce Schulte, owner of
4 Copper Creek Cookies.

5 And the subject is allow more time for citizens to
6 respond.

7 MS. JOYCE SCHULTE: Good morning to you all.

8 This is -- I'm a little short. In fact, I'm
9 shrinking.

10 Good morning. I have to tell you this very
11 impromptu, so I'm just going to speak from what I know.

12 I went home this morning. I was in a meeting at
13 Raytheon at 8:00 o'clock. I went home, clicked on my
14 computer, because I just live up the street, that they're
15 having a meeting at the town hall.

16 So I said, okay, I'm going to go. I was talking
17 to my daughter-in-law, and I hung up.

18 I do live in LD 26.

19 And my word to you, all of you, is, if it ain't
20 broken, don't try to fix it.

21 And this is, this is a good district.

22 Everything's going smoothly, we love our representatives,
23 and we're just glad you came today so we could tell you how
24 great this is.

25 Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thanks.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there anyone else from the
4 public who would like to address the Commission today?

5 I'm out of slips.

6 (No oral response.)

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Last call.

8 (No oral response.)

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That will conclude our public
10 comment then.

11 And thanks everyone for your input.

12 Our next topic agenda item is executive director's
13 report, and so Ray Bladine will come and give us a report on
14 preparations for public hearings, agency staffing needs, and
15 other items related to office operations.

16 So, Ray, when you're ready.

17 RAY BLADINE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I will be
18 brief but cover some of the items that you mentioned.

19 We are in the process of beginning the first phase
20 of staffing up the public hearings that will be coming along
21 in July.

22 We also are receiving applications for a public
23 information officer. Someone was nice enough to post us on
24 the web page of the Public Information Officer Association,
25 so within the last several days I've got seven or eight

1 resumes of people that have experience in it.

2 My thought is I'll get them all in a package and
3 then get them out to you to take a look at.

4 The outreach staffing is something that we're
5 starting to work on now, because we know once you start
6 public hearings it will be important to have people to be
7 available at the various locations that we're planning to
8 have.

9 We will hopefully by next week have a memo to
10 present to you to take a look and see if it will meet your
11 public information and public hearing desires.

12 We have had some initial contacts with
13 organizations such as the League of Arizona Cities and
14 Towns, which led us to today's facility, but I've had some
15 information from the Community College Districts, and we
16 will follow up with them.

17 Ideally we'd like to find locations where there
18 already is an ability for us to hook up to the Internet so
19 we can provide the streaming.

20 Just to clarify, I had a couple questions last
21 week.

22 Our appropriation for this fiscal year was
23 \$500,000.

24 For next fiscal year, it's three million.

25 Unlike other state departments, that 500,000

1 carries over.

2 So right now the total amount that we have for
3 your work that's appropriated is three and a half million.

4 I'm going to be meeting next, probably later this
5 week, with our budget support person to really try to pull
6 together a budget based upon what we know now.

7 I will tell you that last year it appeared -- not
8 last year, ten years ago, that this is about the same amount
9 of money they had for the first full year. It, of course,
10 went up with litigation.

11 So I guess my point to you would be it looks like
12 we have sufficient appropriation to do our job, and I'll get
13 you more information on that.

14 We finally have a copier in the office so we can
15 now make copies and be ready to send things out.

16 We also took possession of the records of the
17 Commission ten years ago, which was 70 boxes of information
18 that the Secretary of State's Office of nice enough to send
19 staff over to carry up two flights of stairs in the Evans
20 House.

21 And thanks to my assistant, Kristina Gomez, I was
22 also enlisted to carry boxes and was happy to find that I
23 could do that.

24 It made me feel good that I was young.

25 Finally I had a meeting this week with Ken Clark

1 of the Competitiveness Coalition, who's asked to be on one
2 of your future agendas.

3 The information I thought you'd find interesting
4 is that their competition of maps that they are asking
5 people to submit before, in quotes, winners that they will
6 select, and those four maps, two students, two adults, will
7 be submitted to you for your record.

8 He also said he would be most happy to hand over
9 any of the other documentation or maps that are submitted to
10 them so they can be part of our record, and they would have
11 no problem with us continuing that web page if we would
12 desire so that people could have their only ability to play
13 around with mapping.

14 I think those are the main things I wanted to
15 share with you, but I would be most happy to answer any
16 questions you might have.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Ray.

18 Any questions for Mr. Bladine?

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair, Mr. Bladine,
20 just to be clear, you expect that at our next hearing you'll
21 be able to present us with a budget that we can look at.

22 RAY BLADINE: Yes, I believe about the best I'm
23 going to be able to do is take a look at what they did last
24 year, take what information is available in terms of what we
25 spent to date, and try to lay something out so that we can

1 have some idea by subcategories.

2 Right now we just have the overall appropriation.

3 I do have the detailed expenditures from ten years
4 ago, so I think I should be able to pull something together
5 via pretty reasonable estimate for us to look at.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And another question on the
7 documents from the last IRC, did those documents, those
8 records include records of executive session hearings
9 conducted last time and sessions where the commission was
10 getting legal advice with respect to the litigation?

11 RAY BLADINE: I believe they do.

12 We have indexed them, and Kristina is nodding.
13 She put information together last time, so, yes, they're
14 there.

15 That, of course, would still have to be held
16 confidential.

17 Since the material was submitted to the state
18 archives, and then under their jurisdiction I had to sign
19 away of form that if I were going to have anymore children
20 they would get the first one, but I don't, but basically
21 says we need to protect them, we need to keep track of where
22 the records are, we have to test for bugs, and they have to
23 be six inches off the ground.

24 So the bottom line is that we will really have to
25 be careful about any public access to them and treat them as

1 if they were in the archives.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: What was the purpose of
6 bringing those boxes to the Evans House?

7 RAY BLADINE: Primarily, Commissioner Herrera, I
8 think one of the advantages I think that we have over the
9 last Commission is that there was a last commission that we
10 can go back and see what they did and what worked and what
11 didn't work, and it makes it much more available for our
12 legal team to take a look at what happened in terms of legal
13 challenges and also the recordkeeping.

14 So we see it as a way that we can benefit from the
15 past to do a better job in the future.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Bladine, is it your
20 anticipation that we are going to be publishing an overall
21 public meeting schedule including locations at one time?

22 RAY BLADINE: Yes, there is.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And what is the anticipated
24 date of the first draft of that or the second draft of that
25 coming out?

1 RAY BLADINE: I would hope that perhaps by the end
2 of next week. I -- we've been receiving some comments from
3 all of you. I would like to get some more.

4 I would also like to make sure we contact possible
5 locations before we, you know, talk about them in public.

6 But I'd like to have a public discussion with you
7 on that, so that, just as you're saying, there would be
8 ample lead time for people to know where we'll be taking
9 testimony in the month of July.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And the anticipation is that
11 the testimony, if we are going to be live streaming, will
12 there be an ability to collect commentary from locations
13 where it would be live streamed to?

14 RAY BLADINE: Yes. Our plans to live stream and
15 also have hookups by Skype, probably the first time two
16 other locations than the original location.

17 We would have staff at each of those locations
18 that could serve as kind of a host capacity to accept
19 comment cards, to schedule that location, to comment to the
20 overall meeting.

21 So we're trying to utilize a technology as much as
22 we can to have as many sites available to the public in a
23 given geographic area at one time.

24 So, yes, we are, we are hoping that technology
25 will be on our side and not be an enemy right now, but it

1 looks to me like we're getting the bugs worked out and it
2 should work well for us.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: As a matter of ease of
4 public having access, right now the -- we have no -- none of
5 our activity is interact -- in other words, we're not
6 posting anything on any social media sites.

7 RAY BLADINE: No, sir.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So, is there an anticipation
9 that we're going to get Facebook or some sort of other
10 social media for the posting of these and then linking
11 previous hearing video to those sites?

12 RAY BLADINE: We intend to have the public
13 information officer to really explore that once we have one
14 on board.

15 It certainly is something that seems like could
16 work for us.

17 We have been put on alert that there are some
18 information problems with public agencies in doing that.

19 We know there's training out there. So one of the
20 first thing we do is to get our staff trained.

21 But I think the way I read the intention of the
22 Commission sometime ago was to take a look at that as being
23 a possibility for having better community outreach and
24 information available all the time.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Perfect. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other questions?

2 (No oral response.)

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Bladine, thank you.

4 RAY BLADINE: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That takes us to agenda item
6 four, discussion and consideration of confidential documents
7 associated with the evaluation of responses to the mapping
8 consultant RFP and ranking of submitted proposals.

9 Just a brief recap.

10 Our request for proposal for mapping services went
11 out through State Procurement. It was on the street, so to
12 speak, for a little over two weeks. And it closed on
13 June 9th at 3:00 p.m.

14 And at that point State Procurement opened up the
15 bid, and we saw that there were seven responders to that
16 RFP, which was great. You never know how many will come
17 across the transom, so to speak.

18 So we were glad to have the response.

19 And I think we have State Procurement here today,
20 somewhere. They're not in the room at the moment. They're
21 in the back.

22 I don't know if commissioners have any comments
23 regarding the proposals that they want to mention in public
24 session.

25 Those proposals, those responders, what they

1 supplied to us are still considered confidential documents.
2 So, to discuss them, we will have to enter executive session
3 to do that.

4 But if any commissioners have anything they'd like
5 to say in public session, that's allowable. They're
6 certainly welcome to do so.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: For the public's sake, for
10 the ability to read the how the RFP was crafted, that is
11 public information. Where -- what website can they go to
12 currently so they can review what was crafted by this
13 Commission to determine the requirement factors when we went
14 out for request?

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good point. It's on
16 ProcureAZ.gov is the site. That's where people who want to
17 respond to these kind of RFPs go.

18 And there's a lot of them, so you'll have to do a
19 search, but you don't have to have any special access. You
20 can go on just as a regular citizen and access their site
21 and search on mapping services or our name, Arizona
22 Independent Redistricting Commission, and you should be able
23 to pull it up.

24 So Mr. Stertz is correct.

25 Thank you for pointing that out.

1 The RFP itself is a public document. It's on the
2 street, and everyone can view that, but the actual
3 respondents' proposals are not yet. They will be once a
4 selection or an award is made.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Just for a point of
8 clarification. For solicitation for anybody that's
9 interested, it is Procure -- P-R-O-C-U-R-E -- .AZ.gov, and
10 the solicitation number is ADSP011-00000704. So that will
11 get you directly to it.

12 The Commission spent a great amount of time
13 crafting this RFP so that we would receive these seven
14 responders.

15 Are the names of the responders public?

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It might be of interest to
18 the audience and the viewing audience of the names of the
19 responders who we will be reviewing when we go into
20 executive session.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I can go through the list.

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It would be good to let the
23 public know who the seven responders were.

24 RAY BLADINE: I don't happen to have the list with
25 me.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I do. I'll make it easier.

2 Here are the seven responders.

3 Strategic Telemetry.

4 Research Advisory Services.

5 National Demographics Corporation.

6 Navteq, N-A-V-T-E-Q, North America, L.L.C.

7 Azavea, A-Z-A-V-E-A, Incorporated.

8 GIS Southwest.

9 And, lastly, Terra Systems Southwest.

10 These were the seven responders to the RFP.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Stertz.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: What were
14 they?

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'll start again from the
16 top.

17 It's Strategic Telemetry.

18 Research Advisory Services.

19 National Demographics Corporation.

20 Navteq, N-A-V-T-E-Q, North America.

21 Azavea, A-Z-A-V-E-A, Incorporated.

22 GIS Southwest.

23 And, lastly, Terra Systems Southwest.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think it would be wise for
2 us to ask the applicants for proposal for the mapping --
3 (inaudible.)

4 THE AUDIENCE: We can't hear you. Use the mic.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN HERRERA: Before we proceed, we
6 should ask Procure Az, we should add that information to our
7 website, both to the proposal and to add the name of the
8 applicants.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good idea.

10 Oh, we can't respond to people in the public, can
11 we? I don't know how that works.

12 MARY O'GRADY: Madam Chair, you do have the
13 discretion to take public input throughout the meeting if
14 you choose to do so.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I choose to.

16 THE AUDIENCE: I'd just like to know how many of
17 those firms are from Arizona.

18 MARY O'GRADY: I think all the contents of those
19 proposals is confidential.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So we can't respond.

21 Okay. Any other comments from commissioners?

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't know if my mic
23 works.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Do you have the green light
25 in?

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I would move that we go
2 into executive session.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there a second?

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All in favor?

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any opposed?

11 (No oral response.)

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: The time is 10:34. So we'll
13 go into executive -- public session ends at this point.
14 We'll go into executive session.

15 You're welcome to stay here, because we'll be
16 going in the back. The public. And I can't tell you how
17 long it will be.

18 But you're welcome to hang around and see us when
19 we come out.

20 (Whereupon, the public session recessed.)

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24 (Whereupon, public session resumed.)

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We'll come back into public

1 session.

2 The time is now 3:16 p.m.

3 And thank you, public, for hanging with us.

4 I wanted to extend the offer that if any of you
5 would like to speak, we'll have an additional public comment
6 period now, and be happy to entertain any comments from any
7 of you.

8 If there is any.

9 (No oral response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Otherwise I would like
11 to ask Jean Clark, the administrator for State Procurement,
12 to talk to us a little bit about the next steps.

13 We just had a good discussion in executive session
14 about the responders to the mapping services RFP.

15 Jean.

16 JEAN CLARK: Thank you.

17 We had, as we had indicated previously, we had
18 seven responses to the mapping consultant RFP.

19 Based upon our initial evaluation of all seven of
20 those responses, it's recommended at this time that four
21 firms, in no particular order here, be progressed forward to
22 possibly hold interviews and discussions and clarifications
23 with us.

24 And those four firms are Strategic Telemetry,
25 National Demographics, Research Advisory Services, and Terra

1 Systems Southwest.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great. Thank you.

3 Any discussion from any commissioners?

4 (No oral response.)

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Without objection, I suggest
6 we proceed with interviewing those four firms. And, so give
7 you an opportunity.

8 Any comments?

9 (No oral response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So we will rely upon
11 the State Procurement Office, Jean, to contact those four
12 firms and set up interviews.

13 We should probably discuss the format of those
14 interviews, how we would like to proceed.

15 Does anyone have any initial thoughts?

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Recommendation would be that
19 we tentatively set aside the 24th of June for an opening for
20 us to be able to have interviews done at a location yet to
21 be determined in Phoenix.

22 My recommendation would be that we would do a
23 morning session of two interviews and an afternoon session
24 of two interviews, leaving sufficient time between those
25 interviews for recap and consultation and note taking.

1 My recommendation would be that we assign the
2 times based on random order or availability as selected
3 after SPO contacts the proposers, and that we set a time of
4 no less than one hour, no more than one and a half hours,
5 for the interview process.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any comments from other
7 commissioners on Mr. Stertz' recommendation?

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

10 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: As we did previously, I
11 suggest that we allow the public comment before and after.
12 I think that was helpful.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good suggestion.

14 Any other thoughts?

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Should we standardize
16 whether they -- how long we have questions, whether they
17 make an opening statement, whether they actually make some
18 sort of demonstration, presentation, software that they
19 might use, and how much time we reserve for questions, so
20 they have a better sense of how long to make their
21 presentation?

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I agree completely. I think
25 I would like to reserve a component of the time for

1 presentation of their mapping system that they're be using,
2 but I prefer to have the majority of the time for question
3 and answer. It was a one third, two third of the allotted
4 time I think, it seems to make sense, I think a
5 recommendation for an opening statement or presentation, but
6 I would like to reserve at least one third of the overall
7 allotted time for Q and A.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other thoughts?

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I agree with that and maybe
10 even more time for Q and A.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: From two thirds to three
12 quarters of the time.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Frankly I'm in favor of
14 leaving it somewhat open in terms of just giving them
15 maximum flexibility to present what they want to present,
16 not necessarily having do a demo, if that's how they choose
17 to use their time.

18 So I don't know how much constraint we want to put
19 on them.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I agree with that. I don't
21 think we're going to get too much out of looking at the
22 mapping software itself, because this is what they've
23 designed. So I would agree with that. It probably isn't
24 something that we need to encourage.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner McNulty, I agree with you. I think the point
2 was that we want to make sure that we don't end up with an
3 hour's worth of presentation and no allowance for Q and A.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good point. Agreed.

5 So does that get you enough direction, Jean, to
6 give to the four firms?

7 JEAN CLARK: My understanding is an hour to an
8 hour and a half maximum, about a quarter of the time, at the
9 most, for overall presentation, basically an outline of
10 their proposal they've submitted, and the remainder of time
11 Q and A.

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Freeman.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: We would expect them to give
15 some sort of presentation, but they should also expect to
16 build into their time sufficient time for us to ask
17 questions. We do not want to see a 90-minute presentation.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other thoughts?
19 Comments?

20 (No oral response.)

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Well, thank Jean and
22 her team at State Procurement for facilitating and guiding
23 us through this process. You've been very helpful, and we
24 really appreciate it.

25 JEAN CLARK: Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yes, we all do.

2 JEAN CLARK: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other comments on agenda
4 item four before we move --

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, has there been
6 a motion made?

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, I did it without
8 objection.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: You did it without
10 objection. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That we would go ahead and
12 interview those four.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All good?

15 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: All good.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We'll move to agenda
17 item -- it looks like there's a typo -- agenda item five.

18 Agenda items and dates of future meetings.

19 And I think Mr. Bladine sent us a calendar that I
20 have printed somewhere of dates when we're available. We
21 just now talked about how we're going to shoot for June 24th
22 as the next meeting when we would have these interviews.

23 And we're hopeful that the firms will be able to
24 join us for interviews that day.

25 So June 24th is Friday, next week.

1 Unless something should arise, I don't see us
2 meeting before that, unless there's a need where we have to
3 get together.

4 The following week is the week of the 27th. We'll
5 likely want to plan on trying to do something in that the
6 following weekend is the 4th of July weekend.

7 So, are there dates, the 27th throughout 30th,
8 that are good for folks?

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair, I have a
10 meeting the morning of the 28th at 8:00 o'clock.

11 It will be done by 10:00. If we need to meet that
12 day, if I have some advance notice, I can try to move that.
13 I just need to know.

14 But other than that, I can meet at that time.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I have a meeting that day at
16 1:30 that I cannot move unfortunately.

17 So that's going to be a tough one, if you're busy
18 in the morning and I've got the afternoon.

19 And it's looking like on the 29th -- I can't read
20 that very well.

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I am not available the
22 morning of the 29th.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

24 And, Linda, you're not available after?

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'm available all day if I

1 can be home by 6:00. But if I have to, I can go long with
2 that too.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So it sounds like Wednesday
4 afternoon is a possibility.

5 All day Monday is actually a possibility for me.
6 I just have something at 4:00 p.m. in Tucson.

7 So as long as I were out of here by 4:00, I could
8 do that too.

9 Any preferences for trying to schedule something
10 for that Monday or that Wednesday, the 27th or 29th?

11 We will have just met with those firms on the
12 24th. So I'm not sure how much will transpire over the
13 weekend. It might be more prudent to choose Wednesday.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair, if it's
15 Wednesday the 29th, I am most likely free the entire day.

16 I do have a meeting currently scheduled in the
17 morning, so I guess if we were sure that was going to be in
18 the afternoon on the 29th, really no problem at this point.

19 I might have no problem with the entire day.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Your conflict was morning,
22 Commissioner Herrera?

23 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Morning.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: It's still looking good as
25 long as we're done by 6:00 p.m. in Tucson.

1 RAY BLADINE: Madam Chair, it might also be good
2 to keep Monday open so that if -- of course, we'd have to
3 post before your Friday meeting, which we could do, but if
4 you weren't able to make a decision on the 24th, that would
5 be sooner, although may not be better.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Or if they can't all get
7 here on the 24th.

8 RAY BLADINE: True.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right. Okay. So that's a
10 good suggestion, Mr. Bladine. Let's all try to hold the
11 27th open.

12 And then we'll plan on the afternoon of the 29th
13 as a potential also next meeting after the 24th.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any agenda items anyone wants
15 to raise for any of those meetings?

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Interview of four candidates.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, for sure, that will be
18 the 24th, assuming they can all make it.

19 Any other agenda items?

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I suggest we get that
21 accomplished and then work on our next agenda.

22 RAY BLADINE: Madam Chairman, I will try to see
23 how things go, but my goal will be to have some sort of a
24 budget for you by the 27th meeting, and also perhaps drafts
25 in plan.

1 And I do think that thinking about it at some
2 future agenda, we had talked about having the Competitive
3 Coalition make a presentation.

4 Just to remind everyone, we talked about that, and
5 I think we also need to schedule some time for our legal
6 counsel to have some time to brief us on the voting rights
7 law and some other issues that we'll be facing.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All good suggestions. Thank
9 you.

10 Any other comments from other commissioners?

11 (No oral response.)

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Hearing none, we'll move to
13 agenda item six, which is adjournment. And it's now 3:29,
14 and I declare the meeting adjourned.

15 Thank you for all coming and sticking with us.

16 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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