

**ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
9:15 a.m.

Location

**Holiday Inn Commerce/Cotton Banquet Room  
777 North Pinal Avenue  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85122**

Attending

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

Ray Bladine, Executive Director  
Buck Forst, Information Technology Specialist  
Stuart Robinson, Public Information Officer

Mary O'Grady, Legal Counsel  
Joe Kanefield, Legal Counsel

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Whereupon, the public session commences.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good morning.

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

Today is Wednesday, September 14th, and the time  
is 9:15.

Let's start with the pledge of allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Let's go ahead 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: We have a quorum.

1           And other folks around the table today are our  
2 legal counsel Mary O'Grady and Joe Kanefield.

3           Our mapping consultant, Willie Desmond.

4           We have a court reporter, Marty Herder.

5           And Buck Forst is our chief technology officer.

6           Our deputy executive director, Kristina Gomez.

7           And Ray Bladine, our executive director, may be  
8 here as well.

9           And our next item on the agenda is map  
10 presentations.

11           I have some request to speak forms in front of me.

12           This is a recurring agenda item for anybody who  
13 would like to present maps to us during this phase of our  
14 process. And I don't have any that say mapping, so I'm  
15 wondering if there's anybody in the audience who had  
16 anything for me, for us?

17           Okay.

18           So we will move to agenda item three, which is  
19 review, discussion and direction to mapping consultant  
20 reviewing ideas for possible adjustments to congressional  
21 grid map based on constitutional criteria.

22           And I know we have some maps in front of us that  
23 Mr. Desmond did, based on our instruction from our last  
24 meeting.

25           So I'll go ahead and let him tell us what he's

1 got.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Thanks.

3 Okay. For today I have three completed maps.

4 Pretty simple. Whole counties version 5A, 5B, 5C.

5 5A, I believe, was asked for at Monday's session.

6 It kind of followed up the discussion of the three border

7 district, river district combo map that we had looked at.

8 And the question came up of making the third border district

9 run through Santa Cruz County as it had in the whole

10 counties version 4A.

11 So this one was updated to redo the split in Yuma

12 County that the Hispanic Coalition for Good Government had

13 asked for.

14 5B was one that had come up following last week

15 Friday's meeting, and had some changes relating to Pinal

16 County and some others that I can go through. And left the

17 four districts in Maricopa that were not voting rights

18 districts blank.

19 And then 5C was the same thing, but just I was

20 asked to take a first crack at dividing those up based off

21 of census place and some other major geography.

22 Also for today there is the river district, the

23 changes that were asked for at Monday's meeting.

24 I wasn't able to completely finish it. I had some

25 questions.

1           If we get to it, and Commissioner Herrera would  
2 like, you can bring it up and you can give me further  
3 direction on how to complete that for tomorrow's meeting.

4           And I don't have any of the legislative maps  
5 updated yet.

6           Commissioner McNulty had asked for some changes,  
7 and I just didn't get to them yet.

8           At Monday's meeting it was mentioned that, you  
9 know, a little more time to digest might be helpful, so I  
10 was thinking if we wanted to we could go through them again  
11 today a little bit and just see if any other commissioners  
12 had other what-ifs or what they would like to see happen  
13 there.

14           So, if it's all right, I guess I'll start with 5A.  
15 But I'm happy to start somewhere else if you guys would  
16 like.

17           All right.

18           I do want to point out that there are new charts  
19 and information attached to these now.

20           These reports are available on the website. Buck  
21 has the files. I believe that are going up as we speak, so  
22 they should be going live very soon.

23           So now in addition to the map layout, the racial  
24 table, the compactness and competitiveness table, there is a  
25 criteria page, there is splits report, that's about one or

1 two pages, and there's a long plan components report.

2           What this does it gives you -- district by  
3 district it tells you which counties are in that district,  
4 how much of the county is in the district, and how much of  
5 the district that county comprises. It also does that for  
6 census place.

7           So looking at that, it will let you know what's  
8 really comprised in the districts and how much of a -- if  
9 you're interested in how much of a district a certain area  
10 is, you know, an urban area that might be very small  
11 geographically but make up 50 percent of the population.  
12 This is a helpful tool for that.

13           So those are available on the website.

14           I would encourage people to check those out.

15           I think they're going to be very useful going  
16 forward, so. . .

17           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Desmond.

18           WILLIE DESMOND: Uh-hmm.

19           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: On the whole counties  
20 version 5A, is the criteria page -- it says on be mine  
21 version 5B, but I assume that's just a typo and it should be  
22 5A.

23           WILLIE DESMOND: That is just a typo.

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

25           WILLIE DESMOND: So, Buck, if possible, if you

1 could go into the map criteria, in the 5A, and just change  
2 the title to say version 5A not 5B, that would be -- before  
3 putting it on the website to avoid any further confusion.

4 I assume you'll want to see what we're doing.

5 Can we get the lights dimmed on this corner  
6 possibly?

7 Okay. So whole counties version 4A, which was the  
8 starting point for this, had taken the split in Yuma and got  
9 rid of it, so that all of Yuma was included in proposed  
10 District 3, which was the majority-minority district in the  
11 south.

12 And extended District 2, which takes part of  
13 Tucson and the eastern part of Pima County, and put it  
14 straight through Santa Cruz County, thus creating three  
15 border districts.

16 For this version, the only real change was to redo  
17 the split in Yuma, and then to take that population that was  
18 lost from District 4, and -- or that was given to District 4  
19 then, and remove as much of Maricopa as possible.

20 I guess it would be easiest to see that if we go  
21 into Maricopa.

22 Now, are there specific things that commissioners  
23 would like to see right away?

24 If not, I can also show you the border district  
25 that runs through Santa Cruz County and up into Pima County.

1           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Could we take a look and see  
2 where District 4 intersects with District 8, that boundary?

3           WILLIE DESMOND: District 4 does come into  
4 Maricopa.

5           This border I didn't really change much. So, it  
6 does endeavor to keep whole census places where possible.  
7 It does go up into the north, so it has parts of Peoria and  
8 it does have parts of Phoenix in the very northernmost  
9 region.

10           But that is, I think, fairly sparsely populated.  
11 And if this was something that we wanted to move forward  
12 with, it would be possible to reconfigure this and kind of  
13 clean it up or make it look better.

14           I'd be happy to hear any changes you'd want for a  
15 future version.

16           If you'd like, I can go through the actual cities  
17 that are -- I don't know how well everybody can see. So  
18 that might be helpful.

19           So, it kind of goes up to avoid going into  
20 Goodyear at all.

21           Does include Citrus Park right here.

22           It follows kind of an outline of Maricopa. I'm  
23 not sure which one this is.

24           It has about half of the southern part of -- or  
25 the northern part of Surprise, Sun City West, parts of

1 Peoria, and a little bit of northern Phoenix. And it has a  
2 fair chunk of the -- of Buckeye additionally.

3 The border is Highway, Highway 10, or Interstate  
4 10, running out to the county line.

5 So that everything north of Highway 10 in Maricopa  
6 is part of four.

7 Everything south of it is three.

8 Until you get, you know, into the city a little  
9 bit more.

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And the border on District 3  
11 is the Minority Coalition's border all the way around, or  
12 have there been some changes?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: There's -- it's the Minority  
14 Coalition's border through Yuma, so there have been some  
15 changes.

16 Also Minority Coalition has a border that splits  
17 Santa Cruz on the eastern edge too.

18 I can add that layer so you can see where it's  
19 divergent, if that's helpful.

20 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Sure.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: We're saying Minority Coalition,  
22 but it's the Hispanic Coalition, just to clarify.

23 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Right, sir. I'm sorry.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: So, it does follow their border  
25 by and large. Follows it through Yuma. Follows along I-10

1 just like they had.

2 It diverges a little bit here in, here in Buckeye.

3 It goes a little bit farther south in Goodyear.

4 Follows it out on the same line through Avondale.

5 This -- our version does not include Tolleson as  
6 theirs does, so there's a divergence right here.

7 But then you get into Minority Coalition -- or  
8 Hispanic Coalition District 7, which does largely follow the  
9 same, same border.

10 The only difference being the Tolleson area. A  
11 little bit in Glendale and Avondale.

12 Change this.

13 And then I guess it would be helpful if we  
14 looked -- you can see the other places where it kind of  
15 splits.

16 So, running through Pinal, they have it taking a  
17 little less of Pinal County.

18 We had to make up that population when we left  
19 Santa Cruz whole.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'm willing to share.

21 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Desmond?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

23 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Can you take me to -- zoom in  
24 on District 4, around the Coconino -- Flagstaff area?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

1 Is that what you're. . .

2 Flagstaff is wholly contained into five.

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: In five, okay.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So the line does go right down  
5 the Yavapai and Coconino County border.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Is the entire city of  
7 Flagstaff in five?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

9 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And can you go to the Pai  
10 tribe?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, they are also in five.  
12 Because this was -- so the Pai tribes are.

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And how far does District 3  
14 go into Maricopa? What parts of Maricopa does it go in?

15 WILLIE DESMOND: District 3 comes up -- it's parts  
16 of Goodyear, the southern part of Buckeye, Avondale, and  
17 then a good chunk of Tolleson, and some of Phoenix, right  
18 down here.

19 This is Tolleson, Avondale.

20 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

21 You know what, I know we've been -- I know  
22 Commissioner McNulty has been talking about looking at  
23 competitiveness based on -- I think right now you're looking  
24 at 2008, 2010 information.

25 And the particular map creates three solidly

1 Republican districts with 60 percent, two between 57 and  
2 59 percent, and two between 52 and 53.75.

3 So four, I would say, solidly Republican  
4 districts -- five, and two leaning Republican.

5 And the only two, excuse me, the only two  
6 districts that are Democratic are the two majority-minority  
7 districts.

8 I just want to point that out.

9 Obviously it's a concern.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: I haven't used competitiveness at  
11 all. I'm not trying to maximize --

12 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I know that, but I'm just  
13 using it based on the numbers that you've given us.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Along those lines, it's  
16 interesting to just look at the evolution of HVAP on these  
17 different versions, because the river district/three border  
18 combo version 1A, and you look at that, we had Mr. Desmond  
19 do that, in District 3 was 18.78 percent voting age  
20 Hispanic.

21 And then you go to 4A and it's 50.25 percent.

22 And then this 5A today, it went up in District 3,  
23 to 51.37.

24 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Desmond, what is the  
25 benchmark for District 3?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Assuming District 3 is the lower  
2 one, I think it's 50.8.

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: 50.8?

4 MARY O'GRADY: 50.23.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: 50.23.

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And the other one is 57.45?

7 Okay.

8 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: This 5A, version five of the  
11 whole counties map, isn't exactly my baby, but I just wanted  
12 to sort of walk through the thought processes on this  
13 what-if scenario.

14 This what-if scenario began with our grid map, and  
15 the first instruction was to draw congressional districts to  
16 try to maximize whole counties. That's one of the  
17 constitutional criteria.

18 So that map was developed.

19 Then, since we had to develop -- satisfy the  
20 Voting Rights Act, overlay the Hispanic Coalition's two  
21 majority-majority -- majority-minority districts onto that  
22 map, and then also to adjust the map to keep Indian  
23 reservation lands whole.

24 So that, and I think as a corollary benefit to  
25 that, since we're trying to keep whole counties whole or

1 minimize splits in counties, we respect the sort of  
2 urban/rural concerns that we heard a lot about, keeping  
3 rural districts rural and not having urban populations, a  
4 segment of them, intrude into the rural district.

5           So we end up with a map that splits counties only  
6 where necessary to keep Indian reservation land whole and to  
7 satisfy the Voting Rights Act, and, of course, in high  
8 population areas such as Tucson and Phoenix where we're  
9 going to have to make these splits.

10           It did not try -- it's basically an approach that  
11 begins from the outside of the state and sort of works into  
12 the urban Maricopa County areas, and it, you know, hasn't  
13 looked at issues yet like, you know, other communities of  
14 interests that need to be respected and the competitiveness  
15 issue.

16           As for the competitiveness figures we're looking  
17 at, at least from the non majority-minority districts that  
18 are being constructed, because I view those -- that data as  
19 skewed, because we're only using 2008, 2010 data at this  
20 point, and I think there are a couple of, I think, outlier  
21 elections such as the presidential election where it had  
22 some senators run for president and I believe there was a  
23 corporation commission race where the Democratic candidate  
24 unfortunately passed away shortly before the election and I  
25 think that probably skews the result of that election, if

1 that's being factored in.

2 I know when I look at the numbers, at least for  
3 the non majority-minority districts, I make a mental  
4 adjustment in my head and sort of discount the Republican  
5 figure and bolster the Democratic figure.

6 I'm looking forward to seeing, you know,  
7 additional data on the competitiveness factor so we get  
8 sort of a more robust data set as we analyze these going  
9 forward.

10 As for version 5A, I mean, this was a request to  
11 sort of try to take the -- I believe it was by  
12 Commissioner Stertz to sort of take a prior version of the  
13 old counties -- prior iteration of the whole counties map,  
14 and change it to create three border districts. Which it  
15 does.

16 And it obviously there would need to be more  
17 massaging of map and further iterations to see if we can get  
18 a workable map out of this.

19 I mean, as for today I'm more focused on 5A and 5C  
20 that I asked to be constructed, and I don't have any  
21 specific changes at this point on this map. But if any  
22 other commissioner does, I mean, don't think it's  
23 proprietary on my part. None of these maps are.

24 So I won't be giving any instructions at least  
25 right now as to further changes on this map.

1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other comments on 5A or  
2 adjustments that we would like to see Mr. Desmond do for the  
3 next version?

4           (No oral response.)

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Should we talk about 5B and  
6 just the criteria that -- 5B and C? I don't know how  
7 different they are, let's see, in terms of the criteria.

8           Does the public have these criteria sheets in  
9 terms of what changed?

10          WILLIE DESMOND: They're on the website.

11          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

12          WILLIE DESMOND: They are going there.

13          They don't have the copies of the maps that are  
14 represented today available at the meeting.

15          They'll be available at the next meeting.

16          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, should we talk about 5B  
17 and C?

18          WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

19          Can I just briefly just, I guess, just show the  
20 Santa Cruz area, because this was talked about in that combo  
21 map with the other way of having three districts.

22          I guess just the only thing to point out here was  
23 that Santa Cruz was whole in the Hispanic Coalition for Good  
24 Government's map, however it was included in part of three,  
25 the majority-minority district.

1           In this version, to make the third border  
2 district, it's grouped with two.

3           I guess that's the only thing I wanted to say  
4 here.

5           So I think if we're going forward, there's two  
6 options with the three border. It's either to keep Yuma  
7 whole or Santa Cruz whole. Seemed like the only feasible  
8 options to get the third district in there.

9           But I will go to 5B.

10           So the criteria for 5B were to remove all of CD 1  
11 from Maricopa. There was a little corner of it that was in  
12 Maricopa. To make Pinal County wholly contained in CD 1  
13 except for the reservation lands.

14           The reservations lands in Pinal County were  
15 supposed go to CD No. 3.

16           In order to make up some of the lost population  
17 that CD No. 3 lost in Pinal, it was supposed to grab it in  
18 the western area of Phoenix.

19           And as to unassigned Districts 5, 6, 8, and 9, in  
20 order to kind of give us a blank slate to start drawing  
21 districts in the Phoenix metropolitan area, so. . .

22           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Mr. Desmond, I apologize for  
23 interrupting you.

24           What you've put up on the screen does not exactly  
25 look like what I have in my hands.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh, you're absolutely right. I'm  
2 sorry.

3 I had one of the criteria a little wrong, so I had  
4 another version of that I was working on for a little while.

5 This should match what you have.

6 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Is there a place I should start  
8 with this one?

9 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, on this one, I think  
10 one of the tweaks was to, I think you mentioned it, to put  
11 Pinal County in District 1, except for the reservation  
12 lands. And it looks like that's been done. And then to  
13 make the border between one and the disaggregated area  
14 follow the Maricopa, Pinal County line.

15 And then to the extent District 3 got depopulated,  
16 to have that district reach up slightly into what was  
17 District 8 to reclaim that population.

18 But I think in looking at it what we find is  
19 that -- and perhaps you could focus in on that area, the  
20 intersection between one and the disaggregated area in the  
21 southeast valley.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

23 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Around Apache Junction.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Just bear with me one second.  
25 I'm going to add the reservation area to look at that also.

1           Okay.

2           So, in that area, you'll notice that  
3 District No. 1 now follows exactly along the county line.

4           So that Apache Junction and Gold Canyon are in  
5 District No. 1, but no part of Maricopa is.

6           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. And then what I'm  
7 seeing is that on the stat sheet District 1 is now -- ends  
8 up overpopulated by 42,000 approximately persons.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

10          VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And so, again, I have to  
11 emphasize that this is the whole counties approach that I,  
12 when I went through a little earlier, it was not attempting  
13 to really look at communities of interest, and of course  
14 there can be tweaking and fine tuning and adjustments made,  
15 and even with respect to the voting rights districts.

16          And so -- and I know you created a version 5C to  
17 sort of show us how the urban Maricopa County districts  
18 might shape up when you filled that in based on our grid map  
19 starting point. But we have to fix this issue that's too  
20 much of an overpopulation.

21          I guess what I would suggest that this be the  
22 first area where we're sort of getting into deviating from  
23 this strict whole counties approach, is go ahead and see if  
24 we can -- if District 1 can shed population from the  
25 Apache Junction, Gold Canyon area, which you could say does

1 have a strong connection with Mesa and Tempe and the sort of  
2 southeast valley, and put that into the disaggregated urban  
3 pot, so to speak.

4 And so we get District 1 back to proper population  
5 allocation, or close, within striking distance.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: That makes sense.

7 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And then -- and maybe you can  
8 zoom out to show the urban Maricopa County area.

9 So, yeah, we've left seven, which is the  
10 majority-minority district, in there. But if you were to  
11 mentally exclude it, we've got sort of the urban Maricopa  
12 County area that's sort of disaggregated, but it is in a way  
13 a sort of -- it has a certain degree of compactness to it in  
14 and of itself.

15 So, what I would suggest for version 6B is to go  
16 ahead and, so we're consistent in our lines of thought, you  
17 know, remove population from here, until -- from here being  
18 Apache Junction, Gold Canyon area, and see if we can get  
19 District 1 back within striking distance.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And, again, that population  
22 that's lost goes into this disaggregated hopper, so to  
23 speak, and show us that or show me that hot map for  
24 version 6B.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: That makes sense.

1           And this is a -- just a quick grab right there, in  
2 that red area, represents luckily 43,685 people.

3           So fairly close to the 42.

4           So I think that's a --

5           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. There you go.

6           And, I mean, this area in Apache Junction -- that  
7 border, I guess, could be fine tuned later, but for purposes  
8 of the next cut, let's give that a try.

9           And then so that will be 6B.

10          And then 6C would be then be to overlay our grid  
11 map on the urban Maricopa County area, and then adjust those  
12 lines to sort of create the additional congressional  
13 districts with, at this point, the thought being compactness  
14 and respect for municipal lines.

15          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

16          VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Does that make sense?

17          WILLIE DESMOND: It does.

18          So I think it would helpful for me going forward  
19 if I could show you how I did the first pass at 5C and --

20          VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Sure.

21          WILLIE DESMOND: -- give me some direction as to  
22 if that's the approach you would like taken.

23          VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Sure.

24          And before we sort of leave that, at least on your  
25 5C, looking at the stats, and I do think it's kind of too

1 early to look at this with the data we have, but, you know,  
2 when you look at the non majority-minority districts, I  
3 mean, we've got three districts at least that's within  
4 striking distance of being considered competitive, or at  
5 least that weren't competitive, and we even one of the  
6 majority-minority districts that could be considered  
7 competitive actually. So that's four of the nine.

8           So at least, there's something good that perhaps  
9 could develop out of this.

10           WILLIE DESMOND: So this map is exactly the same  
11 as the 5B, except that I took a first pass at redividing up  
12 that unassigned area in the districts.

13           If you'll notice the data table, because that  
14 unassigned area was a little short on population,  
15 Districts 8 and 9 are both underpopulated.

16           The ones we had, I guess the Apache Junction and  
17 that unassigned area has enough for four full districts.

18           The next pass we can hopefully eliminate that.

19           So, I guess what I would be looking for with  
20 this one is just you can follow my methodology and tell me  
21 in it intuitively makes sense if I'm doing the right thing.  
22 So. . .

23           So I shouldn't say I did not do these in order of  
24 the number.

25           I did them starting down here.

1           I numbered them kind of based off of how things  
2 have relatively been numbered before, but I -- the order  
3 they were done was first I drew six, then I drew five, then  
4 I drew nine, then I drew eight.

5           So -- actually I drew six, five, eight, nine.

6           And if I turn off this shading, back on the census  
7 place, I think you can kind of see my thought process.

8           So starting with District 6, what I did was I  
9 started by keeping all of Sun Lakes, Chandler, Gilbert, and  
10 Queen Creek together.

11           Then I extended straight up into Mesa, to just  
12 round off the population to get the 710,000 we needed.

13           Following that I took -- I took all of the rest of  
14 Mesa, started with that, included all of Tempe.

15           The part of Phoenix, I guess, Ahwatukee, that is  
16 left hanging off by the Hispanic Coalition District 7, added  
17 that.

18           And then I just kind of worked my way straight up  
19 taking south Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, and parts of  
20 Phoenix.

21           I would have liked to not split those, I guess,  
22 but since they're all large enough that they need to be  
23 split, I didn't worry about that too much.

24           I did include the Gila River and -- or Salt River,  
25 I'm sorry, and Fort McDowell reservation areas in this

1 district.

2 I attempted to just kind of go straight across  
3 into the top of Paradise Valley, because that kind of lined  
4 up with Salt River.

5 So I guess the last place I made up population  
6 was, was down here, and this followed tracts and then I  
7 think block groups were to get it right to the 710,000.

8 I think I ended up being fairly close in  
9 District No. 5.

10 Yeah, it was only 70 people off using kind of  
11 large chunks.

12 Then, with the rest of the unassigned area,  
13 Districts 8 and 9, I started by trying to keep all of the,  
14 the census places on the western side of the unassigned area  
15 together.

16 And then couldn't decide between trying to keep  
17 these three together in with nine or these three together  
18 with eight. Since this area up in the northern part of  
19 Phoenix seemed kind of lightly pop -- like, not as densely  
20 populated as the southern part, I decided to try to keep all  
21 those, all those areas together.

22 So I wrapped up, grabbed these three, and then  
23 went down into Phoenix to the point where I got fairly close  
24 on population and had -- just using census tracts.

25 And then for District 9, I included -- on the

1 unassigned area I just followed the border of Scottsdale and  
2 took the rest of Phoenix that was left.

3 And that also includes, I guess, the  
4 Fountain Hills area and the part of Rio Verde that was in  
5 the unassigned, in the, um, the county land there also.

6 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And I don't disagree with  
7 your methodology.

8 And there's lots of ways you can assemble these  
9 pieces.

10 So, I guess go ahead and do that with 6C and just  
11 to see how the first pass looks.

12 But, I mean, if pursuing this down another  
13 iteration, and we're getting into more of the nitty-gritty  
14 of adjusting for, you know, still respecting municipal lines  
15 but also looking at communities of interest and seeing which  
16 combination works the best and would favor competitive  
17 districts as well.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

19 And, yeah, I mean, some of the -- it's possible  
20 that we can keep, you know, more of the Scottsdale area  
21 together, if we, you know, move some of these into four.

22 But I guess that would be probably for a later  
23 version.

24 Right now I left the unassigned completely as it  
25 was.

1           So, there's places where they were split before  
2 that that's how it was, so I just didn't change that.

3           Are there any other questions on this particular  
4 map? I can zoom in on any more detail that anyone would  
5 like or answer questions.

6           I think, also if there's any other changes you can  
7 think of right away to either of the reports or the packets  
8 that we're putting together right now.

9           I think I've, I think I've incorporated a lot of  
10 the things you've asked for, so let me know if there's  
11 anything else that would be helpful to you as you're trying  
12 to evaluate these.

13           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

15           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Willie, your data charting  
16 map for your percentage of population and percentage of  
17 district is great.

18           How difficult would it be to add the percentage of  
19 Hispanic voting population as another column?

20           WILLIE DESMOND: That would be not that hard.

21           So we can do that.

22           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: As at a glance, this is a  
23 great working tool.

24           Thank you for your indulgence.

25           WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

1           And I should say that was all Ken.

2           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Ken, if you're watching,  
3 thank you.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So is there anything else  
5 that we'd like to see with 5C or other what-ifs or --  
6 questions, comments on congressional?

7           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair, I'll just make  
8 the comment that I view this from a different perspective.  
9 I don't see county lines as the over arching goal here,  
10 respecting county lines.

11           My perspective is more to start with the  
12 communities in Arizona as I see them, and build from there,  
13 together with the Voting Rights Act.

14           So it's just a comment.

15           I see a lot of things on this map that to me just  
16 don't jive with the way I think Arizona fits together.

17           But we'll talk about those things more later, I'm  
18 sure.

19           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other comments?

20           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

21           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

22           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I, you know, I also recall  
23 hearing a lot of public comment about people being concerned  
24 about keeping their counties whole.

25           And I think this approach sort of serves that

1 interest as well, respecting county lines as a  
2 constitutional criteria in and of itself.

3           Where we've heard people talk about -- you know, a  
4 lot of these counties cover large geographic areas and a lot  
5 of them are rural. So that's a side benefit as well. We  
6 hear about the rural/urban split, so that's a corollary  
7 benefit of this approach.

8           I think.

9           And, you know, counties have -- people have grown,  
10 the governmental units have grown up within counties, people  
11 have organized their lives around counties, I think.

12           That's one of the reasons why it was included as  
13 one of the constitutional criteria that we need to look at.

14           So, this is a what-if scenario that we sort of --  
15 I've sort of been pursuing and walking down this path. And  
16 it was with the thought being if we start from the outside  
17 of the state and work inward, which of the constitutional  
18 criteria would be a good place to start to sort of chip away  
19 at this -- the block to see if we can get, you know, a good  
20 looking end product out of.

21           So I, you know, I pursued the whole county  
22 approach and, you know, I think there is some -- to me I see  
23 some good aspects to doing this.

24           And I would acknowledge that this is not close to  
25 the end product.

1           There's going to be a lot more thought that needs  
2 to be put into it to drill down more on communities of  
3 interest, and, you know, there may be some fine tuning. We  
4 started -- I started to doing fine tuning today to try and  
5 equalize the population in one by putting part of  
6 Apache Junction, it looks like, into the urban  
7 Maricopa County area, even though that Apache Junction is in  
8 Pinal County.

9           So, I'm interested in this approach, and I think I  
10 want to follow it a few more steps down the road.

11           Maybe down the road there's ways we can borrow  
12 from other, you know, other scenarios that other  
13 commissioners may be pursuing. And I would certainly be  
14 open to that to see if we can do that, but right now I'm  
15 sort of following this whole counties -- so-called whole  
16 counties approach, and, you know, I think starting to get to  
17 a point where, you know, I'm going to be looking at other  
18 factors as well to see if we can get -- further develop the  
19 map in for the right iterations.

20           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

21           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

22           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, I do have to echo  
23 Commissioner McNulty's comments about the whole counties.

24           I think there are people living in counties that  
25 are bordering -- you know, they live in one county but they

1 border -- they live not too far from another county, they  
2 probably have more in common with the border next to them  
3 than they do with the, than they do with the current county  
4 they live in.

5           So I'm not -- I know this is a what-if scenario,  
6 but, again, I got to stress that there's people that are --  
7 communities of interest are indeed that really do have more  
8 in common with the bordering county than they do with the  
9 urban county that they reside in.

10           So I just want to stress that we did hear that  
11 during public testimony.

12           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

14           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I think the adjustment that  
15 will be made to put A.J. in with the urban Maricopa County  
16 area illustrates that point perfectly.

17           That there's a community that's right on the  
18 border, and perhaps has more in common with the other  
19 county, so that was an easy place I thought to make an  
20 adjustment, to sort of break in a small way from the whole  
21 counties approach to get CD 1 -- the population of CD 1 in  
22 balance.

23           So I agree with Commissioner Herrera. There may  
24 be areas around the fringe that where we need to do fine  
25 tuning, and that's something I think that would comment on

1 further iteration of this what-if scenario.

2 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: If we can -- I know that  
5 Mr. Desmond had questions about river district 7A.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

7 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I have just general ideas of  
8 how to fix some of the issues that you were -- with the open  
9 population.

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Before you leave this, can I  
11 ask a quick question?

12 On this, on either 5A, B, or C, I just would like  
13 to zoom in on the northern part of Pima County. I wanted to  
14 see what you have going on there.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Which county?

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: 5A, B, or C.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Which county did you want to zoom  
18 in on?

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Pima.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh.

21 So, the line I believe tracks largely with the  
22 Hispanic Coalition for Good Government's line. Includes all  
23 of Marana in District 2, all of Picture Rocks and Avra  
24 Valley in District 3, goes through Tucson, kind of splits it  
25 down the middle, includes all of south Tucson in District 3.

1 Some -- it does seem to respect census places to some  
2 degree.

3           Actually to a large degree.

4           I can go specifically into Tucson or something if  
5 you wanted to see streets that comprise it or --

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: No, just the northern border  
7 area.

8           I just wondered what's going on up there. Okay.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: I can zoom in a little more.

10          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So Saddlebrooke is in Pinal  
11 on that one.

12          I should say a different district. It's always in  
13 Pinal.

14          WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, so in this, this one,  
15 because it does go right along the county border,  
16 Saddlebrooke's in one, and the rest of -- and all of  
17 District 2 is in Pima County.

18          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's sort of an example of  
19 the whole community of interest thing. We've heard a lot  
20 about Saddlebrooke being with the other communities of  
21 Oro Valley and Marana area, so -- but these are what-if  
22 scenarios, so, thank you, Ms. McNulty.

23          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair, I --  
24 Mr. Freeman has explained his thinking, and I want to make  
25 one more comment about mine.

1           As I said earlier, I don't see maintaining county  
2 lines as the overarching driving force here.

3           I understand that that is the driving force of  
4 this what-if scenario.

5           And that it's only that.

6           And that he's going to be working on other issues.

7           But, as I said, I come at it from a different -- a  
8 more holistic perspective, I think, where we deal with the  
9 federal criteria, the Voting Rights Act, and the equal  
10 population, and then incorporate the other four criteria in  
11 a more holistic way, where we don't wind up looking at  
12 competitiveness at the very end.

13           I think we have a thumbnail tool that we're using  
14 for competitiveness, and I understand it's not a complete  
15 tool, but it certainly is enough to give us a sense of  
16 things.

17           And so what I'm going to be looking for is  
18 building districts that start from the perspective that  
19 we're looking at communities in Arizona, we're looking at  
20 competitiveness, and then we're respecting these other  
21 things to the greatest extent practicable.

22           But I want to build up from the people, rather  
23 than from the county lines.

24           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

1           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I don't want us to get too  
2 wrapped up in the names we're giving these what-if  
3 scenarios.

4           We have the so-called whole counties approach. We  
5 have the river district approach. We have the three border  
6 district approach.

7           These are terms of convenience that we're giving  
8 these so we can sort of sort them and keep track of them.

9           I mean, sure, this, this what-if scenario began  
10 with this whole, you know, minimize splits and counties  
11 approach, but that started to -- we got away with that --  
12 away from that with the next iteration, which was apply the  
13 voting rights criteria and look at the Hispanic Coalition's  
14 designs on two majority-minority districts and put that into  
15 the map.

16           So now it becomes sort of a Section 5 map.

17           And then we sort of also get into communities of  
18 interest and voting rights concerns with keeping tribal  
19 reservation lines.

20           So we're applying all the criteria and seeing  
21 what's possible, and I think it's important that we try to  
22 do that because we need to create a baseline approach and  
23 see if we can, you know, maximize our respect for the  
24 constitutional criteria and see what different combinations  
25 of maps we can put together that do that, and then favor the

1 one that, you know, that is going to give us more  
2 competitive districts.

3           So, you know, we call it the whole counties map,  
4 but I don't view it any more as the whole counties map.  
5 It's that was the sort of initial premise or starting point,  
6 as we moved the grid lines, the lines on the grid map, but  
7 now I view it as something much different now, and it will  
8 continue to evolve and become different.

9           And we're just calling it whole counties, you  
10 know, so we can keep track of this line of thought and these  
11 what-if scenarios.

12           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

14           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Before I ask Mr. Desmond to  
15 go to the river district version 7A, I'd like to make a  
16 quick comment about the whole counties five -- actually all  
17 the whole counties.

18           Yeah, I want to make sure that the issue of  
19 competitiveness is not an afterthought when we start -- when  
20 we are designing this, because I really do believe, although  
21 it's the sixth criteria, that's not the numerical order. I  
22 think competitiveness is equally as important as the other  
23 non -- the other four criteria.

24           But even if you look at the, at the, at the issue  
25 of competitiveness the way it's ranking now, with only 2008,

1 2010 numbers, in my -- you know, obviously as I mentioned  
2 before, that my preference would be to focus on 2008, 2010,  
3 but I'm willing to compromise and look at 2004, 2006, and as  
4 I mentioned before that weighing them for relevancy and  
5 recency, if you do that, these competitive -- the  
6 competitive scale wouldn't change that much, I don't think,  
7 if you used the ranking system.

8           So I really do believe that when we're putting  
9 together these types of maps that competitiveness needs to  
10 be in the forefront, that we need to be looking at this.

11           And, again, I respect Commissioner Freeman talking  
12 about the different criteria that would be included if we  
13 decided to go forward with 2004, 2006, if we would decide to  
14 weigh it, which I think we should be, as a way of  
15 compromise, these averages would not change that much.

16           So on these maps for the whole counties, there's a  
17 huge disparity between Democratic competitive ones and the  
18 Republican ones.

19           So I want to make sure that we keep that in mind,  
20 and hopefully we'll in the next couple meetings will be  
21 deciding how to go forward weighing competitiveness.

22           If nobody has a comment, I would like to go  
23 forward and look at 7A.

24           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I have a comment on that.

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1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Freeman.

2           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Commissioner Herrera has  
3 repeated his view that we should look the more recent  
4 elections only or as a compromise weight them differently.  
5 And I've heard that before, and I'll just repeat what I've  
6 said before.

7           I would actually be weighting the 2004, 2006  
8 elections more, because I view them as more of the norm than  
9 the last two elections were, where we've had a presidential  
10 election with a senator from the state running, the  
11 Republican party, and we had some hot button issues that  
12 really drove some increased voter turnout, particularly on  
13 the Republican side.

14           So I think it skews the results.

15           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

16           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Sorry, lost my thought.

17           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

18           COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Been there.

19           I just want to remind everybody in 2008 of the  
20 congressional races, there were five Democrats that were  
21 elected and three Republicans. In 2010, there were five  
22 Republicans and three Democrats.

23           And the only two -- so what we've got is the  
24 blend, it would have been, and we've been told historically  
25 that those were, quote unquote, noncompetitive districts.

1           The two districts that held on actually were the,  
2 as purely Democrat districts, were four and seven.

3           But they swung in one, they swung in five, and of  
4 course eight held as a Democrat seat.

5           I'm real comfortable -- and nothing changed  
6 between those years, just the politics that was changing and  
7 the people that were running.

8           I'm a huge fan of competitiveness.

9           I just want to know what the data is that supports  
10 it.

11           It's real easy for me in my view is that giving  
12 equal population to the extent practical is the easiest  
13 piece of this criteria. It's just carving it up.

14           We did that already. We did that in the grid  
15 maps. The grid maps, both legislative and congressional,  
16 gave us equal population.

17           So from the grid maps alone we met that criteria.

18           The next piece is that we're determining this  
19 based on Voting Rights Act.

20           We've had, I think if my math is right,  
21 22 different iterations that all, each one of them, and very  
22 close one way or the other, met the criteria for  
23 congressional.

24           Each one of them I think Strategic Telemetry has  
25 come forward with maps that actually met the criteria.

1           Very close within percentages, and very close  
2 within different areas.

3           We are not -- I think that the idea about driving  
4 anything by a particular line on a map as far as a county's  
5 concerned, it is one of a variety of what we have as seven  
6 more, eight more individual criteria within the next four  
7 that we need to determine how we're going to do this.

8           They weight themselves.

9           They respect each other.

10          This is going to be a moving target process.

11          We're approaching this from at least  
12 three different ways just on the congressional maps right  
13 now, and we haven't even started drilling down on the  
14 legislative map, which in my opinion is going to require  
15 three times amount of energy that we're putting into the  
16 congressional because we're going to look at 30 individual  
17 maps instead of just nine.

18          If we're going to meet these deadlines, we've got  
19 to start drilling down on these definition what we're really  
20 going to focus on and start making adjustments that are  
21 going to reflect communities of interest, competitiveness,  
22 county boundaries, visible geographic features, cities,  
23 towns, undivided census tracts, all this data. And we're  
24 still looking at this in the macro level.

25          So I think, Madam Chair, as I'm just wanting to

1 wrap this up and go to Mr. Herrera's commentary on the next  
2 maps, we need some time to digest and really bring back some  
3 ideas not only congressional but really start drilling down  
4 on these legislative maps, because we haven't spent any time  
5 talking about those.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7 Ms. McNulty.

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: On the naming issue,  
9 Commissioner Freeman, this exercise has been based on not  
10 splitting counties up until this time.

11 So I think the name of this map, at least so far,  
12 has been accurate.

13 And my only point is that the whole counties are  
14 one of -- one part of one criteria. And just from my  
15 perspective, they aren't the unifying force here or the  
16 unifying concept.

17 I really do think that's the people of Arizona and  
18 the communities of Arizona.

19 And so I'm looking to build from that rather than  
20 from a perspective that starts with maintaining particular  
21 lines.

22 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

24 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And, with respect to that,  
25 with the very first iteration of the whole counties

1 approach, we split counties.

2 Because we had to do that to respect the Voting  
3 Rights Act.

4 And we split counties to keep tribal lands whole.  
5 So counties get split there.

6 But I think it's important that we try to see  
7 what's possible, because while we have to favor ultimately  
8 competitive districts, we also need to determine whether to  
9 do so would cause a substantial detriment to the other  
10 goals.

11 So I think we need to know what out there is  
12 possible with respect to the five other goals, so that we  
13 can then make that determination have we caused a  
14 substantial detriment to the Commission's job to meet those  
15 other goals.

16 So I think that, that this approach does not  
17 preclude competitive districts by any means, but it sort of,  
18 it sort of helps us see, at least with one scenario, with  
19 one what-if scenario, what is possible, what baseline is out  
20 there.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

24 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: The reason why I keep  
25 bringing up the issue of, you know, weighing these four

1 elections, a lot has changed in 2004, 2006. This state has  
2 taken a huge turn to the right. You almost don't recognize  
3 the state in 2004, 2006.

4 So that's why recency probably trumps going  
5 talking about the data was skewed in 2010.

6 Well, the Democrats, as Commissioner Stertz  
7 mentioned, the Democrats had a pretty good election in 2008.

8 They won five congressional seats out of the  
9 eight, so they had a pretty good year.

10 So that's why I think basing it on recency is  
11 probably the right way to go.

12 And, again, a lot has changed, so, again, we're  
13 going to not necessarily have to come up with definitions,  
14 which I wouldn't recommend, but coming up with measurements  
15 is probably the way to go, and that we need to do sooner  
16 rather than later.

17 So, that's all I want to say about that, because I  
18 really do think I've made a good point on why we should be  
19 weighing -- why it should be weighed from the reverse of  
20 Commissioner Freeman stated.

21 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I think I made a pretty good  
22 point too.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I just want to remind

1 everybody, and my fellow commissioners as well, that party  
2 registration and voter history shall be excluded from the  
3 initial phase of the mapping process but may be used to test  
4 the maps for compliance with the above goals.

5           That's outside of our six side criterias. It's  
6 not -- we should not be using data points as part of our  
7 design criteria. We're to be using them as testing models.

8           And I get really concerned, and I keep -- I'm  
9 going to make this a continuing part of the record that we  
10 continue to take fractionalized pieces of data and use this  
11 as a decision makers, as well as political climate, as a  
12 design criteria, or that there is a political motivation to  
13 reset the basis that was just explained by  
14 Commission Herrera to reset this to a different state. I've  
15 got -- our criteria is not designed around that.

16           We're supposed to create districts that -- I think  
17 Commissioner McNulty named that probably as clearly as  
18 anybody, in your earlier explanation, I think there are  
19 supposed to be maps that -- maps that look like the  
20 communities that the representatives are going to be elected  
21 to them represent.

22           They don't want to be -- I mean, what we saw a  
23 couple days ago was we actually saw a legislative map that  
24 to create competitiveness had to create this finger down,  
25 and you were aptly correct in saying, yes, we don't want to

1 do that.

2           We want to create communities that will cross over  
3 county border lines, as the chairman just explained that,  
4 it's crystal clear that the population that lives up in  
5 Saddlebrooke, other than a couple of folks that have said  
6 they don't want that to happen, the majority of folks want  
7 Saddlebrooke to be with Oro Valley.

8           That's going to cross over a county line.

9           We know that, you know, communities of interest  
10 tie themselves together.

11           We want those communities to tie themselves  
12 together.

13           But if we do this the -- if we do these maps  
14 first, about the data points that are coming from -- that we  
15 are supposed to be using to test our designs first, we are  
16 doing a disservice to the other layers of our constitutional  
17 mandate.

18           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair, I just note, I  
19 can't go with you there.

20           In my mind, we need to use the data points to get  
21 a sense of whether we're accomplishing the goals. They  
22 aren't separate things. They're part of the process.

23           We're not making any decisions right now.

24           But I don't agree with Mr. Freeman that we look at  
25 the degree to which we can maintain county lines, and then

1 if we want to draw a competitive district and that results  
2 in one more split in a county that we've done substantial  
3 detriment to a constitutional criteria.

4 We're supposed to favor competitiveness unless it  
5 creates substantial detriment.

6 And that's one of the criteria that I want to be  
7 factoring in right now with all the other state criteria,  
8 including county lines and municipal lines and communities  
9 of interest and geographic features and so on and so forth  
10 to try and achieve a workable whole.

11 But in order to get a sense of whether we are  
12 moving ahead on competitiveness, we need to look at  
13 thumbnail sketches of what measure that.

14 That doesn't mean that we're using it to make a  
15 decision -- we're making -- doesn't mean we're making any  
16 decisions right now, but we absolutely need that information  
17 as we're moving forward. And we need to do it now, not a  
18 month from now.

19 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

21 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I know this is a last  
22 thing -- but this is the last thing before I go into 7A.

23 You know, I think that when you take the election  
24 results and you have them favor competitive races, like, for  
25 example, Commissioner Freeman keeps bringing up the senator

1 that passed away that was a Democratic candidate for  
2 Corporation Commission, but if you weight for  
3 competitiveness, it would remove outliers like in that  
4 particular race.

5 So, and I understand his concern, but if you weigh  
6 competitiveness and you remove the extreme, I think we'll be  
7 in a position that we're comfortable with.

8 It will remove, you know, those outliers that skew  
9 the data.

10 So, again, I really strongly favor us coming up  
11 with a criteria for weighing competitiveness.

12 And I think we need to do. We need to look at all  
13 the information.

14 And I think we owe it to the people of the state  
15 to make sure that we're looking at all the information and  
16 how we look at it in terms of how we weigh the information  
17 that makes sense and do the right thing for the state.

18 Because, as I said, I've been listening to all of  
19 the meetings, and competitiveness is an important issue for  
20 the people in Arizona.

21 And whether you're Republican, Libertarian, a  
22 Democrat, Democratic voter, you care about competitiveness.  
23 And as I do.

24 And I think, I -- I'm going to say it again, I  
25 think weighing for relevancy -- because the population has

1 changed immensely and grown dramatically since 2004.

2           So using 2004 data would definitely be skewed if  
3 we weighed that more heavily than 2008, 2010.

4           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

6           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: If you want to talk about  
7 adjusting for outliers, then that would be the 2008, 2010  
8 election cycle, which were both good years for Republicans.  
9 Republicans increased their majority in the state  
10 legislature in 2008 and then again in 2010 to historic  
11 levels.

12           The -- as I recall, back in 2008, the Democratic  
13 party wasn't exactly happy with, with that outcome of that  
14 election, and I think they tried to -- there was some  
15 shake-ups, so they made some adjustments to try to deal with  
16 that the next go-around.

17           So these were both big election cycles for  
18 Republicans in this state, which is why I would like to see  
19 a more robust data set.

20           I also don't think we should commit ourselves. I  
21 think as Commissioner McNulty said, we want to look at  
22 various evaluation criteria, and past election results  
23 aren't the be all end all in my book to assessing whether a  
24 district is competitive.

25           I would like to see voter registration information

1 in these districts as well.

2 I think Mr. Strasma, when he gave his  
3 presentation, noted that there was, there was a rough  
4 correlation at least between registration data and whether  
5 the district ended up being competitive over the last few  
6 election cycles.

7 So that might be another approach that we take as  
8 well.

9 We're -- the team is working on crunching those  
10 numbers, and we'll have that data soon, so I look forward to  
11 receiving that information.

12 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

14 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Voter registration data is  
15 not a true and accurate measure of competitiveness. I think  
16 Mr. Desmond mentioned that the other day. Election results  
17 are definitely a better measurement of competitiveness than  
18 voter registration.

19 And another thing though, we, we -- the  
20 Republicans had a really good year, election year, in 2010.

21 And you guys were really proud of it that the  
22 state is turning more Republican. And you should embrace  
23 that and not walk away from it.

24 You can't say that was an off year.

25 No, that was a pretty good year for Republicans,

1 and you can't discount that.

2           And you shouldn't, that that -- I mean, the state  
3 is turning more conservative, it appears that way, and it  
4 wasn't an anomaly.

5           So I think running away from it is -- it just --  
6 it makes no sense to me.

7           I mean, you guys are very proud after the election  
8 results and showing -- letting us all know, including  
9 Democrats and other voters, that, hey, you loss, get over  
10 it.

11           You know what, that's fine.

12           I'm over it. Let's use those results.

13           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

15           VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I hope what transpired in  
16 nationally in 2009, 2010 was an anomaly. I think there were  
17 some national issues that perhaps, and I'm not an expert in  
18 this area, had some influence on what happened in Arizona.

19           But getting back to the issue of voter  
20 registration issues, I'd like to go back and review  
21 Mr. Strasma's power point, because I definitely recall that  
22 he threw up some rough numbers showing voter registration  
23 data and how it correlated when there was a balance or a  
24 near balance in the Democratic and Republican numbers that  
25 also seemed to correspond to a district where the outcome

1 was in doubt and there was some transition from Republican  
2 and Democratic representatives in those districts.

3           So I think there was a correlation that he showed  
4 there, which is why I'm interested in seeing that data as  
5 part of a more robust evaluation tool.

6           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I'll have -- can we move  
7 into --

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there anything else,  
9 anyone else?

10          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I'm sorry.

11          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: No.

12          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

13          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Other than I may need to  
14 run to the restroom.

15          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Well, let's check the  
16 time. It's 10:25. We can take a five-minute recess and  
17 come back at 10:30.

18          So recess is starting. Thanks.

19          (Recess taken.)

20          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We'll enter back into public  
21 session.

22          Our recess is over. The time is 10:37 a.m.

23          So I think we finished the 5A, B, and C  
24 discussion, and we were going to turn it over to Mr. Herrera  
25 for a river district congressional map discussion.

1 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

2 I was just thinking, during the break I was  
3 thinking about my research statistics course during graduate  
4 school, and I was thinking about when we talk about outliers  
5 and we did measure some of the races.

6 And I don't remember -- ever recalling having --  
7 my professor having an outlier be an entire election.  
8 Usually an outlier could be one or two anomalies, but an  
9 entire election, you can't -- I don't know. I just, from my  
10 memory from my course, and I was paying attention, that I  
11 just using a whole election or two elections as outliers, my  
12 professor would frown on that.

13 Again, that's just me.

14 Let's go to river district map.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: All right. So this is a work in  
16 progress for tomorrow.

17 The reason I am looking at it now is I had a few  
18 questions about how to proceed further.

19 So the issue is that, if you pay attention to --  
20 particularly to the data table, District No. 4, which is the  
21 river district, is underpopulated by about 81,000 people.

22 District No. 3 and District No. 6 are both  
23 overpopulated.

24 So District 6 has about 53,000 extra people.

25 District 3 has about 35,000 extra people.

1           So I guess my question is: Where do you want me  
2 to grab population to add into the river district?

3           And, you know, you can shift it around. You can  
4 give six to nine to eight to four. However you want to do  
5 it. I just. . .

6           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I just have some rough idea,  
7 as I mentioned, rough ideas what I would like to do is give  
8 you a broad overview of ideas I have now and then possibly  
9 next meeting give you something a little more detailed.

10           Because I think that the population, we -- when  
11 you start taking away from the number eventually one of them  
12 is going to be skewed, if I read it that way, which I think  
13 based on my changes District 5 may be a little bit skewed.

14           But what I can do, I can give you the changes that  
15 I have now.

16           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And then give you some more  
18 detail Thursday, which is tomorrow.

19           WILLIE DESMOND: So for tomorrow do you want me to  
20 have presented like it's completed and we can going into it  
21 again and make a 7A?

22           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

23           And, again, this is 7A; correct?

24           WILLIE DESMOND: This is 7A, which is for  
25 tomorrow, so that tomorrow --

1 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Suppose --

2 WILLIE DESMOND: -- 7A with the changes we figure  
3 out today, and then I guess for a later date it will be 8A?

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Why not 7B?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: We've been going up every time.

6 So, 7B would be if a different commissioner had  
7 changes to it --

8 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: That makes sense.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: -- if they wanted to --

10 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Sure. So let's go to  
11 District 6. We'll start there.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: It was -- you mentioned it  
14 was overpopulated by 3,000.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

16 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: So what I would like to do is  
17 lose some of the population from south Chandler and  
18 Sun Lakes, roughly the area south of Pecos Road and north of  
19 the Gila River Indian community.

20 So you take that population, and move it to  
21 District 3.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Move south Chandler south of  
23 what, of what?

24 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: So it would be the areas of  
25 south Chandler and Sun Lakes.

1           The area south of Pecos Road and north of the Gila  
2 River Indian community.

3           So it would be taking six to three.

4           Again, balance the population from four to three.  
5 So what you can do is you can move population from  
6 Pinal County portions of District 3 to District 4.

7           WILLIE DESMOND: What's it on -- I'm sorry, so  
8 that area would be go from -- if you're look right now,  
9 that's this area that's in -- you're talking about in  
10 District 6; correct?

11          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

12          WILLIE DESMOND: So. . .

13          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: These are broad changes, and  
14 hopefully that makes sense to you.

15          WILLIE DESMOND: I -- that does make sense. I  
16 just don't know -- I think we would have to move that -- so  
17 we'd move that to District 3 then.

18          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Correct. But we're talking  
19 about District 6 for right now, moving into District 3.

20          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So, I'll take the 30 --  
21 the 53,000 away there.

22          So then it will be District No. 3 will be roughly  
23 81,000 over.

24          District No. 4 will be roughly 81,000 under, after  
25 that change.

1           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, then let me make this  
2 change.

3           So now you can move, with the changes I propose,  
4 now it means you can move the population from the  
5 Pinal County portion of District 3 to District 4.

6           And you may have to go to District 5 a little bit,  
7 which is okay for now.

8           What I'll do is I'll look at fixing District 5 at  
9 the next meeting.

10          It will skew District 5.

11          WILLIE DESMOND: So, one option, I guess, would be  
12 then to have District 5 take those areas from six in Pinal  
13 County and then have four take part of five.

14          Would that make more sense? Or would you -- so,  
15 if I turn this shading back on, I think it will be easier to  
16 see.

17          All right. So this line is the county line.

18          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

19          WILLIE DESMOND: What you've asked me to take is  
20 to take areas in six and give them to three.

21          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

22          WILLIE DESMOND: And then give this area in three  
23 to District 4.

24          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Correct.

25          WILLIE DESMOND: So one other option will be to

1 give this area to District 5 and then give some of the  
2 northern parts to District 4.

3 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: But I think that would change  
4 some of the changes.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: So you want this --

6 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: That's the only problem.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: So I'll just draw like a  
8 little. . .

9 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I want to get rid of that  
10 arm, I guess, is what I'm. . .

11 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll draw a little arm down, I  
12 guess, then from four to grab this area.

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: It will be one straight arm  
14 going down.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: So in order for this to become  
16 part of four, it needs to come down.

17 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: That's fine.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

19 Okay.

20 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And then, I guess, next --  
21 the meeting tomorrow I'll give you're more information on  
22 ways to fix District 5.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So I will make those  
24 changes.

25 I'll give enough of District 6 to 3 so that six is

1 even. And I'll just remove the population from Pinal County  
2 to three. So it will be possible that three will still be  
3 overpopulated.

4 I'm not sure how much population is down there.

5 I can tell you really quickly.

6 Okay. So if we remove this portion of three from  
7 Pinal County and give it to four, that is 84,000 people, so  
8 that will put four a little over.

9 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: By how much?

10 WILLIE DESMOND: It will depend on how much it  
11 takes to draw the arm coming down.

12 Let me just do a rough grab and we'll see.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Willie, while you're doing  
14 it, just tell us what you're doing, you know, kind of  
15 because we're struggling with this every day just to get  
16 familiar with this quickly.

17 Tell us how you determine that population in the  
18 arm.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Just step, step, step, and  
21 then what you're going to do.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

23 So the first thing I'm doing is I'm looking to see  
24 if I remove District 3 from Pinal County, give that  
25 population, this, to District No. 4, to see how much, how

1 much that is.

2           So the first thing I'll do is I'll set my  
3 target -- and this also works for anyone using the online  
4 stuff. It works very much the same way.

5           So I want to set my target to District 4, so this  
6 will be allocated to District 4.

7           I'm going to say the source is District 3.

8           And then since I want to take everything from the  
9 county, I'm just going to select the selection layer of  
10 county.

11           If I click here, it will grab all that area from  
12 District 3 that's in Pinal County.

13           And then my pending changes window tells me that  
14 84,655 people.

15           Now, if I wanted to add to that selection without  
16 actually -- I'll commit it for right now just for the sake  
17 of doing this.

18           So I push the green check button. And now that  
19 moved that whole area to District 4.

20           So you'll notice District 4 has a chunk down here  
21 and then the rest is the river district at large.

22           Next what I'll do is I'm going to take some from  
23 district -- my source -- my target will still be District 4.  
24 Now my source is going to be District 5. Because that's  
25 where it has to cut through.

1           So I'll change the source to District 5.

2           Again, this is just very, very rough.

3           I'll use census block, because it's the smallest  
4 and I can just grab a chunk real quick.

5           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I know that three will be  
6 overpopulated right, can you. . .

7           WILLIE DESMOND: Three will be underpopulated by  
8 about 3,000 people maybe.

9           And then five will be a little underpopulated  
10 also.

11          So four will be overpopulated.

12          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Can you swap in between three  
13 and four and make it equal?

14          WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, you just have to tell me  
15 where you want.

16          Should I pull that from -- like, so if you -- if  
17 we -- let me first answer this, this first thing I'm trying  
18 how to do this.

19          So if I just draw a little box right here, it will  
20 grab all the census blocks that are in there.

21          And you see that's about 2700 people.

22          Now, if I was doing this, I would probably clean  
23 that line up and try to make it -- maybe I would use census  
24 block group, and if we zoom in a little bit you'll see that  
25 a little better.

1           Remove the shading again. Then turn on the block  
2 group line.

3           So, I would probably -- what I would probably do  
4 is take these hunks, and then -- because this is a very  
5 large block group right here. I can even take that as a  
6 whole or I can split that up into the blocks that comprise  
7 it.

8           So either way it's going to move 3,000 additional  
9 people to District 4.

10          So then to -- actually, possibly a few more,  
11 depending on how much that is.

12          So I guess your question about then balancing  
13 four, and three, what would be helpful to know is where  
14 in -- how you would like that balanced on four to three.

15          VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Four to three.

16          WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, but would you like four to  
17 give up some of Apache Junction then, or would you rather  
18 have it come at a different place?

19          So you have two options of balancing it.

20          You can balance it here in Pinal at the  
21 Apache Junction area, or you can also balance it down here  
22 in, like, the San Tan Valley.

23          So one of those would have to go back to three,  
24 either part of the San Tan Valley or part of  
25 Apache Junction.

1 Do you have a preference?

2 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Can you go back to  
3 Apache Junction again?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

5 So currently this is all District 4.

6 And then this is three. It runs up against the  
7 county line.

8 You could grab a little bit, a little bit  
9 somewhere here. I'm not sure where.

10 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: For compactness, which would  
11 make more sense? Apache Junction?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: It's only going to be a few  
13 thousand people, so it doesn't -- for compactness, I mean,  
14 they're both going to be splitting a -- they're going to be  
15 crossing the county line.

16 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Don't want to do that.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: And both going to be splitting a  
18 census place.

19 So it's six of one, half dozen of another.

20 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Let's go into  
21 Apache Junction.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

23 So to balance, I'll move the line a little bit to  
24 Apache Junction.

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And then, again, on Thursday

1 I may have some more changes.

2 I may undo what I just did. Let me think about  
3 it.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. All right. So then for  
5 tomorrow I'll make these changes.

6 Are there other questions about this one?

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What are all the white  
8 areas? They're not census areas. They're, like,  
9 unincorporated?

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Unincorporated areas.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Just, I'm sorry, but in  
12 that little area of Apache Junction, go back to the census  
13 block to the view you were just looking at.

14 Okay.

15 Now, are those block groups or --

16 WILLIE DESMOND: The blue lines are block groups.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. And what's with  
18 the -- pick one and what's within it.

19 Yeah.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: You see the white area, that's  
21 the block group.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Right.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Has a population of 2200 people,  
24 2,058 are White.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Does it have -- what's

1 within the group? Census blocks?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Individual blocks.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: How many blocks are there?

4 Does it tell you?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: I can zoom in.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. All right.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: There's not like a hard and fast  
8 rule.

9 I'm just going to select that.

10 Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. All right.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: So, within this block group,  
13 which is this square, there is -- I'll make this line a  
14 little heavier so people in the audience can see.

15 I'll make the block group a lot heavier for the  
16 sake of ease of seeing it.

17 So the dark lines are the blocks. This kind of  
18 heavier blue line is the block group.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So the best way to  
20 determine the population of that area when you're trying to  
21 equalize population is not to count those all up, but to use  
22 that tool that you used to draw a box around it, make -- so  
23 if you make census -- if you make block group your operative  
24 field, what do you call it, your layer?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: If you make block group your

1 selection layer.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Your selection layer. And  
3 then you use that tool, just do that one more time, if you  
4 would, please.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: It might make it, it might make  
6 it helpful if I just show you all these real quick.

7 So, let's just for the sake of seeing this, if I  
8 select at the block level, I click right here.

9 See there's the little red block. Okay?

10 If I change my selection layer to block group, and  
11 click on that same place, it takes that area, which is the  
12 block group.

13 If I change my selection layer, the census tract,  
14 click on that same spot, it takes another block group and  
15 adds that.

16 The next highest is, I guess, the census place, in  
17 this case. The unincorporated areas it wouldn't be. If I  
18 click right here again, it'll take all of Apache Junction  
19 and add that.

20 The next highest level would be county.

21 So if I click right here, it'll think for a  
22 minute, because it's lot, a lot more, but it will take all  
23 of Pinal County then.

24 So when you're trying to move areas for purposes  
25 of me building these what-if maps, I usually start with a

1 rough grab of tracts.

2 When there's directive to move whole counties,  
3 that's a lot easier. I just take the whole county.

4 Then when I try to balance it a little bit, I go  
5 down into the block group level.

6 And then where appropriate, usually more so just  
7 to make things look cleaner, if there's, like, a tract that  
8 sticks out a bunch, I'll cut that in half. I use blocks.

9 And then when we actually get to the draft map,  
10 when we have to use a zero percent population deviation,  
11 we'll be using the block level to find, you know, the block  
12 that has 18 to move it to one, and removing one that has 35  
13 to another, to really tweak it to get to zero population  
14 deviation.

15 But that's how the, how the levels of selection  
16 work.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: With each choice the  
18 population is going to be shown in the pending changes box  
19 and it's going to show you what the population of the area  
20 that you've selected.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: It'll show you, yeah, that red --  
22 for that red area, it will show you how many people are in  
23 there, how many came from which district and how many they  
24 go into.

25 And I've just been handed a note that all these

1 maps are online now, so anybody watching on the live stream  
2 can follow along a little easier.

3 But not this one isn't because it's not ready to  
4 be presented yet.

5 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

7 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Can we go back to the map  
8 again and look at San Tan?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

10 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: And then. . .

11 WILLIE DESMOND: So if I zoom out a little bit,  
12 you'll see that, that this is all going to be in District 4  
13 now.

14 So if District 3 needs to grab a little bit more  
15 of it, it could, it could take some from here, take part of  
16 Queen Creek or something.

17 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Can you swap -- instead of  
18 Apache going into three, let it be San Tan?

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure. And would you prefer it to  
20 be San Tan Valley or the rest of, like, the Queen Creek  
21 area?

22 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Just San Tan, right now the  
23 San Tan.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And it will just be a  
25 portion of it, because there's -- it's only going to need a

1 few thousand.

2 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay. Thank you. I think  
3 those are all the changes on seven.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Anyone want to create a 7B?  
5 Okay.

6 And just a public service announcement too. We  
7 are going to have a webinar this coming Tuesday evening.

8 And if you're not signed up to receive automatic  
9 notifications from us, please do so. You can do that on our  
10 website at [AZredistricting.org](http://AZredistricting.org).

11 And a notification will be going out with the URL  
12 address for tuning into this webinar.

13 But, again, it's going to be Tuesday evening, and  
14 the time will be 7:00 p.m. Arizona time. And you'll be  
15 receiving instruction on how to do the online mapping  
16 software that is currently available.

17 So any other congressional comments before we move  
18 to the next agenda item?

19 Oh, Mr. Desmond?

20 WILLIE DESMOND: So, just to clarify, I believe  
21 that this river 7A is the only map that you've asked for for  
22 tomorrow.

23 Does anybody else have anything else,  
24 congressional-wise, that they're waiting for?

25 Yes. Yours.

1           Okay.

2           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Okay.

3           So our next item on the agenda is --

4           MARY O'GRADY:   Madam Chair.

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Oh, Ms. McNulty.

6           MARY O'GRADY:   No, it's me.   Mary.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Oh, I'm sorry.

8           MARY O'GRADY:   I have a question.   Some of these  
9           are showing splits of tribes.   And like this one shows a  
10          split of, I think, Tohono and Hualapai.

11          Are those -- and I'm thinking tomorrow when we  
12          present we will be at the tribal council, and so there might  
13          be some focus on where the tribes are and why are there  
14          splits.

15          WILLIE DESMOND:   Yes.   Let me. . .

16          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Good thought.

17          WILLIE DESMOND:   Let's take a look at that real  
18          quick, and I think I can explain that a little easier.

19          So, which one showed a split that we can look at?

20          MARY O'GRADY:   Well, I was looking at river  
21          version district 6A.

22          I don't know if that's the same one you've been  
23          working off of, but it showed a split of Tohono.   It showed  
24          that being in two.   And Hualapai being in two districts.

25          WILLIE DESMOND:   Okay.

1           Let me go through -- so if I select.

2           I believe that's due to the fact that -- if you  
3 look the Tohono O'odham, there's two large chunks of it.

4           There's obviously the main part that's right on  
5 the border and there's the other portion that has about 1800  
6 people that's closer to Tucson.

7           Additionally, there's some small reservation lands  
8 kind of up in this area.

9           And I'm not sure exactly what the population of  
10 those are, but we can look really quickly.

11           When we haven't been splitting reservation lands,  
12 I've been viewing that as one contiguous chunk of the  
13 reservation land hasn't been split, so that none of these  
14 pieces are split in half.

15           But it is possible that there's some small, like,  
16 tracts of land that they might own that are not with the  
17 main part.

18           That's something that we can adjust if it's -- if  
19 we get feedback that, yes, indeed this tract is very  
20 important to put with the thing.

21           But if you'll bear with me for one second, I'll  
22 let you know the population of some of these.

23           I suspect it's not terribly high.

24           So in this whole -- on this one down here, there's  
25 a few hundred people, it looks like.

1           This one in the middle has zero population.

2           Zero population.

3           Zero population.

4           Zero population.

5           No population.

6           So the only, the only population that's in this  
7 portion is this one. And it looks like it's divided into a  
8 few census tracts.

9           So, right here has 87, 59 people, 109, 90. So  
10 there's a few hundred people there.

11           And it's not intentional to break them up. I  
12 think it's just kind of a little blip that's easy to miss, I  
13 guess.

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can you go back to that  
15 screen where it did show the majority of the Tohono O'odham  
16 nation and to the right?

17           I just wanted to see how big that Pascua Yaqui  
18 piece is.

19           Yeah.

20           So the Tohono O'odham sits over the Pascua Yaqui?  
21 Or how does that work? It's, like, abutting to the north.

22           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Pascua Yaqui is north of  
23 Santa Vera.

24           WILLIE DESMOND: 7,000 people here.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And is that piece, that

1 little arm that sticks up, that's definitely part of  
2 Tohono O'odham and not Pascua Yaqui? Because I thought they  
3 had two reservations, but. . .

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Pascua Yaqui is right here.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: And they might have.

7 I think that's it.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's it.

9 It's all contiguous.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Seems to be.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: We can definitely ask for some  
13 clarification on that tomorrow.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: How many people in Pascua  
15 Yaqui?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: 3400 -- or 3484.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

18 Do we have a map? Would it maybe be a good thing  
19 to have a map for tomorrow, since we are meeting with  
20 intertribal council, that shows all the reservations?

21 WILLIE DESMOND: We met with someone from the  
22 tribal council yesterday.

23 I believe they're going to have copies of the  
24 three maps that you have for congressionals today which do  
25 outline the reservation areas.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: And also the two legislative from  
3 Monday.

4 Ray can probably speak more to this.

5 I think the either idea is that those at least  
6 allow them to see the areas, maybe point out considerations  
7 they'd like.

8 RAY BLADINE: I think we also talked about having  
9 just an overlay of the reservation areas as it pertained to  
10 what you came up with today, so they'd have the most current  
11 maps. And I believe our goal is to get them to them  
12 sometime tomorrow before the 12:00 o'clock start time,  
13 because they also have a meeting in the morning.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Would it be possible to have  
15 a poster size of any of that?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: We can make a poster size of, of  
17 the -- yes, I mean, just a blank map with counties and  
18 reservation lands?

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, I think that would be  
20 good.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: We can do that.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, do you have

1 mapping data on all of the villages in Maricopa County as  
2 they're defined?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: The villages?

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: There are villages that are  
5 subareas within communities that actually have outlying  
6 boundary areas, that have their own -- they don't have  
7 legislative control, but they do have management control.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: I do not.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Is that something that would  
10 be -- as we're going down the path of building out  
11 communities of interest -- and I'm just looking at some of  
12 these maps. We've got certain villages that are split.

13 I know that there's going to be -- that you having  
14 that data would probably be important to you as you move  
15 forward.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: I can do a check and see if that  
17 shapefile set are wildly available -- or widely available.

18 Another option would be if -- I mean, it might be  
19 kind of piecemeal, but I'll take a look into that and let  
20 you know.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any other comments or  
23 questions?

24 (No oral response.)

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. That will conclude the

1 congressional discussion then for today.

2           And we will go to item four on the agenda, review,  
3 discussion and direction of mapping consult regarding ideas  
4 for possible adjustments to legislative grid map based on  
5 constitutional criteria.

6           WILLIE DESMOND: So, I don't have any new  
7 legislative grid maps.

8           My thinking was we'd either review the ones that  
9 were presented on Monday or else Commissioner McNulty had  
10 asked for some changes.

11           The other option would be to work through those  
12 changes as a group, so I can really understand exactly  
13 what's going on there.

14           So actually move the districts right now.

15           But I'm fine with either. Whatever you guys would  
16 like to do.

17           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I also have some more  
18 thoughts about continuing on north from the changes I gave  
19 you, which I could kind of outline for you, if you want, and  
20 then you could do them all together.

21           WILLIE DESMOND: Would you like to do them right  
22 now or would you just like to tell me them?

23           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'd like to tell you them,  
24 rather than make everyone sit through it.

25           I'm happy to do either one.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: It's up to you.

2 If you think it would be helpful to see the  
3 process as I go through and I actually make the changes, I  
4 can do that.

5 It might be easier for me, just so I know exactly  
6 what you -- but I'm perfectly happy to take notes and then  
7 come back here with something either tomorrow or Friday.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: One of the things I'm going  
11 to be doing is over the, over the weekend leading up to next  
12 Thursday's meeting is putting together a series of notes  
13 regarding whatever the latest map that we have to move  
14 forward to get to Mr. Desmond.

15 So I just wanted to make you aware that I will be  
16 crafting up sort of a laundry list of adjustments and  
17 changes and a narrative that I'll be sending through  
18 Mr. Bladine to get to the mapping consultant for  
19 adjustments.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: For both congressional and  
22 legislative.

23 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: I wouldn't mind seeing those

1 changes, Mr. Desmond, if you don't mind making those. I  
2 think just to see what you're doing, if you could just be as  
3 detailed for us as possible, see what changes you're making,  
4 so we can see them.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So right now this is --  
6 just for point of clarification, you wanted me to make those  
7 changes to option number two; right?

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Option two version four.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Right.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me make sure and double check  
12 that that's what I have.

13 So that is, to go in this plan, and I'm going to  
14 start making any changes you wanted to start with.

15 So, down here in, in Pima County.

16 I should explain the color schemes right now. I  
17 can turn them off.

18 The little flecks of different pastel colors are  
19 the different census places.

20 And then underneath that, if I turn that off, is  
21 census tracts shaded by percent HVAP.

22 So I wouldn't normally work with both of those on  
23 at the same time. So I'll remove, I guess, both of them and  
24 we'll start fresh.

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think the census places

1 would be more helpful, because that's what I was looking at.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

3 So, I believe the first note I have from Monday's  
4 meeting was that Legislative District 2 should not include  
5 current into Tucson, and I should keep Santa Cruz County  
6 whole in Legislative District 2.

7 So the first thing I would do there is I would set  
8 my target to District No. 2.

9 I would set my source as District 1.

10 And I would say my selection layer is county.

11 So I'll click on Santa Cruz County.

12 I would see that my pending changes window  
13 indicates that I'm about to move 22,972 people from  
14 District 1 into District 2.

15 So if I accept the change, up here, District 2  
16 went from being underpopulated by 218 people to  
17 overpopulated by 22,754.

18 Now, where is Tucson?

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Northwest.

20 Just south of -- I think it's grid ten.

21 See the pink?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's Vail.

24 And the little green. . .

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So first thing I would

1 probably do then is select the census place, and I'll change  
2 these so that now one is getting current with Tucson.

3 Click right here.

4 Commit that change.

5 Move that over.

6 Now since it's a noncontiguous area, I'll first  
7 look and see how the tract looks to see if that's a good way  
8 to link that in with the rest of District 1.

9 A pretty big tract.

10 So I think I'll just accept that change in order  
11 to keep things moved at the largest level possible.

12 So --

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Now you want to -- you see  
14 where it says Littleton.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Just bring that boundary  
17 straight down and point that into -- so you want -- yes,  
18 that, that you want to put that in one.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I want to put that in one  
21 for the moment.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So one, we'll go back up here and  
23 get all this--

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes. Yep.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll, again, check to see if the

1 census place does -- it does. Is it that about what you  
2 wanted?

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I'll accept that change.  
5 And now District 1 has that.

6 You also had put Drexel Heights and Valencia into  
7 District 3. Are there other changes down here that you  
8 wanted to do or should we go to that?

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's go to that.

10 This is just a rough start, so. . .

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

12 So those are right here. So, again, I'm going to  
13 change my target to District 3.

14 Just going to first just check and see what a  
15 tract would do.

16 So those seem to grab pretty well on the borders  
17 I'm working on.

18 So that's what you're looking for right there?

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: District 3?

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yep.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll commit that change.

23 Now District 3 has those.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: My next direction was, LD 10,

1 Tanque Verde should go to River Road, go east to  
2 Alvernon Road, go south to Grant Road --

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Not quite.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. This would be good for you  
5 to walk me through this one.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Before we leave,  
7 let's go to the north, just west of Drexel Heights, the  
8 north -- northernmost area of what is now two.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Just east of Santa Vera,  
11 which is the green.

12 So you want to go over in here.

13 I want to see where the boundary is there.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Here?

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: The boundary between, I  
16 guess it would be, two and ten.

17 I'm a little bit handicapped because I brought the  
18 wrong glasses, so I can see everything close to me but  
19 nothing up there.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: If you want to, you can sit next  
21 to me, and you can see on my screen.

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Can we have the  
25 streets?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll zoom in a little more.  
2 And I'll move them so that they're on top of  
3 census place.

4 Okay.

5 And I can -- if I zoom in more, I'll be able to  
6 read the labels.

7 If you want to go to -- to this area right here?

8 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Or, I'm sorry, this area. Ten.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

11 Refinery Way.

12 I've never heard of that.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Refinery Way and then 86.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So how much  
15 population are we over here, or under?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: So District No. 2 is currently  
17 24,000 people underpopulated.

18 District No. 10 is 2500 people overpopulated.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So if we move the boundary  
20 of two north to around 22nd Street.

21 Here's 36.

22 Let's just try that.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I'll at this point try to  
24 grab by census block group.

25 Actually tract might work.

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We found the solution here,  
2 guys. Each of us needs Willie all day every day.

3           WILLIE DESMOND: Everybody needs me.

4           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Sitting next to us.

5           WILLIE DESMOND: This isn't exact, but to give you  
6 a rough idea.

7           That moved about 13,000 people over.

8           If I zoom out --

9           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What if you just keep  
10 coming over to --

11          WILLIE DESMOND: West or east?

12          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: West, because we want to,  
13 we want to take in this. . .

14          WILLIE DESMOND: I'm going to go to the block  
15 level now.

16          Okay. So that's 17,000 people.

17          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

18          WILLIE DESMOND: We still need about 7,000 more.

19          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: All right. And I don't  
20 know where to get them.

21          So can we just --

22          WILLIE DESMOND: Save this?

23          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah, save this for now.

24 And I want to zoom out and look at what we have for two  
25 right now, just generally speaking.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: That was for two.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Now two is about 7700 people  
4 underpopulated.

5 There's a little pocket there that I have to clean  
6 up in a minute.

7 If you look at our whole data table, this is --  
8 three is overpopulated by about 39,000 people.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So there's --

10 WILLIE DESMOND: So two can grab some of this and  
11 make a population.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Before we do that, it  
13 was -- let's go -- and whenever anyone gets really sick of  
14 this, just let me know, because I can give Willie my list  
15 here.

16 Let's go south, all the way south. Remember we  
17 wanted to do the little arm that grabbed out and reached  
18 Bisbee and Douglas?

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Maybe we could just do the  
21 real broad, and, you know, not worry. . .

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Do you want two to --

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So two would come  
24 east along the border and would take in Naco and Bisbee, so  
25 it would be really close to the border.

1 We don't want to include Sierra Vista.

2 Come under Palominas.

3 And then do the same sort of thing for Douglas.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Too much?

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah, too much.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: This is where it gets real  
7 exciting.

8 There is a -- technically a line that runs right  
9 here, so we couldn't -- that is contiguous.

10 Let me grab all of that.

11 I'm going to go -- I'm going to commit those  
12 changes, and I'm going to switch this to census place.

13 And now back to census blocks, so that I can make  
14 this, again, contiguous.

15 That is a contiguous shape, so that would work,  
16 although there is an island here that would need to be also  
17 selected.

18 So I'll commit that.

19 And now we have --

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What are these? This,  
21 this?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Those are census blocks groups --

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's fill that all in,  
24 make it a little dome, because we need that whole population  
25 center there, all those guys.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Now, see, this one is a little  
2 bigger. Do you want me to take this area too?

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: No.

4 Okay. Yeah, that's a start.

5 So that's kind of the idea that we capture the,  
6 you know, the majority of the population in the Bisbee,  
7 Douglas metro areas, and pull them into two.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So we may need a cleaner  
10 way to do that.

11 And how much population is that?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: That moved about 7,000 people,  
13 and now two is only 128 people underpopulated.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So we're kind of  
15 close.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Close.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: All right.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: When we grabbed Douglas, we  
19 overpopulated.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Should we grab Douglas --

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Grab Douglas.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We don't want to leave  
25 Douglas behind.

1 I don't think we want that one.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Very close.

3 So the census block is fairly large, because  
4 there's not many people.

5 Go back to one.

6 There is this little area of --

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's leave that in one.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

9 And there's a little area inside there. And two.  
10 Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So let's go back up to  
12 south Tucson now.

13 How far off are we?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Now District No. 2 is  
15 overpopulated by 18,000 people. And District No. 1 is  
16 underpopulated by 36,000.

17 So if I go back into south Tucson.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

19 So this is where I don't think it's fair to make  
20 everybody sit through all this. So should I just describe  
21 generally what -- and I can give you more detail with -- to  
22 answer any of your questions, but then everyone doesn't have  
23 to sit through it.

24 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Can we maybe at least have  
25 that portion of the map up, so we can look at it as you're

1 describing your changes.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes, that's what I was  
3 going to do, have the map up and kind of generally describe.

4 I'll go over what I, what I had asked for last  
5 time we met and met anew.

6 And then I may have to clarify in my own mind, and  
7 for Willie, so he can actually do it.

8 But the next idea was to go back to Drexel Heights  
9 and Valencia West.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And put the streets on it  
12 so I can see them.

13 Okay. And go over to I-19, in this area.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

15 This is I-19.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

17 So, the concept is that there -- that we would  
18 take the -- this southwest Tucson population and make a  
19 majority-minority district, which would become three.

20 So this -- so three would become a more compact  
21 district in the southwest part of Tucson, that would be  
22 majority-minority, and it would, it would be roughly from  
23 this, the Old Nogales Highway, which is just east of I-19  
24 here.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: That would be the east border?

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That would be the east  
2 border.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And then it would come  
5 along the Benson Highway.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: That's on the north or the south?

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's on the -- sort of  
8 northeast.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: To 22nd Street, or  
11 thereabouts, which would be -- which was that boundary that  
12 we just made of two.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: To Campbell or First  
15 Avenue, which are parallel major streets.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sorry, so --

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So we're coming up here.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And we're going to hit  
20 22nd Street.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: So this is actually -- I'm sorry,  
22 it's the --

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So we're going to be  
24 taking --

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Western border, not eastern.

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  It's this border that  
2 would be taking some of this population and putting it into  
3 three.

4           WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.

5           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  So this, so this little arm  
6 that's sticking out -- maybe I should have the pointer.

7           So this would become the new border, somewhere in  
8 here.

9           WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.

10          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  And the population west of  
11 it would move into three.

12          WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.

13          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  The boundary would come  
14 up -- from 22nd Street we would go to -- I guess we would  
15 have to go west to -- or east to Campbell.

16          WILLIE DESMOND:  So you're talking about three  
17 now, or two?

18          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  This is the east boundary  
19 of three.

20          I'll draw it for you.

21          WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.

22          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  It's hard to see from here.  
23 Because what we're going to be doing essentially  
24 is taking this area.

25          WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And making three.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We're going to go up to  
4 Picture Rocks.

5 What's a little unclear is what happens in this  
6 part of downtown Tucson.

7 That's what I'm being unclear about. And I can't  
8 without having a map in front of me.

9 But the idea is we come up along here. Some of  
10 this population that's now in two goes into three.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And then follow I-10 up,  
13 over to Picture Rocks, down and around and back to where we  
14 started.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: What if I zoom out a little bit.

16 District 3 currently goes --

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: District 3 is currently  
18 really big.

19 So the concept is that this becomes a  
20 majority-minority district right here.

21 Then this, I still have a, a thought that this  
22 should look more like the congressional district.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: But I -- so you could try  
25 that. You could make, you could make south Yuma and

1 the T.O. reservation, kind of put that together as a  
2 district, but from it remove this area.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So, I'm sorry, I'm a little --  
4 would it be helpful if I showed you real quickly -- just  
5 temporarily remove all of that from, from three, so that  
6 three would then -- I would have to add this area and the  
7 reservation back in, but three would then come back up here  
8 to Picture Rock.

9 That would remove 21,000 people.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: And that's -- we'd still need to  
12 remove people.

13 Three would still be about 18,000 people  
14 overpopulated.

15 So if I just go ahead and do that.

16 And then to avoid any confusion.

17 Add that back to three.

18 So now three is, is much smaller.

19 This area is all unincorporated.

20 And if we go back into this area, three still  
21 needs to lose population somewhere.

22 So three is still above 18,000 people  
23 overpopulated.

24 Now that can come from here. If we turn the  
25 streets back on we'll -- you know, we can remove everything

1 that's east of the I-19 or the Old Nogales Highway, if that  
2 would be helpful. If you would like to keep some --

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's try it. Let's try  
4 that.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

6 I'm just going to, I'm just going to give it  
7 to unassigned. So I'm not giving it to any district right  
8 now.

9 Now, three is roughly at the ideal value. It's  
10 333 people under what we would want. And it includes south  
11 Tucson right here, and this area.

12 Does that --

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So let's -- now let's go to  
14 grid ten. And maybe by -- maybe we can back into it, just,  
15 um, the northeast corner --

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: -- of grid ten. I think  
18 was about Houghton and Speedway.

19 So what I wanted to do was find Tanque Verde Road,  
20 and continue -- and follow Tanque Verde Road north and east  
21 to River Road.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Tanque Verde Road is right here.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Would you like to extend down --

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's do that for right

1 now.

2 Let's go up to Tanque Verde Road.

3 Obviously this is going to need a lot of  
4 refinement.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: In those cases, census block  
6 group was --

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And then we're going to  
8 follow this, Tanque Verde Road, which is south of the  
9 Catalina -- thing that says Catalina Foothills there.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Uh-hmm.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We're going to keep going  
12 east --

13 WILLIE DESMOND: West?

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: West, I'm sorry. Yes,  
15 west.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Until we find River Road.  
18 So we're going to need to move the map over.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Do you have an idea where?

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It should be in here  
21 somewhere.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: And this is Sabino Canyon Road.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: You're going to have to  
24 zoom out.

25 Zoom out.

1           There's your tool bar.

2           It runs right along kind of the base of the  
3 Catalina Foothills and the north side of Tucson.

4           It's Main Street.

5           It's probably --

6           WILLIE DESMOND:   Yep.   River Road.

7           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:   So -- okay.   So what we  
8 want to do is we want to connect up from Tanque Verde Road  
9 to River Road.

10           I'm not sure of the best way to do that in terms  
11 of, you know, streets, but that's going to be the north, the  
12 north boundary.

13           I would just follow this Catalina Foothills line.

14           WILLIE DESMOND:   So, if I understand correctly,  
15 you just want ten to take all of this back.

16           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:   Yep, yep, Yep.

17           WILLIE DESMOND:   Okay.   That's easy enough.

18           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:   And then, and then we're  
19 going to go as far along River Road to Alvernon.

20           Which is going to be right about, I'm going to  
21 guess, right about here.

22           WILLIE DESMOND:   Okay.   I'm going to accept that,  
23 and I am going to move that back.

24           So now ten follows the Tucson border.

25           And you want to remove some of it and go to where?

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  So we're going to -- let's  
2 find Alvernon, which is going to be right kind of in the  
3 middle of town here.

4           So it will be one more.  It will be over here.

5           Okay.  All right.  So this boundary is going to  
6 come down.

7           Alvernon to Grant.

8           WILLIE DESMOND:  Let me assign it so we can see  
9 easier.

10          To Graham?

11          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  To Grant.

12          WILLIE DESMOND:  Grant.

13          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  General Grant.

14          WILLIE DESMOND:  Is that north?

15          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  That is north of here.

16          WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.

17          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Okay.  So this is going to  
18 become the boundary of ten.

19          Then we're going to go west on Grant.

20          WILLIE DESMOND:  Okay.

21          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  This is going to be the  
22 boundary between ten and nine.  We're going to go west on  
23 Grant, until we get to, let's say, First Avenue.

24          Which will be -- what does that say?

25          WILLIE DESMOND:  I think we already have that.

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Okay.  Well, that's cool.  
2  Let's do that.

3           (Whereupon, Mr. Herrera exits the room.)

4           WILLIE DESMOND:  So you want this all to be in  
5  nine then?  This is ten.

6           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  This is going to be --  
7  yeah, so what's north of that will be nine.

8           WILLIE DESMOND:  I'll just accept that.  So if I  
9  zoom back out, this all is still ten.

10          So I'm going to give that to nine, and I'm just  
11  going to take it from ten.

12          Okay.

13          And this area is all unassigned.

14          So I'll just take that unassigned and give it to  
15  nine.

16          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Give that to nine.

17          WILLIE DESMOND:  There you go.

18          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Okay.  So then down here --  
19  so what do we got in ten now?

20          WILLIE DESMOND:  So now ten is 55,000 people  
21  overpopulated.

22          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Okay.

23          Okay.  I don't know how to fix that right now, but  
24  we'll -- let me -- maybe you could print this just so --  
25  okay.

1 All right.

2 So then the next idea was -- so we need to work on  
3 this central area here to equalize the populations in these,  
4 in these areas.

5 What I had in my notes was that we would -- this  
6 would come down to the base, that we would follow the  
7 Barraza-Aviation Highway and then along the north boundary  
8 of the base.

9 And that would become the south boundary of ten.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So why don't we just do  
12 that, seeing as we're --

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Sounds good.

14 So what will be the south boundary?

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. The south boundary,  
16 there's a, there's a -- something that I think on the map  
17 will be called the Barraza-Aviation Highway that comes into  
18 central Tucson.

19 See where it says Pima there?

20 See this?

21 Okay.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So I will move --

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So this boundary, the south  
24 boundary of ten, is going to come down along Aviation  
25 Highway.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: So I'm going to grab, just so I  
2 can remember where I'm going.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: But not up this way. Down  
4 this way.

5 So we're not going north.

6 This boundary is correct. It's about 22nd Street.  
7 But the southeast boundary. So all this area in the  
8 northeast part of that square is going to get pulled into  
9 ten.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: From Aviation.

12 Madam Chair, would you just like me to give these  
13 directions to Mr. Desmond off line?

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think it's helpful.

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. I'll keep going.

16 It reminds me when I was about five and used to  
17 play with blocks at my grandfather's house.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think it's helpful to be  
19 going through this exercise, and you seem to have done some  
20 thinking about the legislative map, so -- and it's an area  
21 we all want to spend more time on, so let's say we proceed.

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Desmond, while you and  
25 Commissioner McNulty are going through this, do you have

1 access to the neighborhood association maps for the city of  
2 Tucson?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: I don't.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay. Just like the  
5 villages in -- those are areas that you're going to want to  
6 start to collect.

7 There's 153 of them.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Do you have a -- is there a place  
9 you recommend starting to look for them?

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm going to try to find a  
11 source for you, Mr. Desmond, to get you a list for both the  
12 villages, and I know that there's some -- I know through  
13 Maricopa County website you'll find them, and through the  
14 City of Tucson neighborhood resource office you'll be able  
15 to find the neighborhood associations.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: That would be very helpful.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: These are not homeowner  
18 associations. They're actually designated blocks and areas  
19 within the community that have got -- that are within  
20 themselves communities of interest.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's a good idea. Maybe  
23 Tucson Association of Realtors, is that what you said?  
24 Their website might have info.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: So now ten as it is is currently

1 62,000 people overpopulated.

2           Where would you like to remove that population  
3 from?

4           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  What is this area, the  
5 little central. . .

6           WILLIE DESMOND:  I believe that's an unassigned  
7 area.

8           (Whereupon, Mr. Herrera returns to the room.)

9           WILLIE DESMOND:  Yeah, that is unassigned.

10          As it is, currently two is overpopulated also.

11          But three is about perfectly populated.

12          So, something is going to have to take that area,  
13 two or -- it's currently between two and three.  So if it  
14 goes to three, three is going to need to lose some somewhere  
15 else.

16          Two already needs to lose some population.

17          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Where's the base?  Where's  
18 the Air Force base?

19          WILLIE DESMOND:  I'm not sure.

20          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Let's see.

21          Right there.

22          WILLIE DESMOND:  Do you know the roads we're  
23 looking at?

24          COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Davis-Monthan Air Force  
25 Base.  So that's it right now.

1           Okay.

2           So let's go back to -- so I want that to be the  
3 south boundary. So that's right.

4           What's this here? This is --

5           WILLIE DESMOND: That's, I believe, Grant -- no,  
6 22nd.

7           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So that's okay.

8           So let's. . .

9           I'm not sure. I know it works. I just can't  
10 reconstruct it right this second.

11           So let's just hold that thought, and let's go --  
12 let's keep going north.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Just out of curiosity, how  
14 many are in the census place of Catalina Foothills? What's  
15 the population?

16           WILLIE DESMOND: 50,796.

17           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So the south  
18 boundary of nine would become the north boundary of ten.

19           WILLIE DESMOND: Correct.

20           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So we would bring -- we  
21 would come along River Road, and then somehow we've got to  
22 figure -- and Grant Road, we've got to figure out this  
23 population sharing thing.

24           And then we would come over to I-10.

25           WILLIE DESMOND: You want nine to go over to I-10?

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: So how far --

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Or let's go -- you know,  
4 whatever these census places are. It doesn't have to be  
5 right on I-10. Maybe along these areas.

6 And we want to go north to about Linda Vista,  
7 which is -- what we want to do is come across the north side  
8 of the Catalina Foothills and under Oro Valley, so the line  
9 is going to be somewhere. . .

10 (Whereupon, Mr. Stertz exits the room.)

11 WILLIE DESMOND: So that's currently 29,000 people  
12 moved over.

13 Nine is though 67,000 people short.

14 And if we remove any of this, it's going to be  
15 much shorter.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So then we'll go  
17 over here.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Should I -- would be helpful if I  
19 took these areas out of nine first --

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: So you want that to become  
22 unassigned or part of another district right away?

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Part of.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Eleven?

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Eleven, yeah.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: So all of Catalina and all of  
2 Oro Valley go into 11.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Summerhaven and unincorporated  
5 can stay --

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That can go -- probably go  
7 into 11.

8 There's not much population there.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So at this point, nine is  
10 right here, and it is 116,000 people underpopulated.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So we're going to  
12 come west here.

13 Have we found Linda Vista yet?

14 Yeah. Include that. That's fine. And just keep  
15 coming west.

16 Well, no, we don't want to -- that's part of  
17 Oro Valley.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll remove it.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Would it, would it be helpful if  
21 we just took all of --

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Uh-hmm.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

24 Let me do that.

25 That added about 66,000 people in.

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What were you looking for?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, we're about 50,000 short in  
3 nine.

4 I would say that in ten you're about 62,000 over.  
5 So if it's possible --

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So --

7 WILLIE DESMOND: -- you can dip down into ten a  
8 little more here.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: All right. Somewhere here,  
10 and I'm not sure the best way to do it, we're going to  
11 equalize that out.

12 So this, what is the -- see where it says 77?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: Yep.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't think that finger  
15 belongs there, so we want to. . .

16 WILLIE DESMOND: That's part of 11.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. That should be part  
18 of nine.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

20 All the Flowing Wells.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes, Flowing Wells should  
22 be --

23 WILLIE DESMOND: This area?

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yep. They all go together.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: That adds 28,000.

1           A little more.

2           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Just follow I-10 and pull  
3 everything in. And if it needs to straddle I-10, that's  
4 fine.

5           But follow it fairly closely.

6           WILLIE DESMOND: Now nine goes across I-10.

7           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It shouldn't go that far.  
8 We just want it to. . .

9           WILLIE DESMOND: Would you like that to become  
10 part of three then, or would you like that to be a finger  
11 coming down from 11?

12          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We want no fingers.

13          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. No fingers.

14          I'll give that to three then.

15          Okay. Now, nine comes up, and nine now needs  
16 about 19,000 more people.

17          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. We want to get rid  
18 of a little ribbon there.

19          You may, you know, you may have to off line just  
20 go into these smaller units of geography and clean that up.

21          WILLIE DESMOND: I've gotten pretty good at that.

22          So, now nine is still 19,000 people  
23 underpopulated --

24          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What's ten?

25          WILLIE DESMOND: And ten is 62,000 people

1 overpopulated.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Well, obviously we need to  
3 move some people from ten into nine.

4 We should do that in here.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, that's our --

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Oh, that's our  
7 majority-minority district.

8 Okay. Somewhere in this area where we have the  
9 boundary between the --

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Would you rather it come from  
11 Catalina or past Grant --

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: No, we're going to follow  
13 River Road. That's an important geographic feature. So it  
14 need to be in this Grant area here, I think.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Well, let's -- first of  
16 all, let's. . .

17 Okay. So, now, nine is 18,000 people short.

18 Doesn't have to be perfect, because it's  
19 legislative, and there is a little bit of leeway with  
20 deviation, but --

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We have a lot of work to do  
22 on this.

23 And let's not worry about that right this second.

24 But obviously we're going to equalize the  
25 population here between these three districts.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Between three, ten, and  
3 nine, so that it works.

4 And let's keep going north.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So -- so, then the  
7 next area north is 11; right?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So the north boundary of  
10 nine becomes the south boundary of 11.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Correct.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So let's go back over to  
13 this Tanque Verde area where we were at.

14 And there's -- see where it says Tanque Verde.  
15 There should be a road here called Redington Road.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And you want that in one?  
17 Or that's currently --

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I want that to be the  
19 boundary between 11 and 1.

20 So we're going to take in this north Catalina area  
21 into 11. Not much population there.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Which road are we looking for?

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Redington.

24 It's going to fall -- it's going to be --

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Is it a north-south?

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: No. It's not in the city.  
2 So let's come back out.

3           Let's try that there.

4           No, that's the Catalina Highway.

5           So it's north of that.

6           Go up to the county line, the Pinal County line.

7           (Whereupon, Mr. Stertz returns and Mr. Freeman  
8 exits the room.)

9           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It will intersect the  
10 county line at some point.

11          Let's find that later.

12          So what we're going to do is we're going to start  
13 in the. . .

14          WILLIE DESMOND: Just as a point of, so we know  
15 what we're studying, so ten goes down all the way up to  
16 Casa Grande, and it is currently 61,000 people  
17 overpopulated.

18          So ten needs to lose somewhere.

19          It couldn't lose -- it could give population to  
20 one, because one is underpopulated now by 36,000.

21          But why don't you --

22          COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I just can't tell you as I  
23 sit here. I would have to sit here and look at this more  
24 closely.

25          WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Because at this point  
2  it's -- when we start moving the population around, it kind  
3  of needs to work with the overall concept.

4           I think if we just start -- if we just move the  
5  population for the sake of moving that population, without  
6  having it be consistent with the concept, then we're not  
7  accomplishing what we need to accomplish.

8           WILLIE DESMOND:  So just --

9           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  So you're going to find  
10 River Road, and you're going to follow it up to the county  
11 line.

12           Not River Road -- Redington Road.  And that's a  
13 kind of a north-south.  It's a -- yeah, that's it.  Okay.

14           (Whereupon, Mr. Freeman returns to the room.)

15           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  So that's going to separate  
16 1 and 11, for purposes of this exercise.

17           WILLIE DESMOND:  I believe that's Redington Road  
18 right there.

19           I'm trying to keep track of where that is.

20           I just want to check one thing.

21           Does it go up?

22           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  It goes up to the Pinal  
23 County line.

24           WILLIE DESMOND:  I'm not sure I'm following it.

25           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  We may need to -- it should

1 keep going straight up. And if it doesn't, then that's what  
2 we should do. We should go straight up to the Pinal County  
3 line, kind of following.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So I'll move this back to one.  
5 Okay.

6 So that -- now we have -- this is -- to add all  
7 this to 11.

8 But does that make sense then? That that's this  
9 line right here.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah, maybe, as a starting  
11 point, yep.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: So I'll quickly add all this  
13 stuff.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Would you like one to remain --  
16 Tanque Verde to remain in one or do you want that to be some  
17 part of 11?

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's leave it in one.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: For now.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So, there's still some  
22 cleaning up to do.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That's an understatement.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Roughly what you were looking for  
25 there.

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Now let's go north  
2 here, into Pinal County.

3           Oh, boy.

4           WILLIE DESMOND: Do you want me to zoom out?

5           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah.

6           WILLIE DESMOND: So -- so you can get your  
7 bearings again.

8           So now 11 is everything that's north of Tanque  
9 Verde, Redington Road. And then Oro Valley and Marana, I  
10 believe, is all the southern portion of this district.

11           And it's currently -- 11 needs to make up some  
12 population.

13           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. So the idea  
14 is that -- let me just orient Willie on a road map here.

15           I should have done this earlier, pulled this out.

16           (Brief pause.)

17           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Let's come east along --  
18 west along the county line.

19           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

20           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Until we get to 79.

21           Well, actually until we get to Saddlebrooke. So  
22 we need to -- obviously we need to include Saddlebrooke in  
23 11.

24           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

25           COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Then once we get over to

1 79, we're going to choose an imaginary line, just for  
2 purposes of this draft, about halfway between 79 and I-10.

3 So what we're doing here is kind of putting the 79  
4 together with 79 and the I-10 together with I-10, and we're  
5 going to come northwest.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: And we're going to include  
8 in 11 the communities of Red Rock, Rillito.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Red Rock?

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: They are a little bit south  
11 here.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

13 There's Red Rock.

14 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. We're going to  
15 include that.

16 We're going to include Arizona City.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: This whole, this whole  
19 area.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Eloy?

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah. Eloy, Toltec.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

23 Now you're going to have a very, very jagged  
24 district for a second as I commit these changes.

25 Obviously all these unincorporated islands need to

1 be moved into -- you'd also like, what else?

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: The north boundary is going  
3 to be -- we're going to move Casa Grande into 12.

4 The north boundary is going to be just under  
5 Casa Grande.

6 And then we're going to bring it back kind of on a  
7 diagonal to where we started from to include this whole I-10  
8 corridor, all these emerging communities here.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

10 I'm just going to clean up 11 real quick just for  
11 the ease of looking at this and show you what else you want.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think we want to come  
13 over to Chuichu.

14 You know, that'll be -- so this whole area and  
15 Maricopa -- let's take Maricopa and Stanfield and include  
16 that in 11 also.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: The issue there is splitting the  
18 reservation.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: No, we're not going to  
20 split the reservation. We're just going to pull in Maricopa  
21 and Stanfield.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So then go through parts of --  
23 because also Maricopa is in reservation so -- oh, it's not  
24 actually. It's between.

25 So, but -- you want to kind of go up around --

1           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  Yeah, up around  
2 Casa Grande.

3           WILLIE DESMOND:  Up around Casa Grande.  Okay.

4           Now I just grab part of Casa Grande, just for sake  
5 of. . .

6           I'm -- now 11 is still 63,000 over, so I'll go  
7 into Maricopa and see what that is.

8           That is 43.

9           Okay.  Now if I zoom out, I can show you what  
10 we've got kind of.

11           Whatever you want.

12           So, 11 now has these areas, Saddlebrooke and  
13 Oro Valley, runs kind of up along the northern side of I-10,  
14 and then kind of goes around, around Casa Grande.

15           So it's a very narrow joint here, and then also  
16 grabs Maricopa and has some unincorporated land over here.

17           And it needs about 19,000 more people.

18           I can either get those down here, try to include  
19 both sides of I-10, or I could grab parts -- more parts of  
20 Casa Grande or more parts of Coolidge.

21           COMMISSIONER McNULTY:  I don't think we want to do  
22 that.

23           You could go south.

24           Obviously this needs to be cleaned up quite a bit.

25           WILLIE DESMOND:  Yeah, so we can do that --

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We'll figure that out.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: I can do that pretty quickly.

3 If you'll hold on for just one second.

4 So this is all 12.

5 Now you can see, 12 has Casa Grande and 11 has,  
6 has all this area that goes up into Maricopa.

7 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

8 All right. So probably going to want to include  
9 that.

10 But let's just go to the last piece, and then we  
11 can go home, and I can figure out --

12 WILLIE DESMOND: For tomorrow.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yeah, or for the next day.

14 Okay. So then let's go back to San Manuel and  
15 Mammoth, which are southeast here, the south.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Which are now in eight, I  
18 think.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Farther south.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: No, farther north.

21 (Whereupon, Mr. Herrera exits the room.)

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. All right.

23 So here's the idea for what grid 12 would become.

24 We have the copper corridor on the east, we have  
25 sort of the old established but growing communities in Pinal

1 County in the middle, and then we'd have the kind of  
2 agricultural and emerging Gila River communities on the  
3 west.

4 So we would start --

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Do you want me to go back?

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes. To San Manuel and  
7 Mammoth.

8 This becomes part of 12, up to the San Carlos  
9 reservation.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

11 Okay. I can clean that up.

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

13 Then we're going to keep going north along the  
14 west boundary of the reservation. We're going to pull in  
15 Kearny, some of these copper communities here, Wheatfields,  
16 Copper Hill, Globe, Miami.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Superior.

19 Can you pull it down a little bit so we can see.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. Now let's come over  
22 here.

23 We'll kind of just fill that in.

24 We're going to include Florence, which is -- we'll  
25 have to go to the west.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Florence, Coolidge,  
3 Casa Grande.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: You want all this to be in 12?

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Twelve. Yep.

6 Come up as far as Queen Creek, and then up the  
7 Maricopa County boundary there. And that's where we'll  
8 stop.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

10 So you want it to be --

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So it's going to --

12 WILLIE DESMOND: That's already in 12.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: So now if I --

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: We're going to take -- see  
16 how Queen Creek is split, and we're not on the Maricopa  
17 County boundary, so we want to follow that. Everything  
18 south of it is going to be in 12, and north of it is  
19 tomorrow's homework.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me just grab this and see  
21 what that does.

22 Now there is -- Queen Creek is a good example of a  
23 place that splits a county boundary.

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Would you like to split it or

1 would you like to add this to --

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I don't think I want to  
3 split Queen Creek.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So I'm going to grab the  
5 rest of that then, and then it will dip in.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: The purpose for that is  
7 that I think we're transitioning here from, you know, this  
8 rural to the very densely urban.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: That makes sense.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: So the idea is 12 is going  
11 to kind of follow along the densely urban area and include  
12 within it these older growing communities and this  
13 agricultural area over here that includes Sacaton and  
14 Santa Cruz, I think on the Gila River reservation.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Then we're going to come  
17 down and include all of Casa Grande.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Back to where we started,  
20 which will be -- this southeast point should be the  
21 confluence of Highway 79 and 77 in Pinal County.

22 (Whereupon, Mr. Herrera returns to the room.)

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Seventy-nine and. . .

24 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Have to go east,  
25 San Manuel.

1 So that all gets kind of pulled into --

2 WILLIE DESMOND: So you want that to be part of 12  
3 then?

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. The one issue right away  
6 is that 12 is overpopulated, so it's going to need to give  
7 some of that up.

8 Would that make more sense to do up in this area?

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: For right now.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

11 Let me -- let's just assign this to nothing.

12 And we'll -- so right now 12 is 44,000 people  
13 over.

14 I'll move --

15 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I want to keep Globe with  
16 the other copper communities south of there.

17 So I have to figure out how to do that.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, I think that's too many  
19 people.

20 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: So they -- those three kind of  
22 corners have too many, I think.

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: What's the best way for you  
24 to give this to me so I can work on cleaning up the  
25 population issues? Do you just want to after we're done

1 here load it onto my --

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay. And then I can study  
4 it, and I'll try and give you better directions.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Can we load that onto  
7 everyone's actually?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: It's a really rough start,  
11 but the idea is that we have, you know, kind of reorienting  
12 things and try to keep some of these communities together,  
13 and build off that.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great. Yeah, we appreciate  
15 you doing some homework.

16 Are there other legislative map ideas that anyone  
17 wants to discuss now?

18 (No oral response.)

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there anything,  
20 Mr. Desmond, from your end on legislative that we need to  
21 follow up on?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So, I guess for tomorrow I won't  
23 proceed more on this. I'll kind of let everyone play with  
24 it tonight, and we can talk about it tomorrow or on Friday  
25 and go from there.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: So then just for tomorrow, I'll  
3 have the river changes, and then I assume I'll be able to  
4 get to the whole counties changes, because tomorrow is an  
5 afternoon meeting, I think, so I'll have the morning to work  
6 on all that.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Right.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: So I'll have, I'll have those for  
9 tomorrow.

10 And then if you guys want to think more about  
11 anything else you want, possibly for Friday, but certainly  
12 for next week, there's big gaps, so we can really, you know,  
13 get specific if you want, or see a lot of different versions  
14 or, you know, just think of anything that you're going to be  
15 curious about, since it is enough time.

16 I'll be sending you guys things, I guess, on a  
17 working basis throughout that week, so we can have some  
18 feedback from Mr. Bladine, I guess.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: But I think that's. . .

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. O'Grady.

22 MARY O'GRADY: I just had a question, if I may, on  
23 this.

24 I just wanted to get reoriented in terms of the  
25 southern Arizona voting rights districts, and where the

1 tribes, where the tribes are, so we have. . .

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: The concept is that the  
3 Santa Cruz County district would be a voting rights  
4 district. That now that it includes the whole of Santa Cruz  
5 County and would also include Bisbee and Douglas -- or  
6 might, I don't think it needs to, then the three, number  
7 three, which was a really big district, would now be a  
8 smaller district geographically in southwest Tucson that  
9 would include that densely populated minority area, and that  
10 would become a majority-minority district.

11 And then the tribe, I haven't, you know, I haven't  
12 figured -- my thinking is that that would be coupled with  
13 south Yuma in a district that looked a lot like the  
14 congressional district but that excluded the HVAP population  
15 in southwest Tucson which would become a majority-minority  
16 district, legislative district, in its own right.

17 And I understand I don't have the population  
18 numbers right at all, but that's the thinking.

19 And it's just based on looking at this, the blocks  
20 and stuff, it looks like the population is there to do that.  
21 It's just going to take some more work.

22 MARY O'GRADY: Thank you.

23 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Mr. Desmond, do you think we

1 can make changes that Commissioner McNulty recommended  
2 today, if possible, by 9:00?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So, I'm sorry. . .

4 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: The changes that  
5 Commissioner McNulty and you were going through.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, my plan was to try to clean  
7 this up just a little bit, especially like the stray blocks  
8 I can remove.

9 And then just load this up as it is right now on  
10 all of your computers.

11 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Okay.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: If that would work.

13 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: That would work.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

15 Anything else on legislative that anyone wants to  
16 raise?

17 (No oral response.)

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

19 Thanks, Mr. Desmond.

20 The time is 12:24 p.m.

21 And I asked other commissioners how we want to  
22 proceed.

23 It doesn't look like actually there's a lot left  
24 on the agenda. Those are the two big agenda items, because  
25 we already covered five, unless there's any new information

1 that we were going to be getting.

2 Okay.

3 And six, the executive director's report, there  
4 isn't anything new today.

5 And then discussion of future meetings and future  
6 agenda items.

7 We know when our future meetings are. We're  
8 meeting two more times this week, tomorrow and Friday.

9 Next week, Thursday and Friday.

10 And that, of course, will be a recurring agenda  
11 item on all those meetings.

12 So, I don't know if there's anything new with  
13 getting anything on the attorney general inquiry from legal  
14 counsel?

15 (No oral response.)

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And so there's call for  
17 public comment. So --

18 THE REPORTER: Madam Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes -- sure.

20 Okay. So let's take a just five-minute recess,  
21 and then we'll come back and do public comment. And then I  
22 think that kind of ends the meeting.

23 Thanks.

24 The time is 12:25 p.m.

25 (Brief recess taken.)

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We're going to enter  
2 back into public session. Recess is over.

3 The time is 12:40 p.m.

4 I understand that our streaming went down, but we  
5 have been recording the rest of the meetings so that that  
6 will be available and uploaded as a recording.

7 So with that, commissioners, just before I go to  
8 public comment, was there anything else anyone wanted to  
9 raise with regard to future meetings and future agenda  
10 items?

11 And we'll have two more times this week, of  
12 course, to also talk about that.

13 (No oral response.)

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Hearing none, we will  
15 go ahead and go to agenda item nine, which is call for  
16 public comment.

17 And I have three request to speak forms. If you  
18 could limit your comments to four minutes, that would be  
19 great.

20 Our first speaker is Jim March, second vice-chair  
21 Pima County Libertarian Party.

22 JIM MARCH: Madam Chair, I'll just say four words:  
23 Giant Arizona-shaped dartboard.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

25 JIM MARCH: Nothing further today.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: All right.

2 Our next speaker is Linda Greene, representing  
3 self, from Pima.

4 LINDA GREENE: My name is Linda Hall Greene. I'm  
5 a registered voter in Congressional District 8 and  
6 Legislative District 26.

7 I've been politically active most of my life.

8 I am first want to speak very publicly to  
9 congratulate you all for the time that you're giving to us  
10 as citizens in Arizona.

11 That is an extremely important task that you have  
12 before you, a very, very complicated one. It's very easy  
13 for me to see.

14 I particularly want to congratulate you on the  
15 civility with which you speak to each other, and the respect  
16 that each of you shows to one another when you have comment.

17 And I hope that the public will use you as models  
18 in the future, both in the state legislature and in our  
19 congressional district when we have our opportunity to  
20 speak.

21 I thank you very much for this.

22 I want to speak on -- I have in my hand  
23 Proposition 106 and the mandate under which you all sit in  
24 those chairs.

25 Because I think it is important to remember what

1 the opening paragraph is, because I'm going to speak on  
2 the -- one of those categories of competitiveness, which has  
3 been referenced several times today.

4           Proposing an amendment to the constitution of  
5 Arizona amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 1, constitution  
6 of Arizona, relating to ending the practice of  
7 gerrymandering and improving voter and candidate  
8 participation in elections by creating an Independent  
9 Commission of balanced appointments to oversee the mapping  
10 of fair and competitive congressional and legislative  
11 districts.

12           And so if there's any weight to be given besides  
13 your other criteria, I think it is spoken clearly that  
14 competitiveness has to be seriously considered in all your  
15 deliberations.

16           And I know that this is going to be addressed more  
17 further in more detail, but I hope that you will be keeping  
18 that strongly in mind, or I think the public will be very  
19 disappointed in whatever your effort is.

20           If we do not result in the state of Arizona with  
21 more fairly drawn competitive districts, I think the public  
22 will not have been well served.

23           Thank you.

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

25           Our next speaker is Wes Harris, representing self,

1 from LD 6-28.

2 WES HARRIS: Good afternoon. It's Wes Harris,  
3 H-A-R-R-I-S.

4 I'll pick up where I left off two meetings ago.

5 I did not make the last two meetings, and I see  
6 you've made quite a bit of progress.

7 I commend you for that.

8 I also echo the previous speaker's congratulatory  
9 remarks, because I think you are doing a great job. And  
10 it's a very difficult one at best.

11 I would remind you that I've spoken about this  
12 once before, and that's the open meetings laws and the  
13 ability to have discourse between those of us who go out of  
14 our way to travel this far to talk with you, that we ask a  
15 question, I think that would be nice if you would respond to  
16 it.

17 I know -- I did have occasion to talk to Jim Lynn,  
18 (sic) who was the chair of this committee ten years ago, and  
19 he indicated to me that discourse was something that they  
20 did then.

21 So I had expected it to happen now.

22 Now, as far as competitive districts are  
23 concerned, I think the basis should be more than just one  
24 election.

25 And I know that you're moving towards that. And

1 the more information you get, the better off we are in  
2 assessing that.

3 And to the previous comments, fairness is what  
4 this all about.

5 That was why you were created.

6 And I did detect the issue of gerrymandering,  
7 which I think I just witnessed a little bit of, if I know  
8 what gerrymandering is all about. That looked a little bit  
9 like it.

10 So I would urge you not to do that. And to be  
11 fair, and understanding that when you create a minority  
12 district -- a minority-majority district, that you're  
13 disenfranchising the minority in that district for all time.

14 And we've created what I call, and I've mentioned  
15 it before, voting ghettos.

16 In other words, people who are in the minority  
17 will not leave that area, much like the Native Americans  
18 will not leave their reservation.

19 And we don't want to create a bunch more  
20 reservations throughout the state, at least I would hope  
21 not.

22 It's very difficult to follow what you're doing  
23 when we don't have the maps that you're working on.

24 And I would hope that if you would get those maps  
25 published before the meeting, so we can see what you're

1 talking about.

2 And, finally, the village boundaries that you want  
3 from Phoenix, just go on Phoenix website, you'll pick them  
4 up.

5 Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7 Our next speaker is Maureen Bayardi, representing  
8 self, from Phoenix.

9 MAUREEN BAYARDI: Maureen Bayardi, B-A-Y-A-R-D-I.

10 I appreciate having the opportunity to speak in  
11 front of you. I'm not a professional speaker, but I am a  
12 registered voter with great concerns.

13 I would like to speak about the communities of  
14 interest.

15 I feel that that's the most important issue, and  
16 with that then follows the geographic feature which  
17 satisfies another criteria for the Commission.

18 I live in an urban area that is close to a rural  
19 area.

20 I like this being that it gives me and my family  
21 and my grandchildren an opportunity to visit the friends  
22 that we have in that area. Our children our exposed then to  
23 a rural area with the animals and the horses in this time of  
24 great stress.

25 Because we are under a lot of stress. Even the

1 children.

2 My little grandchildren say how come things are so  
3 bad?

4 You can't even turn a television on for them to  
5 listen, because all we hear is bad news.

6 When we visit our friends in the rural area, they  
7 experience a sense of calm, and the stress is released from  
8 them, at least for a period of time.

9 With this body in mind, I think it's extremely  
10 important to keep these areas intact. We are to be  
11 community, not broken up.

12 And the cities have moved out, and this is  
13 happening everywhere. And I hope you take that into great  
14 consideration and not to break us up.

15 Thank you very much for listening to me.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

17 That concludes public comment.

18 So unless there's anybody else who I missed.

19 RAY BLADINE: I've got one. I'm sorry.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, okay. Sorry.

21 Lynne St. Angelo.

22 RAY BLADINE: I'm sorry, Lynne.

23 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: That's okay.

24 Lynne St. Angelo. L-Y-N-N-E, S-T, period,  
25 A-N-G-E-L-O.

1           Good afternoon, commissioners.

2           I want to talk about some things that came up at  
3 this meeting, and one is on the issue of measurement of  
4 competitiveness. Because you are making judgments on  
5 competitiveness.

6           And right now the measurement that is being  
7 used -- and there's a lot of time spent on this, and so I  
8 just want to clear up what an outlier is.

9           And sometimes it's different than what we learn in  
10 school to the real world. It's very different in reality.

11          And this is one of those cases.

12          A good example of an outlier election was  
13 yesterday in New York District 9, where a Republican was  
14 elected to replace Representative Wiener. It hasn't  
15 happened in that district since 1923 that they elected a  
16 Republican.

17          That would be considered a real outlier for  
18 New York.

19          And so what we have in Arizona is we had that same  
20 kind of thing happen in the last election, in the 2010  
21 election, where there was a big sweeping out, even in  
22 southern Arizona, of a lot of seats that were held  
23 traditionally by one party over another.

24          And the way that this happens is voters, typically  
25 you get a lot more voting, more people come out in the

1 presidential election cycle, and fewer people come out in  
2 the off year, second year, the 2010.

3           So 2008 you have a lot more people voting. 2010  
4 you have a lot less people voting.

5           Unless, the people in 2008 who voted one way got  
6 angry about what happened in those two years, and it wasn't  
7 what they expected, and then they come out in huge numbers,  
8 again, not equal to a presidential election year, but more  
9 than they would normally come out.

10           And I think that is what we saw happen in the 2010  
11 election.

12           But how you have your data right now that you're  
13 looking at for competitiveness heavily weights the 2010  
14 election, basically making the mine inspector race equal to  
15 President Barack Obama.

16           You've equalized those two races, and you can see  
17 just by what they are that that couldn't possibly be true,  
18 either the number of people who voted for that race or how  
19 that voting happened.

20           And then you've also in the way the data is taken  
21 is you have the governor, the secretary of state, the  
22 attorney general, you have five -- or seven of those races  
23 in the 2010 election compared to only two races and made  
24 equal.

25           So you have nine races all equal, like the mine

1 inspector is equal to Barack Obama's race, and you can see  
2 that that doesn't make sense. That isn't even anywhere near  
3 equal.

4           So you've heavily weighted 2010 election, which  
5 would probably be considered by most people an outlier  
6 election, even across probably the whole country, that that  
7 was kind of a sweeping out election year.

8           So I would recommend that you either -- there's  
9 two ways to approach it to make it equal. Either make two  
10 races out of the 2010 election and two races in the 2008  
11 election and choose the governor and whatever you think is  
12 the next biggest race, attorney general or secretary of  
13 state, and make those two equal to the president and senate  
14 race.

15           And then two races from 2006 and two races from  
16 2004, because, again, when you average those, then you get  
17 that outlier effect minimized in the average.

18           That's just how the data works.

19           So I would suggest that you try to do that.

20           The voter registration information doesn't show  
21 turnout. However, it is a measure of how people see  
22 themselves in the electorate.

23           And so it is an important measurement tool that I  
24 think you should have in your information as you're looking  
25 at competitive districts.

1           The other thing is that communities of interest, I  
2 do believe, are the most important things.

3           But Commissioner McNulty said something that  
4 concerns me on communities of interest.

5           It was communities as I see them.

6           But I thought it was supposed to be communities of  
7 interest as the public sees them, as we see them, as we are  
8 telling the Commission how -- what our communities are like,  
9 not how just one person on the Commission might see a  
10 community.

11           And that I think is more fair and also you would  
12 agree is what Proposition 106 was about.

13           The other thing is that competitiveness and  
14 Proposition 106 said it was to be applied if it had no  
15 adverse effect on the other criteria, which automatically  
16 makes communities of interest to be applied first, and then  
17 to make sure that it's competitive if it has no adverse  
18 effect to the community.

19           But to split a community in half to make it  
20 competitive cannot be in agreement with Proposition 106.

21           And that's what I have to say today. Thank you  
22 very much.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24           Any other members of the public?

25           (No oral response.)

1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Given that, the only  
2 item left on the agenda is to adjourn.

3           So the time is 12:54 p.m., and this meeting is  
4 adjourned.

5           Thank you for coming.

6           (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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1 STATE OF ARIZONA            )  
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4                    BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceeding was  
5 taken before me, Marty Herder, a Certified Court Reporter,  
6 CCR No. 50162, State of Arizona; that the foregoing 136  
7 pages constitute a true and accurate transcript of all  
8 proceedings had upon the taking of said meeting, all done to  
9 the best of my skill and ability.

10                   DATED at Chandler, Arizona, this 7th day of  
11 October, 2011.

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C. Martin Herder, CCR  
Certified Court Reporter  
Certificate No. 50162

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