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Public Session

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Attending

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

Mary O'Grady, legal counsel
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(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
representing and what issue you'd like to talk about so that we have a clear record taken.

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

So if we could begin with roll call.

Vice Chair Freeman?

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner McNulty?

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

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

And I'd like to acknowledge them.

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

And we also have Executive Director Ray Bladine here.

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

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

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

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

And thanks to all of you for being here today.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Thanks for having us.

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

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

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

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

I'm here representing the Tucson Tea Party, a
group of approximately 3500 members. We're nonpartisan in that our membership consists of freedom loving individuals from all political parties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Saddlebrook community on the other hand is
73 miles from the next largest community in Pinal County and Legislative District 23, Casa Grande.

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

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

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

We Independents have tried to do your job for you. We have created a redistricting map for southern Arizona.

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

It is our belief that the lines do not have to be drastically changed to, one, create equal populations. The
shift in population can be adequately addressed by minor
redrawing of the lines. Such minor modifications would
allow communities of like interest to continue to exist. To
create compact and continuous communities because in most
instances that exists today.

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

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

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

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

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

We want to be grouped with other communities with
which we share hospitals, schools, shopping, medical
facilities, economic development, and cultural interest.

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

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

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

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

Eagle Crest, Oro Valley, Catalina, Saddlebrook,
northwest Tucson really have the same like minds as politically, economically, culturally. Ninety percent of my friends live up in this side of town. My church is in this side of town. I work at this side of town. I work in the, you know, in the northwest.

And I do not want redistricting lines to change. I like this -- I like the political climate here. I love Oro Valley, and I think and I'm hoping that you will take my consideration, as well as the others that are possibly going to speak here, into really deep hearted consideration to keep our constituent base the way it is now.

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

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

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

I won't be -- I'll be well within my time limit.
I would like to bring to your attention three items that concern me when -- as I try to get involved in looking at redistricting and doing my civil duty.

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

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

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

Thank you for the 48 hours that you granted us. However, due to the complexity of this, I think that it doesn't support the due process of the citizenry as it doesn't give us much opportunity to put together a cohesive argument or suggestion or opinion.

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

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

I would like to let you know that the
ArizonaRedistricting.com website is deceptively published on the Internet such that the site does not allow people to gain access through the use of non-functioning links.

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you very much and have a nice day.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Curtiss Leroy, and he is representing PC226. The subject is civic justice.
MR. CURTISS LEROY: Good morning. My name is Curtiss Leroy. I'm a PC in representing 226.

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

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

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

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

That would seem like the natural outcome. Unless there was an agenda to prevent the selection of Hunter.

You would think that after Commissioner Herrera indicated his preference for Michael Mandell as counsel and
later voted him down when the vote was to select Hunter and
Mandell as the two representatives, you would think there
was some reason for this inconsistency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

Next speaker is Frank Olivieri, representing
Precinct 148. And the topic is open process.
MR. FRANK OLIVIERI: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for allowing me to speak this morning. I represent Precinct 148 in the unincorporated areas of Pima County.

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

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

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

Finally, do the results meet the goals specified by the input from the respective communities, sometimes key communities like together of interest -- like interest together, respect local boundaries such as cities, counties, and schools, create compact and contiguous communities.
A typical RFP would include the following, but not limited to, number one, general goals. This section includes the general business goals which are met by the process.

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

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

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

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

Number six, resources provided. This section should describe the resources, information, critical data, et cetera, to be provided by you and the public record.
Specifically it should include a description of the subject matter experts, market research, technical documentation, and any other resources that would provide the vendor going forward with the process.

Number seven, criteria for evaluating success.

How will be public objectives be taken from the public record be met. If so, how was it measured.

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

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can everyone hear okay?

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.
BUCK FORST: It's on. They just need to be on it.

MS. GERI OTTOBONI: Closer? Is that better?

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah.

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

I think there's only one person I could hear

Clearly.

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

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

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

I urge the Commission to let the public know
immediately when the location is booked so the maximum
number of people can participate.
And just to point of note, I've been up to Phoenix twice, and it was interesting because there were very few people in attendance.

So I thought this possibly might be the reason.

So thank you for much for your time.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

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

MS. CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Sense.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, sense. All right.

Common sense. I'm sorry.

I won't make a comment about myself on that one.

Subject is LD 30 boundaries Rita Ranch.

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

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

RAY BLADINE: Use the mic.

MS. CHRISTINE BAUSERMAN: Is that better?

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

Rita Ranch neighborhood is chartered by the City of Tucson to identify and encompass common communities.
defined by a neighborhood of common interest. The boundaries of the association start at Foreman Road at the north, the city limits on the east, I-10 on the south, and with some jogs mostly the Harrison Road line extended south of the western boundary.

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

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

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

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

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

Another is entertainment. The annual Rita Ranch Family Fun Day on Memorial Day weekend has 2,000 people attending, it's held in Purple Heart Park in the Rita Ranch development and it is attended by residents of both east and west side of Hallum all in the neighborhood association.
You know, it is the hub of -- that park is the hub.

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

It's like here and the base is here.

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

Thank you.

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

MR. TOMMY TUCKER: Thank you again for coming.

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

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

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

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

We live just a mile and a half above the two county line.
And logistically these two HOAs, of which there are 31, I think the County is active precinct people, obviously for one party, but the other party has a similar kind of structure.

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

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

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

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

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

And if you go along, there's Eloy, which is close, Coolidge. And it would appear that as redistricting boundaries might be done, that if we take and have a line, artificially of course, that runs essentially across that southern part so that it combines to a degree, you can then
have structure, whether -- whatever party it is. Where those areas interact with the area that is to the south without losing their identities.

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

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

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

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

It's not down here in Tucson.

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

But I think for a better state, as many -- we have other, you know, all across the state we have this type of
thing. And I realize that's rough for you people, because putting it all together is kind of tough. But thank you for being here.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good morning.

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

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

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

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

What I would like is I would like our borders, our west borders to move east to Campbell. I would like our
northern borders to move all the way to Broadway. And I would like our eastern borders to move all the way to Houghton, to include Rita Ranch.

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

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

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

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

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

We're always at odds.

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

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

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Chayah Masters, a member of
the Smart Girl Politics and a local realtor, and her subject
is redistricting.

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

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

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

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

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

MS. JOYCE SCHULTE: Good morning to you all.

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

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

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

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

I do live in LD 26.

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

And this is, this is a good district.

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

Thank you very much.
CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there anyone else from the public who would like to address the Commission today? I'm out of slips.

(No oral response.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Last call.

(No oral response.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That will conclude our public comment then.

And thanks everyone for your input.

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

So, Ray, when you're ready.

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

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

We also are receiving applications for a public information officer. Someone was nice enough to post us on the web page of the Public Information Officer Association, so within the last several days I've got seven or eight
resumes of people that have experience in it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For next fiscal year, it's three million.

Unlike other state departments, that 500,000
carries over.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It made me feel good that I was young.

Finally I had a meeting this week with Ken Clark
of the Competitiveness Coalition, who's asked to be on one
of your future agendas.

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

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

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

   CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Ray.
   Any questions for Mr. Bladine?
   VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair, Mr. Bladine,
just to be clear, you expect that at our next hearing you'll
be able to present us with a budget that we can look at.
   RAY BLADINE: Yes, I believe about the best I'm
going to be able to do is take a look at what they did last
year, take what information is available in terms of what we
spent to date, and try to lay something out so that we can
have some idea by subcategories.

Right now we just have the overall appropriation.

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

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

RAY BLADINE: I believe they do.

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

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

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

So the bottom line is that we will really have to be careful about any public access to them and treat them as
if they were in the archives.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

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

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

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

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

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

RAY BLADINE: Yes, there is.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And what is the anticipated date of the first draft of that or the second draft of that coming out?
RAY BLADINE: I would hope that perhaps by the end of next week. I -- we've been receiving some comments from all of you. I would like to get some more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, yes, we are, we are hoping that technology will be on our side and not be an enemy right now, but it
looks to me like we're getting the bugs worked out and it should work well for us.

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

RAY BLADINE: No, sir.

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Perfect. Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other questions?

(No oral response.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Bladine, thank you.

RAY BLADINE: Thank you.

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

Just a brief recap.

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

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

So we were glad to have the response.

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

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

Those proposals, those responders, what they
supplied to us are still considered confidential documents. So, to discuss them, we will have to enter executive session to do that.

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

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

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

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

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

So Mr. Stertz is correct.

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

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Just for a point of clarification. For solicitation for anybody that's interested, it is Procure -- P-R-O-C-U-R-E -- .AZ.gov, and the solicitation number is ADSPO11-00000704. So that will get you directly to it.

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

Are the names of the responders public?

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I can go through the list.

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

RAY BLADINE: I don't happen to have the list with me.
COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I do. I'll make it easier.

Here are the seven responders.

Strategic Telemetry.

Research Advisory Services.

National Demographics Corporation.

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


GIS Southwest.

And, lastly, Terra Systems Southwest.

These were the seven responders to the RFP.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: What were they?

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

It's Strategic Telemetry.

Research Advisory Services.

National Demographics Corporation.


GIS Southwest.

And, lastly, Terra Systems Southwest.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.
VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think it would be wise for us to ask the applicants for proposal for the mapping --

(inaudible.)

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good idea.

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I choose to.

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So we can't respond.

Okay. Any other comments from commissioners?

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Do you have the green light in?
COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I would move that we go into executive session.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All in favor?

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Aye.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Aye.

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Aye.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No oral response.)

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

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

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

(Whereupon, the public session recessed.)

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(Whereupon, public session resumed.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We'll come back into public
The time is now 3:16 p.m.

And thank you, public, for hanging with us.

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

If there is any.

(No oral response.)

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

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

Jean.

JEAN CLARK: Thank you.

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

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

And those four firms are Strategic Telemetry, National Demographics, Research Advisory Services, and Terra
Systems Southwest.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great. Thank you.

Any discussion from any commissioners?

(No oral response.)

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

Any comments?

(No oral response.)

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

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

Does anyone have any initial thoughts?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

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

My recommendation would be that we would do a morning session of two interviews and an afternoon session of two interviews, leaving sufficient time between those interviews for recap and consultation and note taking.
My recommendation would be that we assign the times based on random order or availability as selected after SPO contacts the proposers, and that we set a time of no less than one hour, no more than one and a half hours, for the interview process.

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

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good suggestion.

Any other thoughts?

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

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I agree completely. I think I would like to reserve a component of the time for
presentation of their mapping system that they're be using, but I prefer to have the majority of the time for question and answer. It was a one third, two third of the allotted time I think, it seems to make sense, I think a recommendation for an opening statement or presentation, but I would like to reserve at least one third of the overall allotted time for Q and A.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Other thoughts?

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good point. Agreed.

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

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

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Freeman.

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other thoughts?

Comments?

(No oral response.)

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

JEAN CLARK: Thank you.
VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yes, we all do.

JEAN CLARK: Thank you.

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, I did it without objection.

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

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

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All good?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: All good.

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

Agenda items and dates of future meetings.

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

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

So June 24th is Friday, next week.
Unless something should arise, I don't see us meeting before that, unless there's a need where we have to get together.

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

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

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair, I have a meeting the morning of the 28th at 8:00 o'clock. It will be done by 10:00. If we need to meet that day, if I have some advance notice, I can try to move that. I just need to know.

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

And, Linda, you're not available after?

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'm available all day if I
can be home by 6:00. But if I have to, I can go long with that too.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I might have no problem with the entire day.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Your conflict was morning, Commissioner Herrera?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Morning.

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: It's still looking good as long as we're done by 6:00 p.m. in Tucson.
RAY BLADINE: Madam Chair, it might also be good to keep Monday open so that if -- of course, we'd have to post before your Friday meeting, which we could do, but if you weren't able to make a decision on the 24th, that would be sooner, although may not be better.

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

RAY BLADINE: True.

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

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

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

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Interview of four candidates.

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

Any other agenda items?

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

RAY BLADINE: Madam Chairman, I will try to see how things go, but my goal will be to have some sort of a budget for you by the 27th meeting, and also perhaps drafts in plan.
And I do think that thinking about it at some future agenda, we had talked about having the Competitive Coalition make a presentation.

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

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All good suggestions. Thank you.

Any other comments from other commissioners?

(No oral response.)

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

Thank you for all coming and sticking with us.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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