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1 PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 12:35 p.m. on
3 December 17, 2021, at the Kimpton Palomar Hotel, 2 East
4 Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the
5 following Commissioners:

6 Ms. Erika Neuberg, Chairperson
7 Mr. Derrick Watchman, Vice Chairman
8 Mr. David Mehl
9 Ms. Shereen Lerner
10 Mr. Douglas York

11 OTHERS PRESENT:

12 Mr. Brian Schmitt, Executive Director
13 Ms. Lori Van Haren, Deputy Director
14 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant
15 Mr. Alex Pena, Community Outreach Coordinator
16 Ms. Michelle Crank, Public Information Officer

17 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group
18 Mr. Brian Kingery, Timmons Group
19 Mr. Parker Bradshaw, Timmons Group
20 Mr. Randy Trott, Timmons Group
21 Mr. Doug Johnson, NDC
22 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, NDC

23 Mr. Roy Herrera, Ballard Spahr
24 Mr. Shawn Summers, Ballard Spahr
25 Mr. Eric Spencer, Snell & Wilmer
Mr. Brett Johnson, Snell & Wilmer

* Spanish interpreter present

P R O C E E D I N G

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3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: All right. Welcome,
4 everybody. Thank you. I hope everybody enjoyed their
5 lunch.

6 We are returning to Agenda Item VI I believe.

7 I can't find my agenda. Is it VI?

8 MS. NEUMANN: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Legislative map and we will
10 return to your deliberation.

11 I turn it over to my colleagues.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Commissioner Lerner, we had a
13 robust conversation about LD-4 and 1, perhaps we should go
14 to an area where we might have some consensus on and let's
15 go to the East Valley. And currently on this map, LD-9, 12,
16 and 13 are underpopulated; 14 and 10 are overpopulated --
17 not be much.

18 So I have a suggestion that I would like to move
19 the balance of 10 on the western border that is Val Vista
20 down to the bottom of -- to match 14.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: From 10?

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: From 10 into 9.

23 Brian, can you tell us how many people that is?

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That would go into 9?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

1 MR. KINGERY: One second.

2 Almost 14,000.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: There you go. That balances
4 almost within --

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So that would take 10 a
6 little bit short but it would help 9 almost perfectly.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, 10 could...

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 10 could pick up something
9 from somewhere else.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: On the east side maybe.
11 Let's --

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's just taking that one
13 from Apache Trail down to Baseline along Val Vista.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

15 I think the western boundary is Lindsay, I think.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think the western boundary is
18 Lindsay.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Correct, yeah.

20 I just want to --

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: I don't know --

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just want to take a minute.
23 This may be okay.

24 I just want to take a minute to look at the
25 neighborhoods real quick to see if they align nicely with 9,

1 but I think they do.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I think we're at the
3 point, you know, we've established such a record of
4 communities of interest driving, you know, the organization
5 of the districts. I do think this is the appropriate time
6 to be balancing the other criteria -- competitiveness,
7 compactness -- and bring all of that into the conversation.

8 Because -- again, I want to reiterate not at the
9 expense of a community of interest, iff we've reached a
10 point in deliberation where we feel that the higher needs of
11 the constitutional priorities have been honored and -- and
12 we are fine-tuning.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Commissioner York, I think
14 that would work, just taking a look. So thank you for that.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm interested in hearing a
16 little bit more debate about LD-13 and 14. I've been a huge
17 fan of that perfect little square but I've also heard some
18 conversation about minority communities, the Asian
19 community, Latino community; and if there's fine-tuning
20 around the edges here not substantively changing the East
21 Valley map, I would entertain some conversation about ways
22 to increase, you know, representation of communities of
23 interest without compromising all of the other factors that
24 I think we've deliberated quite well on.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Doug, can you tell us what the

1 Asian CVAP currently is for LD-13.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's 8 percent according to
3 that -- we have that as our table; is that correct?

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, exactly.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: So by looking at this chart,
6 that's our highest one, correct?

7 So that includes the Asian communities of Chandler
8 with Applebee in Glendale -- I mean Gilbert, Layton Lakes,
9 White Wing; am I correct?

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So if this is a going to be a
11 district that really encompasses an Asian voice, I want to
12 make sure the district serves them well. They are an
13 up-and-coming minority group, I think I've already shared I
14 believe they're over 4 percent of our population. And I
15 remember asking Doug Johnson very early on about the
16 progression of when a majority-minority district on the
17 legislative level may eventually take place.

18 It's premature, you know, the Asian community is
19 still spread out, you know, quite a bit in the East Valley
20 between Gilbert-Chandler-Mesa, but if we pick one district
21 that best encompasses this community of interest and helps
22 align them with other communities of interest like the
23 Latino community in this East Valley, I would like to again
24 fine-tune these lines to respect that community that I
25 believe in the future, in the next ten years, will be a

1 force, you know, and demanding political representation --
2 deserving political representation.

3 Now, I was under the assumption actually that the
4 Gilbert Consolidated map best served the Asian community,
5 but I was given different information.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I would disagree with
7 that.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, that's what I'm saying,
9 and so I think it's open to some legitimate debate about
10 what serves these communities.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I think the Gilbert map
12 did serve the community. I mean, we've got the highest CVAP
13 of any district, we've got quite a bit of Gilbert Asian
14 community in Chandler in CD-10 -- I mean CD-13, excuse me.

15 But currently right now CD-13 is underpopulated and
16 CD-14 is overpopulated and CD-12 is underpopulated, so we
17 have to figure out -- you know, we heard numerous times,
18 don't split up Gilbert, keep us in at least two districts.

19 We also heard, you know, we don't want to see the
20 thumb, I can't remember how many times we got lectured about
21 the thumb.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The panhandle.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The panhandle.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Whatever you want to call it.
25 The thing.

1 So we tried to eliminate most of that. I mean...

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I -- I know that there's a
3 significant Asian American population. If we were to just
4 take the area sort of between Country Club and the 101 and
5 head south, it goes through now three districts D9, D12 and
6 D13. So there -- I know it doesn't show up necessarily in
7 D9, but I know there's a lot of businesses there. There may
8 not be as much -- as many residents, but there's the -- in
9 fact, Mesa still has an Asian district along Dobson Road
10 that they've created.

11 So I agree and I think in the future it may be a
12 little bit more of a linear than it is right now. But I
13 would like to suggest for District 13 when we finished the
14 last time, we have a break between -- at Ray Road and that's
15 right in the heart of some of the oldest parts of Chandler
16 where there are Latino communities on both sides of Ray that
17 are really one; and if we could go just a little further
18 north to capture them into one community, I think basically
19 take -- if we could go to Warner that would be great, if we
20 go to the street right below Warner that I don't know the
21 name of -- Knox, that would also work, because it would just
22 bind those -- that community together that's right now
23 split.

24 And I -- I agree, I think -- I think in the future
25 we need to really look at some of where the Asian American

1 community -- I think that's going to be something that will
2 show up a lot in 12 and 13 in the future, but this would
3 combine at least this Latino community.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know,
5 Commissioner Lerner, I know you're looking at the
6 Democrat -- demographic density there so I don't mistrust
7 your lines, but in terms of my understanding just on a
8 personal level on CD-13, I believe it's about Arizona Avenue
9 right around Chandler where there's a major section of more
10 Latino minority communities. I mean, the marker that you
11 identified may be a better marker with the Asian
12 communities, I'm not sure it's the best marker for Latino.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I'm just looking at a
14 map that I have here that shows the Latino community and
15 maybe -- I don't know if you can pull that up, but that's
16 all I was looking at. I actually should pull up the Asian
17 American community, too.

18 But the one that I was talking about was just --
19 the demographics that I have is just for the Latino and
20 there's just these enclaves. But you're right, certainly
21 around Chandler that is a very high density area as part of
22 that.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: So you're talking about putting
24 that into 12?

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. I mean, I have other

1 small change -- these are just changes just for particular
2 groups to come together without making a significant change
3 in the district.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I want to say at minimum
5 right now this district is within competitive range and as
6 we've talked about, competitiveness is no panacea to address
7 minority, you know, interests, but I do feel comforted by a
8 competitive district that will be motivated to serve I
9 believe as many constituents as possible.

10 So I am bringing this issue to our attention. I do
11 not believe it needs to be the driving force behind our
12 decisions, provided that the Asian and Latino populations
13 within this district are well served within a reasonably
14 competitive environment that an elected official would be
15 motivated, you know, to listen and -- and take care of the
16 constituents.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: 12 is short, right?

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 12 and 13 are both short.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I just would like --

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: And 14 is overpopulated.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Um-hmm.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Correct.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: So Shereen, so if you take the
24 Hispanic community you're talking about along Ray Road and
25 you go down to Chandler Boulevard over to Arizona Avenue, is

1 that what you want to do?

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, it's already in
3 Chandler Boulevard, they're in District 13.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: 13, but 12's short, 13's short,
5 so we move --

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I don't want to move --

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- 12 into 13 and then we move
8 13 into 14.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That really starts to divide
10 up Chandler which we were trying to keep more whole, so that
11 would be my only concern.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: I don't think -- where's the
13 Chandler boundary?

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's -- well, you can see it,
15 it's -- it splits it more. I would rather see it move up.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: The eastern yellow line is the
17 Gilbert boundary.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The eastern.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: I wasn't -- Arizona Avenue is
20 not all the way -- I was going the other direction into 13.
21 I'm not going to take out of 12, they're already short.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, that's -- that was what
23 I was suggesting, what they were just showing.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: But then 12 is short another
25 20,000.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could you just -- is it
2 possible to show us, I mean, I know I'm looking at the
3 demographics because that's really what we're focusing on
4 here and I'm really even comfortable with just the Knox
5 area, but the demographics for that area for -- up to Knox.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Which demographics?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, there's a Latino
8 community that lives in that area that is now being split
9 based on the border of 13 and 12 and so that's really all I
10 was talking about.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: I understand, but you can't
12 move 13 up because 14 is long.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can you please highlight that
14 geographic area that you're talking about, the Latino
15 community, and I'd like to look at the density.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So the area would go -- it's
17 from -- really we could look at McQueen to Alma School to
18 Knox. And that's just the community, I don't want to --
19 there's other areas, but just to show you what I'm talking
20 about.

21 Actually you can see it on that map right there.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So is the green, the Latino
24 community?

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, you can see the scale up on

1 the top left. So the colors are a little hard to
2 differentiate but green is majority Latino by total
3 population we're looking at here.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And what is that blue line up
5 top? That's our current district?

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Those are both our districts.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Just want to confirm.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: So then now they're all --

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what I was talking
12 about.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: They're all in LD-13.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. Well, there's that
15 piece that's going up -- that's all I was talking about was
16 that piece right there. Because the Ray Road divide, it's
17 really a -- a community. It just happens that there's a
18 road in between, but -- so just that one part was the one I
19 was talking about, that's all.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's not that much.

21 Yeah, but then that goes against the con- -- that's
22 not very compact.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And -- and the people -- the
24 Latinos that would not be included, would be in LD -- is it
25 12?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I believe that would be a
3 climate that would be reasonably friendly to their, you
4 know, community of interest needs. I mean, are you
5 concerned that they would be marginalized or, you know, not
6 well represented? Because I don't believe that they'd be
7 put in a district where their needs would be ignored.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's true.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I mean, it's something to
10 consider.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's true.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Also --

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I mean, I -- go ahead. I'm
14 sorry.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: You're also going to be a little
16 bit trapped on a population standpoint because this -- this
17 move would make 12 shorter than it already is and it -- and
18 it doesn't have a lot of places to go; as opposed to 13, as
19 was discussed earlier, there's extra people in 14 you can
20 get to.

21 But 12 -- 12 and 9, you know, where the border is,
22 the city of Mesa border, you could take 12 back into Mesa or
23 12 and 8 can go up further into Tempe. But -- but other
24 than that you're kind of -- there's not a lot of places for
25 12 to go to make up the population.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is 13 still under and 14
2 still over?

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Correct.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

5 MR. D. JOHNSON: You could do this and then bring
6 12 into 13 down on the south edge but -- which is -- oh. Is
7 that tribal?

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, but she's still got to
9 get more population in 13 so you'd have to move it into --
10 more into Gilbert.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, you know, at one point
13 I had suggested shifting the population east to Lindsay.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: What's --

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But I don't know if that
16 was --

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: What's --

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: From between 13 and 14 when
19 we were talking about population balancing. This was
20 yesterday, I think. And we settled on -- I think we were
21 going to look and see how the population balanced using
22 this.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes, 13 and 14 we can balance
24 fairly straightforward because both of them are in Gilbert
25 and just straight Gilbert population into 12; it's a

1 challenge if we take population out of 12. There are places
2 it can go but it would go against your earlier directions,
3 so maybe we revisit those.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I will tell you, I
5 don't actually have an answer today or right this minute, so
6 can we -- would it be okay to table this one right now so we
7 can come back and take another look?

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Absolutely. I view this as
9 healthy deliberation and I too want to make sure if there
10 are minority communities that would be best served within --
11 I believe LD-12 and LD-13 will be hospitable and good homes
12 and I think we need to fine-tune that and we will do our
13 homework.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: So currently right now just --
16 Shereen, just so you know, Lindsay is one mile west of the
17 current boundary of LD-13.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: And it needs to go east to pick
20 up population to balance it, so just understand that.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Is there a piece you would
22 prefer for it to pick up?

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I mean, I don't know
24 what --

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl, can you

1 please speak up? The transcriptionist is trying to
2 record --

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, he asked if I had a
4 suggestion, I think all of us understand the issue, so I
5 mean --

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We'll go look at it.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: I can make a suggestion but
8 Shereen is trying to accommodate a minority neighborhood
9 which I don't think we can do unless we move 13 east, which
10 she's also trying not to do because she wants to move it
11 west, so it's a little bit of conundrum and until she has
12 more time I'm not going to make a suggestion.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. I -- I just pulled up
14 the Asian American population demographics to take a closer
15 look at that. So if we can -- I'll make a note of what you
16 said and then I'll take a closer look about that.

17 So D13, you're talking about taking D13 back east.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, you have to because you
19 can't really take it west because west is 12 and 12 is
20 unpopulated -- underpopulated.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. If you don't mind, I'd
22 like to take a look -- closer look at that but I've written
23 it down for future.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, to balance 13 and 14, as
25 Commissioner is saying, you can take 13 east and pick up a

1 little more of Gilbert; you can also take the -- the
2 northeast corner 13 north into Gilbert. Either way you're
3 picking up more Gilbert population.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think we have options in
6 this area that serve our communities of interest well where
7 we have the luxury of debating the finer points of the
8 constitutional criteria: Compactness, communities of
9 interest, competitiveness. I actually look forward to this
10 debate because that's one of the easier ones I think.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. Well, and just for all
12 of us to go on record, 13 does serve the Latino Coalition
13 well, it's right in the middle of it; it does serve the
14 Asian community well, it has the highest CVAP Asian
15 percentage of any legislative district we're currently
16 working on. And so from -- from -- from the Commission I
17 think we need to understand this is a good district.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: And it's competitive.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: And it's competitive.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Doug, can I ask you just to
21 tell us -- you mentioned that -- just so I have both to look
22 at. I've got Doug York's suggestion but can you clarify
23 your suggestion and tell us what that population would be as
24 well, just so we can compare the one that you just gave
25 about the northeast corner.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. So District 13 is 7,600
2 short and District 14 is 7,300 over, so together they almost
3 perfectly balance. Just 13 needs to pick up 7,600 or 7,500
4 from 14.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: So I would keep the north
6 border of Ray Road because that's the boundary of Gilbert
7 and I would just move it east to probably Greenfield and I
8 would take that south.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But I would like to -- Doug
10 Johnson had just made a comment about the northeast corner,
11 correct?

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: All I was saying is, yeah, you can
13 see that they share the border on the northeast side of 13
14 and on the east side of 13, and so 13 could go north into
15 Gilbert or east into Gilbert or both. Some -- some
16 combination of that territory.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I was curious about the north
18 piece that you were mentioning, I think it would go to the
19 border on the east side which would be Val Vista I assume,
20 and then it would take it from -- I just wanted to get a
21 sense of population and what the population looks like
22 there.

23 It would be -- it looks like it would take it from
24 that piece at Cooper and just go across to Val Vista, is
25 that what you were suggesting? I'm just trying to

1 understand.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: I didn't have a specific territory
3 suggestion, I was just saying somewhere along that border,
4 we need to find 7,600 people.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: From my standpoint the
6 suggestion I made along Ray Road over to the -- basically to
7 the 202 loop, is it then south -- Greenfield is on the east
8 side of the 202, straight down would be more compact or
9 geography-orientated.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, can we hold off on that
11 so I can just look at -- and just by population-wise just
12 for -- let me just pull this out, sorry.

13 Okay. Just from a population perspective so I have
14 a better understanding of that -- where that step goes down
15 and meets the border of 13 and 14, if you were to take that
16 over, it's kind of like a little panhandle that we have and
17 if you were to just take that over and basically -- so if
18 you were to pick that up at 13 and over to 14, I'm just
19 curious on the population size that's in that area, that's
20 what I thought you were mentioning.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: You talking about below Warner and
22 Ray?

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I think it's the first step
24 off Knox.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's the Warner to Ray -- or

1 not even -- doesn't -- yeah, Warner to Ray -- computers.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: But then that's --

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sorry.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, then you cross the
5 Chandler border into Gilbert, it looks a little manipulated,
6 the lower portion is already in Gilbert so you could
7 actually run straight across.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: As you're looking at those
9 details I want to emphasize something that -- can I just say
10 something?

11 Commissioner York, thank you for bringing back the
12 concept of compactness and contiguity. I mean, all things
13 being equal, if there are going to be political arguments I
14 just want to be transparent out there. I'm going to go back
15 to the Constitution and look for empirical, you know,
16 arguments of how to transcend partisan differences, and I
17 think the reason why compactness and contiguity is in the
18 Constitution is to compel us to reject some of the partisan
19 impulses. So as you're -- you're making these arguments, I
20 please ask you to keep compactness and contiguity in your
21 argument.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: Where's the historic district
23 of Gilbert?

24 MR. FLAHAN: Are you talking about the Heritage
25 District downtown?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Heritage, yeah, is that on
2 Gilbert Road?

3 MR. FLAHAN: That is Gilbert Road north of Elliot
4 between Elliot and Guadalupe.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: So that area we were just talking
7 about, this is the Warner down to Ray, it's twice as many
8 people as we're looking for, so it's 15,500.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Or 15,300.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'd like to just come -- if
12 we can come back to this, I think you've raised some really
13 good ideas, Commissioner York. I'd like to take a closer
14 look at them if that's okay.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Sure.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm not sure what that means
17 in terms of moving forward with decision-making. So when we
18 say further consideration --

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: So Brian, let's do this little
20 experiment in the spirit of -- so Higley -- or Ray Road is
21 the top of the Gilbert boundary, take that over to
22 Greenfield and go south until you hit a balance.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: The area from Ray down to the --
24 to the freeway?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

2 MR. KINGERY: Going into 13.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sorry, I'm having trouble. I
4 had to restart my computer.

5 Where -- I'm sorry, because I had to restart.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Brian is going to show it on the
7 screen here in just a second.

8 MR. FLAHAN: From here to there.

9 MR. KINGERY: Down to...

10 MR. FLAHAN: Down to where we hit population.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Everything in the freeway curve.

12 MR. FLAHAN: You want everything? Because
13 Greenfield is a little different, so. Everything that's
14 here?

15 So while grabbing that, Greenfield turns into
16 San Tan Village Parkway there, so if we go out to the
17 freeway there, that would be that little curve.

18 MR. KINGERY: 6,500.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: How much?

20 MR. KINGERY: 6,500.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: So if you came down to the
22 bottom of the curve which would be Mercy -- Mercer -- Mercy
23 Road.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Come down here right by the hospital.

25 It didn't change, it didn't add any.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, I would keep -- I would
2 square it up.

3 MR. FLAHAN: Keep going down?

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, no, square it up with --

5 MR. FLAHAN: Grab these over here.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- let's say Greenfield.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Grab that little block and get rid of
8 that one.

9 That is 7,176.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Perfect. That puts the temple
11 in LD-13.

12 Commissioner Neuberg, I don't know how you feel
13 about that.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can you repeat that and --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: It puts the Mormon temple in
16 LD-13. How do you feel about that? No, it puts the Mercy
17 Gilbert Hospital, I'm sorry.

18 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, I think the temple is still on
19 -- in District 14 right at that corner.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: You're right. Here it is.

21 MR. FLAHAN: Warner and Pecos.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: You're right. I'm sorry. So
23 that's about --

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It would be good to see the
25 boundaries of Gilbert in there as you're doing that because

1 I think that cuts into that and I'm trying to not -- I'm
2 doing my best to try to keep these things as close to --

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's in Gilbert.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- whole as possible. But
5 that would be a big cut into Gilbert, so I think...

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, no. Gilbert's already in
7 13.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry, I've been -- I was
10 mistaken.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Whatever 7,600 people you get from
12 anywhere along that border, it's all going to be Gilbert
13 people living there.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: There are communities of
15 interest in Gilbert and Commissioner York brings up the LDS
16 community. I think we need to consider all communities and
17 make sure that they are best, you know, in their districts.
18 Maybe LD-14 is a better fit.

19 If LD-13 is within competitive reason and there's
20 motivations for an elected leader to do right by all
21 constituents and there aren't inherent -- you know, when we
22 look at, you know, merging populations from my perspective
23 it's not just an issue of competitiveness, it's an issue of
24 are there fundamental incapacibilities. You know, I don't see
25 fundamental incompatibilities but having said that, I have

1 no doubt that I think that they'd be a little bit more
2 represented in LD-14.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah. So the Mormon community
4 is still in LD-14. That little top right-hand corner of
5 LD-13 probably does the least amount to change the current
6 competitiveness of LD-13.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So that's just -- it's
8 basically going across Ray and along the 202 --

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- that you're talking about.
11 Does it take any other piece out? Like it has a --

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Not really.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- that shopping area is
14 San Tan Village, so that's in there.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct. There's apartments in
16 there, Mercy Gilbert Hospital.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And where's the temple again?
18 That's still in 14, right?

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Just in terms of leading the
21 conversation as I'm thinking through all of these decisions,
22 my hope at the end of the day is that it's balanced from a
23 population perspective so that when we reconvene we can be
24 fine-tuning. If we create, you know, ideas that are
25 fundamentally imbalanced, I think that leaves too many areas

1 to come back and redeliberate. So please let's just keep in
2 mind the fine-tuning that we're doing that is consistent
3 with our responsibility to balance the population.

4 That is, in essence, one of the first
5 constitutional criteria: Equal population.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm open to this idea, I just
7 would like to maybe think -- I'm looking at some of the
8 demographics and that's kind of where I'm -- that's why I'm
9 taking a few moments, but I think it's an interesting
10 concept that would probably be the least disruptive in many
11 ways, so if I can just take a moment to look at that or if
12 we wanted --

13 MR. FLAHAN: So it's on the screen there is taking
14 Ray Road over to the freeway, following the freeway and then
15 cutting back over on Greenfield when it goes back
16 east-south, and that takes it down to Germann. That is a
17 population change of 7,633.

18 And that would leave the temple in District 14. It
19 would be right on the corner.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could we -- would it be
21 possible to just use the 202? It's a natural boundary
22 there.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: We'd have to pick up 7,600
24 folks to balance.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: How many people would it be

1 without that bottom piece? Because that would also leave
2 Gilbert, the -- the medical center, there's a lot of medical
3 facilities over in that area.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: It would be 60 -- just short of
5 6,600, so each district would be off by about a thousand
6 people.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. But would -- it would
8 get us closer.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Much closer.

10 MR. FLAHAN: 6,578.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I mean I think, just
12 looking at the demographics in there, the -- at least the
13 part north of the 202 going up to Ray Road, just to follow
14 that along could work as a population balance; and also, I
15 think that the communities there could align nicely with
16 District 13.

17 And actually if you look at -- so at the section
18 along -- I'm saying Toledo Street, but I think that's a
19 continuous -- we'd basically be aligning that -- those --
20 that street. I mean, otherwise we'd be cutting it almost
21 right in the middle. So I think the north of the 202 would
22 work.

23 And I think it's a whole complex just looking at
24 the way it's laid out, whether it's apartments or whatever,
25 but...

1 So I'd be good with north of the 202. That would
2 get us pretty close and then we can kind of fine-tune and
3 that would be a good population shift and I think it
4 meets -- and I think these communities have a lot in common.

5 MR. FLAHAN: So are you talking about the part
6 that's highlighted blue here on the screen?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Is that a consensus? Do you
9 want us to add that?

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We're okay to take a look at
11 it, we're not positive about it but we're good to try it.

12 MR. FLAHAN: All right. Got it.

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Let's try it.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: We've got consensus on the LDs.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I've got just a couple more on
16 the LDs.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, we don't know where the
18 Latino 24 and 26 go, so I don't know if we can make any more
19 changes in the central area.

20 We did have a request that I'd like to consider and
21 maybe you can show us on LD-23. We'd like to move the
22 little town of Liberty into 25.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And why would we do that?

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I didn't hear what you said.
25 Can you repeat that, please?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's along the river there in
2 Buckeye and Goodyear, there's a little community of Liberty.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: That we'd like to move out of
5 23 and into 25, and I don't know where it is.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can -- do you have more specifics
7 on where Liberty is?

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think it's...

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: What kind of community is
10 that?

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We're understanding --

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Farming community, they would
13 like to vote with Buckeye.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. And do you know -- you
15 don't know exactly where it is?

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No. We were inundated with
17 messages from Liberty during lunch, so Liberty wouldn't let
18 our lunch alone. And it sounds like it would be a better
19 fit with 25, it should -- this actually shouldn't be a
20 controversial one.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's not that it's
22 controversial, I'm just asking information --

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I don't know where it is.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I don't know -- I don't know
25 where it is. I don't know what the population is.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's over there on the border
2 somewhere.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Along State Route 55.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Mark has -- Mark has found it
5 online.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Where it's at?

7 MR. FLAHAN: So where the cursor is right now is
8 Liberty High School. It's basically Jack Rabbit and
9 U.S. 85.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So isn't it already in 25?

11 MR. FLAHAN: Or Maricopa -- sorry, Maricopa County
12 85.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, we redrew 23.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, what is it in terms of
15 its current -- with the new district boundaries?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: And yeah, that was the noise so
17 I don't...

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Well, we may not
19 exactly know -- I mean, that's something --

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We would like you to look up
21 what the community of Liberty is and move it.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. And just so you know, so
23 this is eastern Buckeye. So this is -- it may not be
24 incorporated but it's surrounded by Buckeye.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I guess we just will need

1 to know the information on the population and the
2 demographics and all that.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, they would like to be
4 with Buckeye --

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I don't care.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- so we could work on it. I
7 don't think there's a lot of population there.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just to see. It's not
9 like --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Let's -- can we review the
11 consensus stuff so that Mapping understands.

12 MR. FLAHAN: Do we have consensus on Liberty going
13 to D25?

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I just -- we need to --
15 I'm not saying we have any problem with it, we just need to
16 know where it is and all of that information so we can look
17 at it again when we --

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think she'll at least let us
19 make that change on the map and she can argue back against
20 it if she doesn't like it.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, I think at this point,
22 we -- I mean, it's not just a big population. Let's just
23 have a consensus, put them where they want to be and we can
24 sweat that later.

25 And -- and I'd like to say, I mean, as we're

1 debating this, these are wonderful conversations. I hope
2 that we save sufficient time and we will -- we will do
3 whatever is necessary for the quality of the maps on Monday,
4 Tuesday and Wednesday to debate these very finer points. I
5 love it when we have arguments about these kinds of
6 communities.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Shereen, we also had some
8 feedback that -- Doug Johnson's suggestion along the 20 --
9 303 with 29 and 25 made sense, which was basically to move
10 the population south of Bell into 29 -- into 25 and then
11 take the population north of Bell along the 60 into 20 --
12 crap -- what was your suggestion, Doug?

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just -- and before going to that,
14 Just real quick. If the folks from Liberty are listening,
15 my guess is, is that the north boundary is probably the
16 railroad that you can see there and then the south would be
17 the canal and then -- if I had to wild guess, the western
18 border is probably Dean Road and in there is a total of 630
19 people.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just didn't know where it
21 was.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. I'm saying this out loud so
23 hopefully they will inundate your e-mail with it.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We'll get corrected if we need
25 to be.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah. And just my point is
2 if we as Commissioners get, like, a reasonable map, let's
3 say on Tuesday, then on Wednesday we can argue about these,
4 like, very minute communities that are not exactly perfect.

5 Just keeping my eyes on the time frame.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Doug, can you review the
7 changes you suggested along Bell Road?

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Are you talking about the --
9 Surprise?

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so if we go up to Surprise.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you say which districts
13 you're in as you're going through those, that will be
14 helpful. Thank you.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, this is the border of 25 and
16 29. This is going back to the discussion earlier today
17 about the far north extension of 25, and so that area
18 highlighted in Surprise there that's in 25 and the green
19 part that's west and north of that we talked about is 28,000
20 people; and -- and that could come out of 25 and be balanced
21 by taking District 29 west of 303 and that -- which is also
22 28,000.

23 Now, we'll have a challenge -- we can put -- we can
24 have 29 come up and pick that northern Surprise area up
25 which will be putting it with the rest of Surprise. It'll

1 look a little odd but it would make sense; or trying to
2 rotate that 328, but 25 would balance.

3 So the top of 25 would come out of 25 and then
4 south of Bell west of 303 would go from 29 into 25 to
5 balance it.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Let's do that and we'll look at
7 it from there.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: You all right with that,
9 Shereen?

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's fine with me.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. And so for now just for
12 simplicity, my suggestion would be let's just put that
13 northern area into 29 and later on if we want to move to 28
14 we can.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah. Yep.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I mean, I think at this
18 point there are other changes that I know we -- we still
19 want to make but maybe we can just hold those and look at
20 what happens when we see the demographics.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. I was going to
22 review -- so we had consensus on the Westbrook Village
23 change?

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yep.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: We had consensus taking 16th
2 Street down to Campbell in D4 and the Pointe.

3 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah. And north to Northern.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. We had consensus in D9
5 and 10.

6 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah. Main Street to Val Vista down
7 to Baseline.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

9 And I think that was it.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And then we also had
11 consensus on D13 and that corner that we were going to do,
12 right?

13 MR. FLAHAN: Right. Ray Road to 202 south of the
14 freeway goes into D13 which Brian has on there --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

16 MR. FLAHAN: -- which is 6,500 people.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

18 MR. FLAHAN: And then we had the change that Doug
19 Johnson just suggested.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, and the Latino --

21 MR. FLAHAN: And the Latino districts, yes, and
22 that is -- Latino Districts 1, 4, 7, 6 and 5 which goes into
23 draft map Districts 11, 22, 26, 24, 23.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's a lot of good...

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: There will be some balancing we
2 need to do in southern Arizona but it might be better to
3 wait and look at what happened with D23, which I'm really
4 not sure what happens with it when we draw all of this
5 and -- unless, Commissioner Lerner, you'd have anything you
6 want to do?

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, you know how I feel
8 about some of southern Arizona, but I don't know if we want
9 to move on to congressional now and take a look at what the
10 impact of these changes are and then -- we have -- I mean,
11 southern Arizona might take a little bit of time as well.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It won't take much time.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, you know what, if there
14 are going to be substantive changes, now is the time.

15 You know, I'm really hoping and I think we all feel
16 this way, that when we reconvene we have a template to
17 fine-tune and not deliberate large issues.

18 So we can punt the smaller decisions where we need
19 to maybe learn more or -- or consider, you know, alternative
20 perspectives; but if there's something substantive you want,
21 now is the time to -- to put it out there.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay. Then I'll take a stab at
24 a few.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can I --

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just as a quick consensus,
2 did we get -- I just want to check on the District 4
3 changes, can you just repeat what you had on that and then
4 I'll let you go, Commissioner Mehl.

5 MR. FLAHAN: Sure. Brian, can you put up
6 District 4.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just for the District 4 that
8 we had talked about, I just want to clarify what exactly
9 we -- where we ended.

10 MR. FLAHAN: So District -- District 4 would go
11 west on Camelback to 16th Street and then it would go north
12 to 16th Street all the way up to Northern and then it would
13 follow Northern back to State Route 51.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

15 MR. FLAHAN: And I think that would incorporate a
16 resort that Commissioner York was discussing.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, the Pointe.

18 MR. FLAHAN: The Pointe.

19 So basically move that -- that western edge over
20 one major block to 16th Street and Brian is sort of
21 highlighting it on the screen right now.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

23 MR. FLAHAN: So that yellow piece would go into
24 District 4.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I just wanted to

1 clarify. Thank you.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: And clarification on the Latino
3 Coalition districts, when we mention District 5 we're only
4 talking about the Maricopa boundaries of 5 right here. If
5 there's changes down south we're not incorporating those at
6 that point?

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Correct.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

9 MR. FLAHAN: Oh good -- Good catch.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay. So for Pinal County,
11 District 16 is -- is short and District 7 is a bit long, so
12 Florence can be a balance where District 16 can pick up more
13 of Florence or all of Florence and D7 would give that up and
14 I think you can get at least reasonably within balance by
15 doing that. Not exactly, but much better than it is right
16 now.

17 A similar -- purely for balancing as the
18 District 18's over and 17 is under so at the very southeast
19 corner of District 18...

20 MR. KINGERY: Hold on one second.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: So Commissioner, just -- so
22 Florence is 26, almost 27,000 people.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Then I would just take a little
24 bit of it.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think it fits community-wise
2 and all other ways either way and we need to balance some
3 places. The southeast corner of 18 where it borders 17, 18
4 is over 8,000, 17 is under 2,000 so if you take 3- or 4,000
5 people here, we'd at least get both of them back within a
6 reasonable range.

7 And I would stay east of that Pantano wash and look
8 at some of the neighborhoods here. The -- right south of
9 22nd, instead of cutting on a major road we're cutting
10 through a couple neighborhoods, so I would clean that up
11 first and then -- and then just do whatever looks rational
12 just to take 3- or 4,000 people from the one to the other.

13 And I'd stay east of Pantano wash. So you've got
14 some of the stuff -- yeah, get rid of that stuff.

15 MR. FLAHAN: That curve is the wash.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And those are shifting --
17 shifting --

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: From 15 to 17.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 15 to 17.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It will make 17 a little more
21 competitive I assume, but it won't have -- it's not enough
22 people to make much of a difference.

23 MR. FLAHAN: And the highlighted area there is
24 2,274.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Is how much?

1 MR. FLAHAN: 2,274.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would take that and then if
3 you go -- and it will jump slightly, but go up to 22nd
4 Street there with your cursor in the -- in that corner -- in
5 the corner of 18 on 22nd -- yeah, right in that corner.
6 There's some funny splits on a neighborhood, so I would -- I
7 would just clean that up.

8 MR. FLAHAN: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And -- and then maybe square
10 that out a little bit where you clean up that -- where 22nd
11 drops -- where it goes east-west on 22nd and then drops
12 down, that drop down is not on a street, it's through
13 neighborhoods.

14 MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha.

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So I would clean that up first.
16 I just happened to notice that the other day.

17 Where most of the lines are through at least
18 streets and things, but I would -- I would look to take 3-
19 or 4,000 people from 18 to 17 and no magic in there.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is there -- so 17 was down
21 about 2 and 18 was up about 8,000?

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah. So if you take -- if you
23 take 4,000, then you'd be up 2 in 17 and up 4 in 18, at
24 least that's within --

25 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: That's 30.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- within ranges for the moment
2 I think.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So as a thought for 17. What
4 about moving Vail over into 19, that block?

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's already been moved.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, was it moved?

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, I've already conceded on
8 that one a while ago.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I wasn't happy about it but I
11 conceded it.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I do want to reiterate I
13 think my Republican colleagues don't get enough credit for
14 all of their concessions.

15 I think all of our Commissioners have been
16 remarkably collegial and, you know, focused on compromise.
17 So thank you.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: So -- Commissioner Mehl, just what
19 is highlighted on the screen there, those four areas in
20 blue.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Hm-mm.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Is 5,200 so it's going to be too
23 many.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: So we can take about 3,000 but

1 we're probably going to end up still in the middle of a
2 neighborhood unfortunately.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Well, can't you just do that
4 top piece and then take -- and back off somewhere elsewhere
5 where you're at least staying on streets and not through a
6 neighborhood?

7 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, the one road, you can kind
8 of see the curvy Camino Seco Road.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Camino Seco, yeah.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Would that make sense to use as a
11 border?

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Where is that?

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: If you see where it says Rolling
14 Hills Country Club Estates?

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Camino Seco is the curvy road
17 going right through the word "Hills."

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Sure.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: But then we -- so that's going to
20 end up being the too many people, but we can take up a
21 thousand people somewhere else along the border into 18 to
22 offset that.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'd rather just to do it right
24 here and just do it once.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And if we can't clean up that
2 one neighborhood, it's probably not the only neighborhood in
3 the state that will --

4 MR. FLAHAN: Give us a second.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- be mad at me.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: They're looking to see where they
7 can...

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know, Commissioner Mehl,
9 you spoke about Vail and -- and we have made a change in our
10 map moving Vail. I want to make sure that just consistent
11 with our priorities, is Vail being -- you know, in my view,
12 moving it to LD-17, they will still be served well in terms
13 of communities of interest political cohesion. Is that in
14 your belief as well?

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It is. I think that they would
16 prefer to be in 17 but I think that they are reasonably
17 compatible. They're very compatible with 19 also and
18 they've been there before, and I think it would be a fine...

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

20 MR. FLAHAN: If we clean up the top community and
21 bring in that bottom part on the wash, that is 3,477.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: But you've got a weird piece
23 coming through.

24 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Get rid of it. How much is
25 that? Three blocks.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We'll just let you play with
2 that. So that's all a compatible area it's whatever works
3 better line-wise to move 3- to 4,000 people.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: We'll do the best we can.

5 MR. FLAHAN: How much is that -- that's not...

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We are done on the LDs as far
7 as I know.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I want to make one other
9 point in the, you know, in our map. I believe the Latino
10 Coalition had a suggestion on one of the LDs, I believe it's
11 LD-21, to have a finger to go into Douglas, they felt that
12 there was a population on that southern border of LD-19 that
13 would be better captured within LD-21. I know it's not
14 compact, I know it's not contiguous, but it is something
15 that I think that is worthy of some discussion, that if it
16 doesn't cause any harm to any other communities of interest
17 and it does empower a, you know, minority community, and if
18 the only detriment is a little bit of compactness, it's
19 something that I believe we ought to at least consider.

20 And to look at it you would need to go back to one
21 of the Latino Coalition's submissions.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Now, interestingly, they didn't
23 ask for that on the congressional map and we do have a
24 population. I don't have a strong feeling against it but
25 we -- 19 is already a little short of population, if you did

1 that you might want to take eastern Santa Cruz east from 21
2 into 19 which would make some people happy and some not, but
3 I think you may need to balance something if you do the
4 Bisbee connection.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And we probably want to go
6 back to them because I think in this latest one that they
7 just submitted, 4.0 I think, I mean, I actually think it's
8 something that they've been wanting all along so I -- but I
9 know that they didn't put it in this -- I don't think -- can
10 you show us what they submitted? I'm not sure why. It
11 would be interesting to talk to them and I haven't, to find
12 out why they dropped that in this one.

13 But I do think it is something we should be
14 considering because I agree, Chairwoman, that this has been
15 a concern and community of interest connection.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I believe that this is a
17 smaller point. I do not believe this is a major focus of
18 the Latino Coalition but we're at the point of fine-tuning
19 and this is at the point where if you can accommodate
20 communities and better empower them and it is not at any
21 detriment to other communities of interest, that I think
22 should be part of our dialogue.

23 And we can look at -- this is a small issue and we
24 can I believe study this over the weekend, but it is
25 something that I'm open to, providing, as Commissioner Mehl

1 alludes to, that the proper population balance and not
2 interrupting the conceptual flow of -- of the entire map.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: I would note just to the point
4 from a moment ago, the D3 in there in the Coalition 4.0 is
5 identical to D3 in our map, so I believe they just kept what
6 was in our map and weren't making a policy change I would
7 presume.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I -- you know, Chairwoman, I
9 wonder if we want to try -- we can always return back to
10 this, but I wonder if we want to try taking that whole --
11 that arm which I think was really important to them at one
12 point, I don't know why it's not in this one, and then using
13 Commissioner Mehl's suggestion of taking a corner. Even
14 though I'm a big one for keeping Santa Cruz whole --

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Then let's take eastern
16 Santa Cruz into 19 and take Bisbee into --

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Could be a compromise.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL -- into 21.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Whoa, whoa, whoa. This gets us
20 back to my argument or my discussion point around the
21 coalition. I'm not sure it's a coalition of interest around
22 the Hispanic community as it is more of a coalition around
23 competitiveness and so --

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, no.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- I get frustrated with the

1 constant changes. They haven't been consistent on any of
2 their maps, and I think we need to state that to the public
3 that it -- they continually move their boundaries to satisfy
4 their needs, and so from my standpoint I'm frustrated with
5 this decision.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: They were -- they had this
7 drawing in until they felt that it wasn't being accepted by
8 us. They removed that arm --

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's to accommodate other areas
10 to --

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- tail, whatever you want --

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- to tailor other areas to
13 their needs and then --

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, they removed that
15 because --

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm going to overrule my -- I'm
17 going to overrule my close friend, Commissioner York.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: I just think the public needs
19 to understand that this -- this coalition in theory for the
20 VRA that we continue to support and adopt and adjust our
21 maps to and be -- be inclusive with, continues to change
22 their boundaries and we need to understand that and so I'm
23 frustrated with their input.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And given that, we will move
25 Bisbee into 21 and eastern Santa Cruz into 19.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just -- just to be sure I
2 understand, so we're talking about the Bisbee piece, not all
3 the way to Douglas?

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That's too crazy.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You know, I appreciate the
6 humor and, you know --

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's not humor, it's reality.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You're not humorous, but the
9 rest of us are.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's reality, my God. Nobody
11 else has made all these changes.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I just clarify that,
13 though, they heard from us that these changes -- if we had
14 given them to them in the first place, they wouldn't have
15 been making the changes.

16 What happened was they heard from the Commission
17 that it wasn't receptive to this so they did make changes.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: We did it.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I know, I'm just clarifying
20 what Commissioner York said.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: But I think the public needs to
22 understand the frustration.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just want to clarify that
24 because -- because I don't want it to be from the public's
25 perception that they're just randomly changing their

1 districts, that's not what's going on. They're making
2 changes based on feedback that they're receiving from the
3 Commission. Those changes are still taking the Latino
4 population into consideration, not pure partisanship. It's
5 looking at their community. And I just want to be clear
6 that there are changes but there's a reason for them.
7 That's all.

8 And whether we do that now, maybe -- maybe the best
9 thing to do is as the Chairwoman said, let's come back to
10 that, but I'm -- I'm very open to looking at the compromise
11 that we heard.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: This is a small issue. I
13 like Commissioner Mehl's suggestion. I understand
14 Commissioner York's frustration. I also, you know, agree
15 with Commissioner Lerner's perspective on this and I think
16 that we are -- we have been consistent in allowing the
17 little fingers, the little thumbs; we have been consistent
18 with allowing a little bit of deviation from compactness for
19 the sake of honoring the very essence of what our job is.

20 One-person, one-vote, 14th Amendment. And so I'm
21 open to this within reason, again provided that it does not
22 cause significant detriment to other communities of interest
23 and -- and with my Republican colleagues arguing about a
24 finger, you know, they -- they maybe want to be a little
25 open to some deviation from compactness and fingers on other

1 arguments. So let's just be consistent.

2 MR. FLAHAN: Can -- can Mapping confirm what we
3 just heard about the -- the finger, just make sure that we a
4 hundred percent understand exactly --

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Let's keep it.

6 MR. FLAHAN: -- what you guys are asking about
7 here.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: That's on the CD map.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We're on the LD maps.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: He knows. We just want to confirm
11 the finger --

12 MR. FLAHAN: On screen I'm showing LD 12.0.1, which
13 I believe is the last map version that we've drawn to
14 include that portion to get Bisbee.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: But that also includes Douglas.

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But that includes Douglas which
17 goes too far.

18 MR. FLAHAN: You guys want to cut it off at Bisbee?
19 That's what I want to confirm.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

21 MR. FLAHAN: And you want to split Santa Cruz
22 County, is that what I also heard?

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes. And it's a diagonal split
24 where you take the northeastern portion of the county that's
25 on the other side of the map.

1 MR. FLAHAN: Like we've done before in a previous
2 iteration?

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes, there is an iteration
4 that's split. The way it was split in a previous iteration
5 would be the way to split it.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It was probably the way they
7 put it in, right, the coalition?

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I don't know that that had
9 anything to do with the coalition but there is a map where
10 we had split eastern Santa Cruz.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: This is geography. It's a
12 significant mountain range.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: That actually brings that up -- so
14 there is a question. The northeast obviously in all the
15 iterations where Santa Cruz is divided is put into 19, some
16 of them take the freeway corridor into 19, some stop before
17 that.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No, don't take the freeway.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No.

20 MR. D. JOHNSON: Use the one that gets --

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Do not take the freeway
22 corridor, just take the...

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: What you've drawn right there.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just the -- it's just the
25 diagonal. I'm -- I mean, again, I'm all for -- I was trying

1 to keep Santa Cruz whole but let's take a look at what
2 happens with this. And that would include --

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's just geography right
4 there.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Wait. Wait.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, stay away from --

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: One at a time. One at a
8 time --

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Stay away from the 17.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- please, for the
11 transcriptionist.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: This would include Sonoita
13 and Elgin going into 19.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what we're talking
18 about.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: There's no population there.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes. Yeah, it would not
21 include Tubac or the other...

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Tumacacori.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah. Up the other stretch of
24 the 17, it would not include that.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: What about Patagonia?

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Patagonia, would probably
3 also go into 19.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Good dove hunting in Patagonia.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm not sure really where the
8 Patagonia border -- what the Patagonia border would be
9 considered, but it --

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: There's a population there.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes, Patagonia would go in --

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Population on the north side.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: -- Patagonia would go in the
14 19, yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: They fit very well with the
16 wine country.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. That will be Sonoita.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Wine and duck hunting, that sounds
19 dangerous.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Dove. Dove. No water.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: There was a little town just west
22 of Patagonia called Alto.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Elgin?

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: No.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Alto.

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's a tiny, tiny thing.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes, that goes into 19.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Just for the public, if you
6 ever get a chance to go to southern Arizona, this particular
7 town is gorgeous. The average elevation is almost 3,000
8 feet, it's beautiful grasslands, nice wine country, and very
9 rural. Strongly recommend it and I live in Paradise Valley.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And Nogales is so beautiful.
11 When we visited there and had our hearing I was shocked just
12 at how gorgeous it was and the beautiful hiking and the
13 moderate temperatures, if we want to do a PR announcement
14 for our state.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I agree completely.

17 See, we can all agree on that region being
18 beautiful.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah. Gorgeous.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Anything else on the
21 LDs? We've made a remarkable amount of progress in a
22 collegial way.

23 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah, Madam Chair. Okay, one
24 more -- go ahead, Shereen.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm going to hold it for this

1 time but I -- and I do think -- because I do think we made a
2 lot of progress, but I would like to at some point revisit
3 especially District 16 and 17, portions of those, to talk
4 about how they are not compact in a great way right now and
5 I think we need to take a closer look at those, how we can
6 make them a little bit more compact and align communities of
7 interest, but I'm going to hold off on that right now.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I would like --

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: And I would argue we also need
10 to look at the White Mountains and figure out how to maybe
11 if there's a way to not have that piece so thumbby.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Commissioner Watchman was
13 about to say something when I...

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah.

15 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: The only thing, Madam Chair,
16 the Pascua Yaqui tribe, I think I -- I don't know if I see
17 it here, I know we -- I suggested we move it from 23 into 20
18 and -- in one of the previous versions, so I'm not sure if
19 this 13.1 reflects that change.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can we please highlight that?

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Highlight the Pascua Yaqui.
22 I just want to make sure it's in 20 and not 23. I know I
23 talked about that.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: In this map they're in 23.

25 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay. Okay. I think if I

1 recall, the tribe did make a request to -- to reposition so
2 that they're in 20 and not 23.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: How -- how many people would
4 that be?

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I think the reservation --
6 the tribe is about 3,800. I think we -- in order to make it
7 work, there's about 6,000.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And District 20 is over 4,600
9 right now.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So where would we -- what would
12 we take out of 20 and where would it go?

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: That's a good question.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you show us that's where
15 they are, because we can probably...

16 MR. KINGERY: Roughly 6,800 with what's highlighted
17 on the screen right now.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So 20 --

19 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Half of that is the
20 reservation, right, but in order to move the other half it's
21 nonreservation community.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, you've got to connect --

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And what's the population
24 that's in that particular area again, 3,000 you said?

25 MR. KINGERY: So to connect them, let's see, around

1 8,000.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 8,000?

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And that's why it's difficult.
4 They're in 23 with other Native American and there is no
5 other Native Americans in 20.

6 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Right. But we just got a
7 call from Liberty and so Liberty --

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: I appreciate that,
9 Commissioner Watchman. We also need to see what the new
10 Latino Coalition suggestion is for 23 and 4, so we can look
11 at that first.

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I'm just conveying what this
13 tribe has been asking for, similar to what we've been doing
14 earlier, so it's a very simple request.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Liberty was 600 people, so.

16 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yeah, but it's community, so.
17 You know, we asked about the size of the population later.

18 But the community asked, so this community is
19 asking, so.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you, Vice Chair
21 Watchman. It's an important point and this is the time
22 where we want to consider all of the small communities.

23 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Correct.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think an important point
25 was raised that regardless of whether, you know, it was go

1 to 20 or -- is that 23 or 22?

2 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: 23.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It will be -- it will be a
4 politically cohesive district in which there are shared
5 minority views and we've heard consistently those shared
6 community of interest political needs from Latinos,
7 Native Americans, Asians, and so as I look for maximizing
8 everybody's representation, I also consider whether a
9 community would be marginalized and I do think that it's
10 important to note that I don't think they'd be marginalized.
11 Having said that, if we can make it happen with population I
12 think it would be remarkable.

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Well, I think they -- I think
14 they sent us some information, they have six different
15 geographical locations and so maybe their request is to see
16 if they can be in the same district with those pockets of
17 land that they have in Tucson. I think they have two other
18 locations in Tucson.

19 And so being in the same district is what I think
20 is their intention on this. But I understand what you're
21 saying, Madam Chair, in terms of grouping and having like,
22 for example, the Pascua Yaqui in 23, which would keep them
23 with the Tohono O'odham and the Quechan and the Cocopah.

24 But, you know, since we're talking about changes,
25 this community just reached out and made this suggestion so

1 I'm throwing that out for discussion. Yes, we're dealing
2 with -- was it 6,000 people, but...

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would suggest that we be
4 aware of this and defer it until we see what really has
5 happened with 23 and I would invite you, Commissioner
6 Watchman, then to look at 23 and 20 and give us a suggestion
7 that includes putting them in but what you would then to do
8 make it work.

9 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Got it. I just got this, so.
10 I know you guys were scrambling to do Liberty at lunch and
11 so I'm sitting here thinking of how to deal with this
12 community of interest in the Tucson area which happens to be
13 a tribe. So thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And regarding --
15 Commissioner Lerner, again I want to reiterate if there are
16 going to be big changes that are going to be recommended,
17 please do it now.

18 You know, I think by the time we reconvene we're
19 going to be wanting to, you know, fine-tune and hone all six
20 constitutional criteria. So I'm not saying we're going to
21 decide today but if there are major issues we need to
22 reflect on, this is the sweet spot to allow us the time to
23 research.

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: True.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So -- so my concern

1 about 16 is just how far it extends and how it kind of goes
2 around communities and reaches into Tucson in the way it
3 does.

4 I can see an I-10 corridor that could go into this
5 area but -- and then it wouldn't have to do that arm that
6 goes around and that's -- that's where -- that's where the
7 concern is.

8 I know that at this point you, Commissioner Mehl,
9 you asked for a change in 16 and 7, that was to put Florence
10 in 16.

11 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is that correct?

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And if you want to put more of
14 Florence into 16 and pull 16 out of here a little bit, I'd
15 be fine with that, but I'm not sure what happens with 23,
16 20, 21 and 22 if you do that.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That happens with which ones
18 did you say? 20 -- which districts did you say?

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So --

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Florence now is moved into --

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: To be real direct, the boundary
22 of 17 is really important to me and it's a great boundary
23 that we have, so I don't want to mess with the northern
24 boundary of 17. So if you want to pull 16 out of Tucson
25 some, I don't have any problem with that but it's down there

1 because of population.

2 If -- if it turns out that 7 could give up a little
3 more of Florence and 16 could -- could come out of Tucson a
4 little bit, I think that would be good but I'm not sure that
5 it all works.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is Florence divided in what
7 you did?

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Florence is divided with what
9 we've done, yes.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, so it would be nice to
11 put it whole either way. A small town shouldn't be divided.
12 I don't know what that does to District 7, but it would be
13 nice if we could get all of Florence in because there's also
14 a connection between Coolidge and that might allow things to
15 modify a little.

16 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Florence into 16, I would be
17 happy with if we can make it work; and pulling 16 a little
18 bit out of Pima County, I would be happy with if we can make
19 it work.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So let's --

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: The challenge is, Florence is
22 27,000 people.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. You know what, I'm
24 going to hold off on all of that at this point and let us
25 move. I think we were going to go to the north? Is that --

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I just -- I don't -- we
2 don't have to solve that today.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I'll just mention that --

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I'll just hold off
5 on -- let's just hold off on 16 at this point.

6 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And then just, Chairwoman,
7 you've asked us to at least put things on record. I'm
8 really hoping we can find a compromise in the White
9 Mountains, something different than this map, but I'm not
10 going to try to tinker with it today.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I would actually recommend
12 that we not tackle 6, 7, 8. You know, I have some calls
13 tomorrow, I think we've given it sufficient deliberation.
14 We're giving it great consideration and I would like to look
15 at options where we can least minimize the marginalization
16 of communities all across the board by doing right by the
17 Native American communities in the primaries. It's a
18 legitimate concern and let's figure out a solution. I'm
19 still optimistic that -- that maybe we don't have to make
20 too many compromises.

21 But we'll -- we'll see. I think we need to defer
22 on that. At least, I mean, you're welcome to debate, but
23 I'm not willing to weigh in.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Totally good --

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, we'll wait to get your

1 information.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- I think we're --

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can I --

4 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: More research is needed,
5 Madam Chair. You're right.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Can I get clarification on 4? And
7 so earlier there's been discussion on taking enough of it to
8 balance, should we just leave it as-is for now or do we want
9 to take a piece of it to balance?

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No, take it to balance where we
11 are right now and then we'll look at it from there.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And Chairwoman, I just had a
14 question. Do you have other suggestions that we haven't yet
15 discussed on the map?

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No, I'm actually quite
17 pleased with the debate, the suggestions; we're on the same
18 page, we're on the same map, and I think we're making
19 progress and I think we have a lot of time -- well, not a
20 lot of time, but we'll be able to digest this.

21 Of course, we'll have to ask Mapping when we're
22 going to get the next iterations. I know you maybe think
23 the weekend is coming and it's relaxing, I just want to let
24 you know my first meeting starts tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. and
25 I'll be discussing the most recent maps, so no pressure.

1 But, you know, it is -- no, no, seriously, no pressure.

2 I mean, there's a lot of other information I could
3 discuss but -- but this is live and active and moving and I
4 think we could take advantage of the Saturday and part of
5 Sunday to continue to learn and debate as -- as a state,
6 which is what's right about our process.

7 MR. FLAHAN: No, we -- we agree with you. We want
8 to make sure that you guys are successful on your day off to
9 be able to consume and digest all of this information.

10 From our perspective if after this conversation we
11 have 30, 45-minute break, we'll get the team going on all
12 the legislative changes that you guys talked about. I don't
13 see any reason why you wouldn't get the maps tonight.
14 Yesterday we sort of hit 8:30 to release everything both on
15 legislative and congressional. So, you know, our goal is by
16 10 o'clock tonight to at least release it.

17 So I don't see any reason we'd bleed into tomorrow
18 for this and we'll release it as they come out, too; we
19 won't hold them all to the end.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: And you are going to just go
21 with our suggestions and not totally balance?

22 MR. FLAHAN: Correct. We're just going to do what
23 we talked about and then we'll bring it back to you guys.
24 The only balancing we'll do is in Florence that you
25 requested in the two districts.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: All right.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: And 17 and 18.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I do have a bit of a time issue
5 today. So I would ask could we consider just taking this
6 next hour and a half and -- or two hours and doing the CD
7 maps and then you have your break and that means if we get
8 it at midnight instead of 10 o'clock tonight, at least we
9 could then have a chance of getting through the CD maps.
10 I'm hoping to be out of here at 3:30 to drive back to
11 Tucson.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Can we make it five minutes,
13 ten minutes, boy's room, and I think Commissioner Neuberg is
14 with me. She needs the restroom, I know she does.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Excuse me. Are you -- I
16 won't even go there.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, that's good.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I don't think
19 Commissioner Lerner and I are going to go there.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: So 2:00 o'clock, can we start
21 again 2:00? It's eight minutes.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Is this a logical break time
23 and then we'll return to CD map. I do believe that we need
24 some considerable time for deliberation on CD map. I think
25 we made remarkable progress on LDs and the fact that we're

1 on the same map. I'm so excited.

2 Anything else? How long of a break before we come
3 back and do a very streamlined, efficient discussion of the
4 CDs?

5 MR. FLAHAN: If you give us ten minutes, I think
6 we're going to try to get them started on some of the
7 legislative changes, then we'll come back and do CDs. Is
8 that okay?

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Ten-minute break and we come
10 back. Recess.

11 (Recess taken from 1:53 p.m. to 2:12 p.m.)

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13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. We are back from
14 recess and we are returning to Agenda Item Number VI, draft
15 map decision discussion.

16 We're going to switch to the congressional map. We
17 have two different versions that are being considered,
18 10.11, 10.12. As we did this morning, I think a reasonable
19 place to start before we entertain a motion would be to very
20 succinctly because we are running short on time, to have my
21 colleagues share what they feel the pros and cons of the
22 maps are; I will go last and share, and then we will
23 entertain a motion and vote for a starting point.

24 And either side that would like to go first is
25 fine.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think we went first last
2 time. Your turn.

3 MR. KINGERY: Would you like me to have both maps
4 side by side?

5 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yes, please.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think yours is 10.12.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's what I -- thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I believe.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I'm going to comment on --
10 I guess one comment I'm going to make just to get started,
11 because it is one of the constitutional criteria and I'm
12 going to be brief on the differences between the maps but I
13 am going to say from a constitutional perspective, the 10.11
14 does not have the competitiveness that I think we need in
15 our state for the congressional districts.

16 I also am looking at some of the districts that
17 could be potentially made a little bit more compact and more
18 aligned with communities of interest.

19 Areas in Pinal County, in particular, and I think
20 the 10.12 map I think does a better job of aligning with
21 communities of interest. We still need to work on
22 District 6 and align those communities in Pinal County with
23 each other.

24 In the -- in the heart of Phoenix where we have
25 actually the majority of the district, there are a few

1 changes that need to be made to align with different
2 communities, but I think 10.12 does a better job of doing
3 things for the East Valley, keeping the East Valley together
4 in a coherent way with what's happened in District 4, it
5 does a good job with the Latino Coalition in District 3. I
6 think District 1 still needs to have a lot of work because I
7 think District 8 could take in some of those outlying
8 communities and it's a very natural fit for them.

9 We want to align as closely as we can retirement
10 communities, and I think that was sort of a goal of both of
11 ours.

12 I think there are a number of overlaps between the
13 two maps that occurred and I think part of that is -- are
14 things like the retirement communities.

15 I think 10.12 gets us closer to a fair map a little
16 bit in terms of the way the boundaries are aligned and the
17 communities of interest are, where either party has the
18 potential to have a majority. But it also still respects
19 communities of interest and, by and large, geography.

20 I don't want to go into more detail at this point.
21 I think -- I think from -- from our perspective, there's
22 just a lot of alignment that already exists in 10.12 that
23 can be tightened up.

24 We have some population imbalances we know that
25 exists with all of them and we know we need to fix that, but

1 I think this map gets a really good start on providing
2 balance within the state and balances popu- -- balances the
3 interests of people in the districts in a very -- very good
4 manner.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And we view that the 10.11 map
6 is -- is the better map to be working from, especially when
7 you look up at D1 and D8. The 10.12 map pulls D1 too far to
8 the east and it pulls -- therefore it drags D8 to the east
9 and it makes it harder -- we're going to need to make
10 changes to all of these, but it makes it harder to make the
11 fixes that need to happen with the retirement communities in
12 the West Valley.

13 It's easy to take D1 across the interstate to pick
14 up that little bit of New River -- or Anthem that's on the
15 other side of the freeway. Both of them, we need work in
16 D6, but we would -- we would argue that we should start with
17 10.11.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: The only other thing I'd like
19 to point out is that in map 10.12, which is the Democratic
20 map, is that the Latino Coalition in CD-3 is grossly
21 overpopulated and the solution for their map will be to go
22 deeper into Phoenix. And I would argue that that is not the
23 appropriate population balancing because of the fact that
24 the single-family homes on our map up towards North
25 Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, along the DC Ranch corridor and

1 McCormick Ranch and out to Fountain Hills, it also includes
2 the Salt River Pima community, are more like-minded than the
3 density of inner Phoenix to balance CD-1 and CD-3.

4 The other thing that I also feel is that we
5 considered a lot of what Commissioner Neuberg suggested as
6 far as our CD-4 East Valley solution and CD-5, our solution
7 in Tucson, our solution with the retirement communities in
8 CD-8, our solution in following the old neighborhoods from
9 Councilwoman -- what's her name?

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Pastor.

11 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- Pastor made with -- along
12 with Commissioner Neuberg's suggestions in CD-3. I have
13 some ideas on how to balance that and move some of the Luke
14 Air Force Base and Maryvale population into our CD-9 to put
15 the city of Glendale in line with that. And so that's where
16 our suggestions are.

17 We feel confident that we can come up with a good
18 map in 10.11 and we will end our comments.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I just make one?

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Hm-mm.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just one comment.

22 Both maps have a lot of population imbalances so
23 I'm -- you commented on CD-3 in map 10.12, in map 10.11 you
24 have major population imbalances in -- in District --

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: 7.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- 7 being way over,
2 District 5 being way under, District 4 and District 2, so I
3 think the population imbalance exists in both. That's all I
4 wanted to mention.

5 We did the same. We wanted to honor -- we actually
6 did a lot of compromising with this map, doing things
7 that -- if it was just drawing a map without any input, it
8 would be different, but we listened to our Chairwoman to
9 hear what she had to say and then put her suggestions as
10 well as listening to some of the big concerns that the
11 Republicans had and tried to find a balance.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'd like to start by
13 reiterating, like I said earlier, I'm relieved that I think
14 there's so much more in common than in disagreement and we
15 are on the home stretch and we are going to refine this and
16 we are going to make it right by as many communities as
17 possible.

18 There are two reasons that I am inclined to support
19 the Democratic version of the congressional map and there
20 are two issues that I'm really struggling with and I believe
21 we can find consensus.

22 There's something about CD-1 that is really
23 troubling me. I love a lot about it but I feel that right
24 now we have two communities that are being pitted against
25 each other within the same district.

1 We have -- whether or not New River is included
2 with some of the more -- the further out you go, the more it
3 goes from suburban to more rural and -- and, you know, as I
4 have said all along, I do feel that there needs to be a
5 commitment to the urban issues of Phoenix from a
6 representative from D1. Right now Phoenix will be served by
7 D3 and I think the interests of the communities that are so
8 far in -- in D8 I think are not going to be as supportive as
9 some of the needs with transportation -- you know, urban
10 basic needs of communities.

11 And when I look at a representative who is trying
12 to meet the needs of New River while also at the same time
13 meeting the needs of Phoenix, I wonder how that is all going
14 to play out. And so I do believe that -- I believe it's
15 10.12 did a better job of -- of creating a district that's
16 workable. Having said that I'm totally willing to
17 fine-tune.

18 And the other thing that I -- I just want to bring
19 out in the open has to do with CD-6 because this is -- is
20 going to get political and it has to do with that whether
21 you want to call it a panhandle, whatever boundary is going
22 to go east of where the mayor had remarked, whether it's,
23 you know, east of Campbell or as far as, you know,
24 Commissioner Mehl wants to go, we need a compromise.
25 Because as I look at that I need to understand how to

1 balance the communities of interest along with compactness.

2 I mean, you know, and where that line falls because
3 the compactness is meant to be an empirical driver to get us
4 away from politics. And so I don't know where personally I
5 fall on this exact boundary.

6 I'm deeply appreciative that my fellow colleagues
7 are willing to compromise on that.

8 I hope that we are able to look at it truly from a
9 lens of communities of interest and the compactness and
10 worry about fine-tuning competitiveness afterwards. But I
11 do feel that the Democratic map captured a little bit more
12 of that compromise.

13 And so from that, again, I think that we can find
14 consensus and move together, but I would be a little more
15 comfortable starting from 10.12 primarily again I'm going to
16 say from the CD-1 point. And I know that this is opening a
17 bit of can of worms but I think we need to better craft this
18 district where there aren't as many inherent conflicts
19 between communities.

20 So if there's no further discussion, I'll entertain
21 a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I move to move forward with
23 map 10.1.2.

24 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Vice Chair Watchman seconds
25 that motion.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If there's no further debate,
2 Vice Chair Watchman?

3 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: No.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an
11 aye.

12 And with, that we start from 10.12 and I suggest we
13 dive into D1.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, my suggestion would be we
15 start with D3 since it's overpopulated --

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We could --

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- and D9 is underpopulated.

18 So if we looked at the northwest corner of D3 and we took
19 75th Avenue, which is sort of where if I remember correctly,
20 Doug Johnson suggested from his Glendale redistricting
21 experience was sort of where the Latino community ended,
22 which was in the original suggestion down to Indian School
23 and across the 101 towards Luke Air Force Base and picked up
24 the top portion of D7 and D3 there and put that in D9, that
25 should balance D9 which is short and take some population

1 out of D3.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So -- so my only concern is
3 which population we're moving out of D3 to make sure that
4 that's still -- again, we're now changing a Latino
5 community.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, we're not. You added on to
7 that yesterday.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: You added on to it yesterday.
10 The Latino Coalition always ended about 75th Avenue and the
11 northern boundary was Northern.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And I want to reiterate, I
13 deeply value the submission by all groups who give thought,
14 but it's our collective responsibility to make decisions for
15 the whole state, not to just single-handedly take on
16 recommendations.

17 So let's deliberate all recommendations --

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- ourselves.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So Commissioner York, now
21 that I've pulled up my -- my map, can you just repeat that?
22 And I'm just looking -- because I'm looking at the Hispanic
23 CVAP on my map.

24 So if you could just repeat what your suggestion
25 is, I can follow along as you're going.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: So my recommendation is
2 basically founded by what Mr. Johnson told us. He said
3 yesterday the Latino Coalition along Northern in the city of
4 Glendale and somewhere between 67th and 75th Avenue; am I
5 right on that?

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you draw that out on the
7 maps in front of us, please? Just so we can see which
8 section.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: 75th south to Indian School.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I was just hoping that
11 we'd see it on the map in front of us.

12 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, he's bringing it up. So
13 it's the -- three miles in.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Come on, Brian.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: And just to clarify just so the
16 record's clear, when I was talking about 75th I was talking
17 about Glendale, I don't know the demographics of the Phoenix
18 portion we're talking there. Not to disagree but I just
19 don't want to be quoted about them.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I understand. That leaves
21 the portion of the Maryvale that's heavily Latino and which
22 is a city of Phoenix neighborhood in CD -- CD-3.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Does that get everything out of
24 7?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, she already took most of

1 that out.

2 Indian School is the next block down -- I'm sorry,
3 to Camelback.

4 There you go.

5 Down to the brown also in CD-7. Yes, please.

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: Not the brown.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Because the top of Avondale is
8 Indian School.

9 Brown also, please. Include the brown, please,
10 because we have to take population out of 7 as well.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: If you're going down to
13 Indian School, could we do it just by going to Camelback?
14 I'm still -- I'm okay with doing some of these --

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: You have to move 53,000 people.
16 This includes Luke Air Force Base, it makes Glendale whole,
17 the little toe on Maryvale that you picked up above CD-7 is
18 probably more aligned with the Luke Air Force Base than it
19 is with the greater Latino community.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Maryvale is definitely
21 aligned with District 3.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. And it is in District 3
23 currently.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. I thought that you
25 were suggesting -- okay. No, I think --

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I'm suggesting population
2 that doesn't -- there's a corner -- can you put on the map
3 for Glendale?

4 MR. FLAHAN: Can we do what?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: The outer boundary of the city
6 of Glendale.

7 MR. FLAHAN: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Would this be about the right
9 population?

10 MR. FLAHAN: Total population going into 9 would be
11 just shy of 75,000.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So we don't need to have that
13 many moved out of there. I mean, we can certainly look at
14 moving some of that over to 9, but we may not need to go
15 that far.

16 MR. FLAHAN: It takes 7,972 out of District 7, that
17 western edge, and it takes 67,000 exactly out of District 3.
18 That's drawn in the blue boxes there.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: That's pretty good.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Out of District 3?

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We only need 43,000 to
23 balance that, so I think we -- that's why maybe we can go to
24 Camelback and do pretty much the same cuts that
25 Commissioner York is suggesting. More than happy to

1 compromise that.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, my issue with District 3
3 doesn't include the Homestead Phoenix neighborhood on the
4 west -- eastern side, so I was going to add that back in.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Add that in?

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Into District 3, yeah.

7 MR. FLAHAN: And Brian let me know we missed a
8 couple blocks on D3 so it's approximately 67,000. There'll
9 be some more additions -- couple extra blocks.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: How big is that Homestead
11 area? Because this is 20,000 more than what needs to be
12 pulled out of --

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right. I understand.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So, I mean, could we look at
15 it with just using Camelback as a boundary instead and see
16 what the population is on that?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Sure.

18 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. So if we use Camelback as the
19 southern border there and go from D3 into D7 it totally
20 moves 33,557 people into District 9, District 3 loses
21 31,709, and District 7 loses a little over 1,800.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And if you took District --
23 District 7 from Indian -- Indian School up, what is that?
24 Took that quadrant and put it into 9?

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: District 7 is underpopulated,

1 though.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It won't be.

3 MR. FLAHAN: That adds about 6,000.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I can solve that.

5 MR. FLAHAN: 6,000.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So where would we be then --
7 I've been trying to write this down.

8 If we take that piece from District 3, I'm
9 comfortable with what Commissioner York has suggested, that
10 would be a very easy compromise for us to make.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can you just share with -- I
12 mean, I'm trusting you, but can you remind me who this group
13 is that you're switching?

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: The community west of the
15 Latino area of Glendale.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It's west of them, correct?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Moving towards the Luke Air
18 Force Base.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: North of Indian School in 7 is
20 taking the non-Hispanic portion of that district that
21 shouldn't be in that district.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: It puts it into --

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: 9, which is a much better
24 community of interest fit.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Indian School to Camelback is

1 a very high Latino population, but if we go north of
2 Camelback, that's why I was suggesting the "Camelback up"
3 piece that Commissioner York had mentioned, I'm comfortable
4 with that, because that --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, the boundary we've always
6 seen from the Latino Coalition is 19th Avenue on the east
7 side, which it is currently, and then 75th or 67th depending
8 on what iteration of their suggestion on the western
9 boundary and that's what I was moving.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. Moving Glendale,
11 making sure we get that west of 75th, north of Camelback,
12 south of Northern between 101st and 75th, that's kind of
13 where you're going, right?

14 But those could go into -- you're putting them into
15 D9?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, because D9 was short.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Where is Avondale's northern
19 border?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's right there on Indian
21 School.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I think the --

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So I'm taking the piece north
24 of Avondale and putting it into 9 which there's a -- it's a
25 better fit into 9. It's -- it --

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would argue that the piece on
2 the west side of the 101 is a better fit.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, there's not -- that
4 particular piece that's north of the freeway that you're
5 talking about?

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: West of the 101.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And north, right?

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, that particular piece
10 would be an okay fit, you're right.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That's consensus.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Okay. So everything outside
13 the Avondale border up there --

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Shereen, how would you feel
15 about -- so right now we're leaving this little sliver of D3
16 sticking out above Avondale, how would you feel about going
17 into 9 as well?

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That little piece that we're
19 seeing right there?

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, half of it we just agreed
21 to put in 9 because that's the Camelback boundary.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So wait, you're talking
23 about --

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Camelback to Indian School, a
25 hundred and -- what is that, Brian?

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: If you can draw it on -- can
2 you draw Commissioner York's proposal on the map, that helps
3 because I'm looking at...

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm looking at the
6 demographics while he's -- while we're looking at all of
7 that just to kind of see.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, so from the earlier
9 discussion it was taking the area north of Camelback into
10 District 9, this would add the area between Camelback and
11 Indian School into District 9.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: The eastern boundary being 99th
13 Avenue so it sits on top of D -- D7.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm just getting lost with
15 all of the changes a little bit.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: There's not that many, Shereen.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just trying to keep track,
18 that's why I'm asking to be drawn, because if we have -- if
19 we see it I can easily look at the demographics and compare
20 and go, okay, that doesn't remove a community that shouldn't
21 be there.

22 And can you also -- I always look this up.

23 Can you also remind me of the boundaries, we talked
24 about this yesterday, of Maryvale? I want to make sure
25 we're not moving them into District 9.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, that's the little toe on
2 the village that sticks across the freeway. The rest of
3 Maryvale is on the east side of the freeway in District 3.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. I just want to be
5 sure that we keep them whole if we can do that.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, that -- that little area,
7 as Doug Johnson attested to yesterday, is definitely a lot
8 different than the west side of the freeway -- east side of
9 the freeway.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, so you're -- you're
11 talking about just that west piece?

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just to -- just to -- I think I
14 was talking about Glendale. I don't know Maryvale.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, I'm good with this.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: You put a map up there and you
17 described it.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: We did put the map up, yes, and we
19 can pull that map back up.

20 MR. FLAHAN: Give us a second and we'll pull that
21 up.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I mean, could we move that
23 piece, that small piece that you're talking about of
24 Maryvale just into District 7?

25 I know you're trying to balance the population, I'm

1 all for that; I'm all for moving some populations around --

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, basically --

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- but I'm just trying to
4 think in terms of where they would best be served.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: I think they'd be better served
6 with the Luke Air Force Base and the west side of the 101
7 then, because that District 7 goes all the way down to
8 Tucson.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: See that little toe right
11 there? The 101 -- see how that -- so you have some
12 agriculture, you've got some open space with the Agua Fria
13 River and then you spill over into the Luke Air Force Base.

14 So that bottom boundary is Indian School.

15 So the top -- the majority of Maryvale is in CD-3;
16 Grand Canyon University, all of that stuff.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So taking Glendale west of
18 the 101 --

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- into D9?

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We can do that. I mean, that
23 seems like a very good suggestion to help with the
24 population. So that would be one place to start with that,
25 right?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Are you talking about Glendale or
3 are you talking about Maryvale that you're talking about
4 here?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: We're talking about both.

6 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Glendale -- I mean, I am
7 concerned about Maryvale being placed in a district -- in
8 District 9 so that's something we need to come back to look
9 at Maryvale, but the piece of Glendale to go with Luke Air
10 Force Base and all of that that you're talking about makes
11 sense; but I'm concerned about Maryvale.

12 And we can come back to that piece but we can
13 certainly agree on some of this that we've talked about.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: What's the population of
15 Maryvale that's not included right now that we're looking
16 at? Just roughly.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: You had it there once, you just
18 didn't give it to us.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, it was -- well, the piece
20 south of Camelback and west of 99th was 13,650.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: A little bit here.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just as we want to do from a
23 constitutional perspective, if we can keep it together as
24 much as possible it would be great. But, you know, if we're
25 taking Glendale west of the 101 into D9, that completely is

1 fine; putting Maryvale west of the 101, if we can find a way
2 not to do that, I think it would be better -- it's going to
3 be better served in D3 where it is or in D7. Just it's such
4 a heavily Latino community, it really would be better for
5 it.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: The majority of it's in D3. I
7 would argue the west side of that community is not Latino.
8 Anything west of the freeway is predominantly Arizonan.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The community itself is
10 that -- I mean, I'm more than happy to see about making some
11 of these adjustments, I'm just trying to acknowledge
12 Maryvale and that their interests are going to be different
13 from District 9.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: And I would argue that --

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And see if we can find a way
16 to finally balance.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: -- that section is going to be
18 very much like Luke Air Force Base and the west side of 101.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Is that the section that you
20 have marked right now?

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, there's a whole section
23 right along the 101 if you go that is still a complete part
24 of Maryvale. If you go east of hundred -- west of
25 107th Avenue up Camelback and go west a little bit to the

1 border of -- that's Maryvale. You've got Campbell -- you've
2 got it going -- and if you just take that little block out,
3 you'll basically get the rest. It's just taking that block
4 out to keep Maryvale whole.

5 And, again, just -- I think the people there would
6 be better served to be in either 3 or 7. It's -- I would
7 show you on my map but it's just a small piece. The rest of
8 it all can move as you've been suggesting.

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: I just think that looks funky.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It may look awkward but it
11 allows that community to be whole.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: And I would argue the community
13 west of the 101 is not the same community that's in CD-3
14 that's 51st Avenue and Indian School.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's all part of the same
16 community.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's part of the same village,
18 true, but it's not the same community. Anything west of the
19 freeway is different.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm looking at the
21 demographics right now.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That's what I want to look
23 at.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: It's the city of Phoenix that
25 juts over there, I don't know what to tell you.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm looking at the
2 demographics right now and the little piece that I just told
3 you that goes over on the west side of the 101 is a very
4 high Latino community that is a continuation of the east
5 side; and then after that, all of the rest of it that you
6 were talking about going west could easily go to District 9
7 as you've been suggesting. But just this one piece here is
8 part of that other community and that's all I'm talking
9 about in terms of changing what you were talking about.
10 That would still allow for 90 percent of what you're asking.

11 I'm just asking that community to be kept whole or
12 in -- again, it could move into 7 or 3, but it should be in
13 a district with a -- majority-minority district.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If it had to be split, could
15 it be split between D3 and D7?

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm completely comfortable
17 with that, yeah.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Depending on population?

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So you're not opposed to
21 splitting the area --

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, but Commissioner
23 Neuberg --

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- I just want to make sure
25 that they're --

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: But Commissioner Neuberg.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: What?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: CD-7 runs to Tucson.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's not ideal to split it
5 but my concern --

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: If we're going to keep
7 Shereen's request, we should keep it with Phoenix.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm fine -- all I'm saying is
9 I think it needs to be served by a majority-minority
10 district. Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That's what I was getting at.
12 I wanted to understand, it's not the issue of splitting
13 Maryvale in and of itself, it's understanding the
14 demographics and putting them in the right district.

15 Let's -- I see your map over there, looking at the
16 density, you know, I'll -- I'll give it deeper thought.

17 Let's look at where the Latino population is and --
18 and make sure that the denser areas go in a
19 majority-minority district, but I'd like to be open-minded
20 to Commissioner York's point that maybe some of the
21 demographics in Maryvale change as it goes west and I'm open
22 to splitting it to keep communities of interest together.

23 We've -- we've split many communities for the sake
24 of keeping like-minded people together so they could elect a
25 representative.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So maybe we just come back to
2 that little piece. We know that we're going to take a bunch
3 of what Commissioner York suggested and move it to D9 and
4 then we'll come back and have everybody take a closer look
5 at that. But I'm completely -- I'm comfortable. I just
6 want it to be in that particular type of district. So let's
7 move --

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Well, Mapping just
9 brought something up, is there something you would like to
10 highlight for us with what you're bringing up with these
11 different shades? I presume you're looking at population
12 density.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: He was just responding to your
14 comment about wanting to bring up the Latino population, so
15 this is the map if you wanted to see it.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And we're also still looking at
18 taking the non-Avondale portion of 7 over to 9.

19 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, before we move on let's make
20 sure that we have -- there's a lot of discussion about
21 Indian School and Camelback and where the boundaries are.
22 Let's make sure we have a clear set of boundaries on where
23 the consensus is before we move forward.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: And a question I think is, are we
25 using Camelback or are we using the Glendale city border?

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would suggest the Glendale
2 city border.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I agree.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Shereen, maybe we follow the
5 river there on that little toe?

6 MR. D. JOHNSON: And then on the District 7 piece,
7 are we including that piece of Avondale that comes north of
8 Indian School or leaving that piece of it?

9 COMMISSIONER YORK: We're including that in 9.
10 Shereen, you see the little toe on the western
11 boundary there on the west side of the river?

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That far left piece?

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, there's no population
14 there and you could put into 9 as well and kind of maybe
15 make it not look so --

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So it would just be going
17 down and crossing the river right there.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Does that make sense, Brian?

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yep.

20 COMMISSIONER YORK: In the west -- far western toe
21 of Maryvale, crosses the Agua Fria River, the section --
22 census blocks west of the Agua Fria River would go into 9 as
23 well.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I don't think -- yeah, I
25 think you're right, there's not pop- -- there is one batch

1 of population.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, it's mostly sand pits,
3 cement pits.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah, I don't know why it
5 comes up as something -- right. So you're talking about
6 using the river?

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Makes sense to me.

9 MR. FLAHAN: To CD-9?

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yes.

11 MR. FLAHAN: What about the section of D7 there?

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: It goes into D9.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: North of Indian School.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

15 MR. FLAHAN: Including the little piece of
16 Avondale, 9?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, yeah. Makes it clean
18 but...

19 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Just making sure you wanted to
20 move that into 9, not keep that with Avondale.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So basically we can -- in
22 that toe that you're talking about, we're basically
23 following the river.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Moving that into D9 and then

1 we're taking the north of Indian School piece of D7 --

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- and moving that into D9.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

5 MR. FLAHAN: All right. We're good on the mapping
6 side now.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: The only other -- the other --
8 since we're going to work around D1, the other suggestion we
9 would like to make for D3 and that's kind of part of the
10 reason why I was trying to take the section of Maryvale into
11 D9 is that we feel strongly that the Homestead -- Phoenix
12 Homestead Historic District needs to be included in D3 as it
13 was on our map. So the --

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you give the boundaries
15 of that, please?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yeah, I can.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: So if you -- McDowell is the
19 eastern -- or northern boundary on the eastern step of D3.
20 So that -- that district sits in basically 32nd Street is
21 its eastern border up to Indian School and over to the other
22 step.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: What's the western border?

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Western border is -- I was
25 going to use the 51 because that's what's already there.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And why would they be better
2 off in D3 rather than D1?

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: We're just following
4 Councilwoman Pastor's suggestion and Commissioner Neuberg's
5 suggestion from our original efforts to keep the old
6 historic districts in the downtown as a congressional
7 district. That's all.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, they would be if we
9 made some modifications to District 1 to make it more of an
10 urban district, which is what we were talking about. I
11 don't know if it --

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, these -- these are our
13 suggestions.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, we may need to return
16 to that but I was compelled by Councilwoman Pastor's
17 argument just about the communities of interest and it was
18 keeping the historic neighborhoods together, and I believe
19 even Vice Chair Watchman trying to include Indian School
20 Park in that area.

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I believe that was part of --
23 I don't know the boundary of that. But if the population
24 balance could work, I do think they are natural communities
25 of interest together but we may need to see how that fits

1 with the D1 rebalance.

2 But, you know, I've already gone on record, I found
3 a lot compelling about Councilwoman Pastor's argument, I
4 think she knows her area, she represents that area, just
5 keeping the historic district together, the LGBTQ
6 communities, the bioscience area, and it does do a better
7 job of keeping the historic neighborhoods together.

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: So if I was to be allowed to
9 sort of show on the map also the Indian School Park area,
10 the next step up would be Indian School, the eastern
11 boundary would be 7th Street and it would go to Camelback
12 and over to the western boundary of D -- CD-3, which is 19th
13 Avenue.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Indian School is in D3 now.

15 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, it's the border of D3 and
16 D1.

17 MR. KINGERY: What was the eastern boundary?

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: 7th Street.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, it's on the border, yeah.

20 You know, there's no population at Indian School --
21 on Indian School and so I don't know that it needs to be
22 moved into that district.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, that was just to
24 include --

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's actually just a park.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: That was to include
2 Commissioner Watchman's request.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Well, I don't know if
4 he was requesting to move it but he wanted to draw
5 everybody's attention to that community.

6 Commissioner Watchman?

7 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: It's a historic location.
8 There's a lot of talk about how Indian schools were created
9 and recognized these days, but it's an historic area and the
10 combination tribes look to it but I don't have a preference
11 at this point whether it should be in D3 or D1. I'm just
12 recognizing that we're talking about historic locations in
13 the Phoenix area, so -- and I'm open with any location right
14 now.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And D1 is already
16 underpopulated so I'm concerned about starting to pull some
17 things out.

18 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, we can help with that.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sure you can.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'm interested. I want to
21 solve D1.

22 But let's not deviate from finishing D3.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I'm not -- I'm not -- I
24 think I'd like to come back to that Homestead as we look
25 more at D1 and what's going to happen to it, I'm not

1 convinced that it needs to be moved into that district
2 because you're going to have historic locations in D1 as
3 well. They cross over to different districts and it goes to
4 the fact that an urban district will have historic
5 properties and should have historic districts within it and
6 parts of District 1 are going to have that, there's no
7 avoiding it because there's going to be too many of them to
8 put into District 3.

9 But again, if District 1 is a more urban setting,
10 it's going to actually have part of that Central Phoenix
11 area and what you just mentioned, Chairwoman, with the LGBTQ
12 area and some of those going in. So that one historic
13 district doesn't necessarily have to go to D3 if you look at
14 where the others are as well.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So you're wanting the LGBTQ
16 community with Fountain Hills and Carefree and Cave Creek?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I just want to keep our eyes
19 on -- this is an inclusive and I believe coherent district
20 in CD-1 because I believe it's urban suburban and I believe
21 that those trends are only growing more and more in common.
22 But as we're looking at these -- I mean, there's true urban
23 and then as it spreads out, so just be sensitive with who
24 you want to put in that CD-1 that will include these
25 communities of North Scottsdale and whether it's Cave Creek

1 Fountain Hills, et cetera.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Right. Right. So I am
3 sensitive to that --

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: My thoughts --

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- I'm not saying I know what
6 I --

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: My thoughts to echo
8 Commissioner Neuberg's thoughts of like communities and also
9 trying to create more urban, my suggestion would go -- would
10 be to take D1 into Tempe down along the 101 down to the 60
11 and over to CD-3, and that would basically take the ASU
12 campus whole and the area around there and the student
13 housing and put it with south Scottsdale, the entertainment
14 districts, the -- the spring training facility, Papago Park,
15 the zoo, and it would give Commissioner Neuberg I believe
16 two -- two districts she could be excited about as far as
17 density, urbanization, inclusiveness for both communities in
18 Maricopa County.

19 I just see Scottsdale, Paradise Valley more aligned
20 with Tempe than I do Downtown Phoenix and so from my
21 standpoint I think that's a better fit. I don't know how
22 many people that is. We added quite -- we took quite a few
23 people out of CD-1, we need to add quite a few back in but
24 that's how I would do it.

25 The other thing we can include is the Mesa

1 Riverview Park area which we talked about, getting the Salt
2 River community involved with, which then would bring in the
3 Cubs spring training facility and that would put five spring
4 training resort/hotel environments together, which would
5 make also communities of interest and like-mindedness for
6 their congressional representative.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can you -- yeah, thank you --
8 show us the population?

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: If I'm understanding
10 Commissioner York correctly, I believe those communities do
11 fit well. I mean, in terms of just thinking about whether
12 it's light rail in the East Valley or light rail in Phoenix
13 and just transportation issues and, you know, the dramatic
14 growth and change. I mean, I see these communities as
15 working very well together.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Tempe -- that part of Tempe
17 is different from south Tempe so it certainly would be --
18 and you talked about going down to US-60. What's the
19 population there?

20 MR. FLAHAN: A little over 88,000.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry?

22 MR. FLAHAN: A little over 88,000 and that does end
23 and follow I-10 up, so it doesn't go all the way up to
24 touching D3.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right, and then what did we add

1 to -- took out with those two steps which included the
2 historic neighborhoods.

3 MR. D. JOHNSON: You mean the -- what do you mean
4 by the two steps? The area west of 10, I presume?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: I'm talking about the stuff
6 that we took into the historic neighborhoods, the Indian
7 School geography and the Phoenix Homestead geography.

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, you're talking the net effect
9 on D1.

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

11 MR. D. JOHNSON: Oh, I thought you were trying to
12 revise what we had in the blue here. Okay.

13 MR. FLAHAN: The McDowell to 32 east change to
14 SR-51 was about 22,000 population.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: The other one was 12,500, so we've
16 taken 35,000 out and put 88,000 in.

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: We took 30,000 out with
18 Glendale in CD-9.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: But that was District 3, I'm just
20 talking about District 1.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just am not sure what this
23 is doing and I think it would take a big --

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, CD --

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- it takes too many people

1 and puts it into D1. D1 -- D1 does need people but this --
2 it needs 23,000.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: It needs 22,000 people.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It needs 23,000, right?

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: 23,000. I think that would be
6 pretty close, to be honest with you.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: But that was saying -- you
8 said that would be 80,000?

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: That's too many people. I
11 kind of like the idea --

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: We took some roughly 30,000 out
13 and put it in 3.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: And it would -- it started -- it
15 starts 23,000 short.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Pick up 88. Take 30 out.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Which part are you saying
18 that you added into 3? I'm sorry.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: He's talking about the Davis
20 Homestead Historic District and Indian School.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. But we were going to
22 take a closer look at that before we just moved that.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: Well, no, I'm just telling you
24 what population I think makes more sense than pushing CD-1
25 down -- into Downtown Phoenix, which has nothing to do with

1 North Scottsdale or the communities of Desert Ridge or the
2 communities of Paradise Valley. I see Tempe more aligned
3 with this, so I like this idea, you know.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I don't disagree, it might be
5 a good idea.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Maybe don't go all the way down
7 to the 10, I don't know where the balancing is. I still
8 think the new Mesa Riverview Park area needs to be included
9 in District 1 like we did in the LDs, with LD-8.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I don't disagree that this is
11 a good -- this might be a good fit. I see that there's some
12 logic to it, I'm just saying I don't know how to -- how far
13 we go. I like the idea of certainly putting some of the
14 baseball groups together, I think that's kind of an
15 interesting thought to have that.

16 So I'm not saying -- I just am -- I'm just saying
17 we're at -- we probably have to talk more about where the
18 line goes but I think you have a really good, interesting
19 suggestion as part of that. And I agree that the alignment,
20 certainly we've talked about that from a legislative
21 perspective between north Tempe and south Scottsdale, that
22 there is good connections there.

23 Don't look at this as I'm saying no, I'm just
24 saying it's an interesting concept that I -- I -- just we
25 probably have to look a little closer at to see where we

1 would maybe make that split because it would be as part of
2 it.

3 MR. FLAHAN: If you were to add the spring training
4 fields over there that's on the map, that's another 1,700
5 people.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Right.

7 MR. FLAHAN: That also cleaned up the --

8 COMMISSIONER YORK: You know, we really weren't
9 totally prepared to tackle this map full on. So based on
10 Commissioner Neuberg's thought process and we saw some other
11 areas to balance or talk about, I know Commissioner Mehl
12 needs to leave here pretty quick.

13 Is there --

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I believe we have about 25
15 minutes and I'd like to say, I mean -- I like where you're
16 going, Commissioner York, and I am deeply sensitive to
17 ensure that Phoenix, which is -- I'm ashamed to say I don't
18 know where it ranks in terms of population, is it number
19 eight now? But, I mean, I -- you know -- five? Okay.
20 Phoenix, I mean, it is a major central city in our nation
21 and -- and we can't just have one member of Congress that
22 keeps the urban interests.

23 So -- but the urban interests of Tempe, south
24 Scottsdale, Mesa, there's so much incredible synergy going
25 on in our state with urban-minded colleagues and so as long

1 as we feel that the representative coming out of that
2 district is going to serve our urban interests well, I'm
3 going to be really comfortable with that.

4 So thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And I -- and I will agree. I
6 think that there are parts of that.

7 One suggestion I have since we are running out of
8 time would be since we do have population balancing to do,
9 which is really the biggest part of this map now is how can
10 we make -- align those communities together.

11 Should we -- I mean, we can continue to go through
12 this or we could come back with proposals using the same map
13 and see if we can come to alignment, I think that's what
14 Commissioner York was inferring right now is maybe thinking
15 through a little bit more on how to make some changes on the
16 map.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Actually I think that would
18 be most expedient and just take advantage of the time and
19 give direction to Mapping about some ideas so we can
20 explore.

21 And then let's save time before Commissioner Mehl
22 leaves, we don't have to close the meeting, we can finish
23 the last items, but we do need to discuss Sunday if we're
24 going to convene.

25 But, please, let's give direction to Mapping and if

1 it could be all on the same page that would be fabulous.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Well, at some point I'm going
3 to have to talk about D6, so.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Do we want to do that now
5 or -- I mean for D1 right now I don't think we decided where
6 the Tempe split would be, but I think we're in agreement
7 that somewhere along the line part of Tempe will go into D1.

8 I think -- just to finish up what Commissioner York
9 was talking about, just to clarify, I think we can certainly
10 look -- we don't need 80,000 people to go in there, so if
11 you wanted to finish with that and then Commissioner Mehl,
12 go ahead and --

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Well, I think on the D1-D4 we
14 need to take a closer look at it because we weren't really
15 fully prepared and were caught off guard a bit again. So we
16 need to re-look at all of that and we'll revisit that
17 whenever we reconvene.

18 I've spent over 50 years in Pima County, I love
19 Tucson, it's been a great place to live, I care a lot about
20 what happens in Tucson, and the things I'm going to suggest
21 are not compromise proposals, they're really going to be
22 proposals based on what I know to be the right thing to do
23 for the -- for the state of Arizona and for the -- for Pima
24 County.

25 MR. D. JOHNSON: I guess understandably,

1 Commissioners York and Mehl may not have their comments
2 ready to give us in just ten minutes, I don't know if
3 Commissioners Lerner and Watchman might be ready and can
4 give us --

5 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm ready to address D6-D7, so
6 I think we want to just jump there.

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, the question is are we
8 going to stay on the same map because I have a feeling that
9 my colleagues have very different ideas. I would like to
10 stay on the same map, I mean, you know, I would like to give
11 a little latitude to my Republican colleagues who, you know,
12 did not get their way on the map and we can reconvene and
13 nothing is locked in and we won't lock in prior to when we
14 reconvene but do we need two maps or one map. And -- and...

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: Well, I don't think in 15 minutes
16 you're going to be able to get direction from both groups
17 for two maps, so perhaps we just confirm what we have at
18 this point.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, but I'd like -- I'd
20 like to be able to add to the direction so that -- because I
21 believe there's additional direction that are important to
22 my colleagues.

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So I am going to ask my
25 colleagues to really compromise and maybe each of you could

1 make recommendations that are the most important to you.

2 Understanding that, I know where you want to go
3 anyway and even if it's not in the map we can still
4 reconvene and debate it.

5 So I would like to give Commissioner Mehl some time
6 to go with his ideas and then turn it over briefly to my
7 colleagues to add in.

8 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The key issue with D6 is where
9 it's going to end up within Tucson and how do you divide
10 Tucson; and frankly, I have been -- there are numerous maps
11 that have been submitted that take D7 out very far east into
12 Tucson, out to Kolb, out to Craycroft, out to Wilmont, and
13 I've had a lot of lobbying by people to try to do that.

14 The proposal that I had to go to Alvernon and drop
15 down is very much a compromise proposal itself. And the
16 idea that we want to have the university community combined
17 with Downtown Tucson is a proper idea, it's a proper
18 community of interest. But factually speaking, drawing a
19 line at Campbell doesn't do that. It would be like saying
20 let's take the University of Arizona and put it in with
21 Downtown Tucson but, in fact, you say those words but you
22 draw a line through the middle of the campus and only put
23 half of it in. That's what we're doing with this community
24 of interest.

25 Some of the most significant neighborhoods that are

1 a huge part of the university community are east of
2 Campbell. Fifty years ago when the university was a third
3 the size it is today I lived on Mabel Avenue -- Mabel Street
4 just east of Campbell, I then moved to a home on -- on Third
5 Street near Country Club east of Campbell, the university
6 has grown three times since I've been there. The university
7 community has expanded dramatically to the east.

8 The president of the university lives east of
9 Campbell. It's nonsensical to suggest that by drawing a
10 line at Campbell you've included the university community.

11 Alvernon is the minimum to the east that makes
12 sense for that line. And so I would -- I will take a very
13 strong position that that's where the boundary should go to.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: But I believe the boundaries
15 in both maps, they're already further east than Campbell,
16 correct?

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: No, I'm talking all the way
18 from the Rillito River down -- down to Broadway would all be
19 part -- part of that.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So the compromise --

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Which is the map that -- that I
23 had -- had drawn. I've lost track of the numbers now and
24 whenever that was -- and -- and that is the proper dividing
25 line and it divides -- Alvernon is four -- a little over

1 four miles from downtown Tucson. The city boundary is at
2 Harrison which is 11 miles from downtown Tucson. Alvernon
3 is less than half way dividing the major portion of the
4 urban area, so it -- it's the right place to have it.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can you clarify, Commissioner
6 Mehl, what exact -- not a compromise but based on your
7 argument about what you feel is right for the area, what are
8 the exact boundaries?

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: The Rillito River on the north,
10 Alvernon on the east, and connecting down into what's
11 already in District 7 down to Broadway.

12 It's not that giant of a difference from this but
13 it's a significant difference.

14 And it doesn't -- it doesn't radically change the
15 make up of District 6.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It does change that.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: It's a highly competitive
18 district even with these changes.

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So we received --
20 Commissioner Mehl, I --

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would like to continue.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Up south of Casa Grande I would
24 come straight across and get rid of -- and make the district
25 be more compact by coming across and you pick up Mammoth and

1 Oracle.

2 So where you have that rectangle up there -- yeah,
3 just bring that all -- straight across over to -- quite a --
4 quite a number of miles -- yeah, over to there.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I would like to include this
6 suggestion in the map. I think we've studied other options
7 and I -- and I think I believe I've seen and heard much
8 testimony about -- my colleagues on the left about their
9 preferred boundaries, I believe Commissioner Mehl has mostly
10 offered compromise versions.

11 I'm most interested actually in what is right for
12 communities of interest first and foremost absence of
13 partisan issue. So there's a coherence to what you're
14 asking for and I don't want anybody to make any conclusions
15 about what I'm asking, but I'd be interested in having this
16 be in a map for us to study over the weekend.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I comment because I
18 wasn't allowed -- but I started to and then Commissioner
19 Mehl wanted to continue with his Casa Grande before to make
20 that comment.

21 I just pulled up the letter and I don't think we
22 should be discounting the letter from the mayor.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Can I just say something?

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think this is immaterial

1 because I've read the mayor's letter, I've spoken to the
2 mayor, I understand what is being asked, we've studied it.
3 I don't think I've studied sufficiently the community of
4 interest argument that Commissioner Mehl is -- is proposing,
5 and so for my own sake of education when I'm looking at
6 competing maps, which I have done from day one, I'm very
7 interested in seeing where this goes. It doesn't mean that
8 it's going to, you know, be our new starting point but --
9 but I'd like to see it.

10 If you trust, you know, that this is an ongoing
11 open debate and dialogue about what makes sense for the most
12 communities of interest. Don't be afraid of it, it
13 doesn't -- at least in my mind I'm not afraid of it.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And if there would need to be
15 some population balancing if 6 has too many people then, in
16 the Casa Grande area would be a place that you could pull
17 back from slightly.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I would agree that Casa
19 Grande should go into District 2 if that's what you're
20 suggesting, Commissioner Mehl. I think it's a natural --

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Either --

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: -- with Coolidge and the
23 other communities in that area.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Depending how the populations
25 work out.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It could go Coolidge,
2 Maricopa and Florence and that's a natural community of
3 interest area.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: What I'm specifically saying is
5 because right now Casa Grande is being split and it's
6 okay to be -- it's been split many, many times through the
7 years. I'm not saying take all of Casa Grande out, I'm
8 saying if there's a population balance you could pull a
9 little bit out of Casa Grande.

10 MR. KINGERY: What's shown on the screen right now,
11 is this the line?

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yes.

13 MR. FLAHAN: That's about 4,500.

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah, there's not many people.
15 Yeah.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: So if we move 38,000 people out of
17 District 6 that -- into District 7 down in Alvernon and then
18 we add in 4,500 so we're net about 34,000 out, that will
19 leave District 7 about 25,000 over.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Have you accounted for
21 District 7 past Alvernon there?

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, that's the 38 -- so 38,000
23 with the Alvernon.

24 Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'd like you to just draw it

1 this way and we need the weekend to study it.

2 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And actually you could pull
4 back from 7 on the east side would be the first place. I
5 would actually pull that back somewhat on the -- on that
6 east side south of Broadway could come back to help account
7 for -- for a portion of that.

8 So what's the road there?

9 MR. FLAHAN: Kolb.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Kolb, it could come back to
11 Kolb, and that's probably a pretty good amount of
12 population; and, in fact, why don't you look and see what
13 that is.

14 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah, we can certainly do that,
15 it's going the wrong way though. We need to take population
16 out of 7.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I thought you said 7 was over.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: I'm sorry, did I say 7? I meant
19 6, sorry. Sorry, 6.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Oh, then don't do that.

21 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right. Okay. Sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So how much is 6 over?

23 MR. D. JOHNSON: So 6 started 67,000 over and then
24 it gave up 38,000, that leaves it 22,000 short; and then it
25 picked up 4,500 in Pinal -- I'm sorry, left it 22,000 over;

1 then it picked up 4,500 in Pinal, which is making it 2,600
2 over -- or 26,000 over, if my quick off-the-top-of-my-head
3 math is right.

4 Yeah, so 7 is -- I'm sorry, 6. Friday afternoon.
5 6 is about 20 -- 20-some thousand over at this
6 point after those changes.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I make a suggestion for a
8 compromise potentially, Commissioner Mehl, that might help
9 some of that population as well?

10 Instead of Alvernon, what about Country Club? That
11 splits the difference between Campbell and Alvernon.

12 COMMISSIONER MEHL: But you're going the right
13 direction. I agree with adjusting that but 6 is over so you
14 need to go farther east, so instead of Alvernon you would go
15 to Swan.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: No, 6 is over, right?

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Oh, but I think that's --

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yeah. I would take -- we'd go
20 from --

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We don't want to go further
22 east.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would go further east. To
24 balance that --

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm trying to find a

1 compromise between Campbell and Alvernon and split the
2 difference, which is really -- because in terms of meeting
3 also those communities that are there with the campus and
4 where it's located and the historic neighborhoods and where
5 they're located. So I'm just trying to find -- and then we
6 can figure out the balancing piece.

7 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would like to have this drawn
8 the way I'm asking and then we can look at it.

9 So I would move the boundary east of Alvernon to
10 take in additional population to balance.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I'd like -- again, I would
12 like Commissioner Mehl to be able to complete his thought
13 and to look at it on a map cohesive with a community of
14 interest forgetting partisanship, I like that.

15 Commissioner Lerner, even though it's not on a map,
16 we've seen so many iterations, can you succinctly articulate
17 what you would want so that when we're all studying we can
18 keep in mind what your recommendation is?

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just for this area?

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. Well, just for
22 District 6. Again, the boundary -- some of that boundary
23 right now -- I would recommend if we're not going to do
24 Campbell as a compromise, trying to think about what
25 Commissioner Mehl said, I think last time I had -- the

1 boundaries that we have right now would be ideal but
2 otherwise I would say use Country Club instead of Alvernon.

3 I know that gets us too many people into 6. As
4 part of that, I'd go up to Casa Grande and I would move Casa
5 Grande out of 6 and put it into 2 because I'd like to link
6 it, which is always what I'd like to -- link with Coolidge
7 and Florence. I really believe Coolidge, Florence, I think
8 and Casa Grande are naturally linked, and I think that will
9 help remove some population as part of that into District 2.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Can I just ask what the
11 population of Casa Grande that's in 6 is?

12 MR. FLAHAN: It looks like it's all of it, 53,658.

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So that might help with some
14 of that balancing.

15 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah, all of Casa Grande is in
16 District 6.

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So if we can move that out of
18 District 2 that might provide some of that balance,
19 Commissioner Mehl.

20 MR. FLAHAN: So move Casa Grande out of District 6
21 into District 2.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Into District 2 and basically
23 what you're doing is aligning it with the surrounding
24 communities, with Coolidge, Florence, Sacaton, where they do
25 a lot -- they have a lot in common. It also gets rid of

1 that piece right up there that we've all talked about that
2 we don't want that arm reaching all the way north, and so I
3 think it makes it that district more compact.

4 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And I understand what
5 Commissioner Lerner is saying but I've still directed what I
6 have directed to be drawn and we will keep her thoughts in
7 mind as we look at it.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yeah, we could do one of two
10 things.

11 Commissioner Mehl, I know you need to go, you know,
12 it's possible that, you know, you can leave and we still
13 have a quorum. If the Commissioners -- I mean, this is a
14 very small difference and if the Commissioners would like to
15 give different guidance on this specific area to give us
16 options, I'm open to that, you could have a little extra
17 time after 3:30; or, alternatively, I am hearing what you're
18 expressing, Commissioner Mehl is giving directions for the
19 map. I'm open to either one.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Well, I -- I would like to
21 not continue without Commissioner Mehl here. I would love
22 to hear his feedback always, is that what you meant in terms
23 of giving --

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, no, it's really just an
25 issue, he's already given us feedback and I'd like to be

1 able to look at his map completely just in this area, we're
2 not relitigating anything else, but I want to give you the
3 same exact option because you have other areas that you have
4 in mind and he doesn't need to be here for that. If you
5 want to give specific instructions to the Mapping team as it
6 relates to, you know, 6 and 7 and -- well, and 2 if it --
7 and it's your call because your -- you know, he --
8 Commissioner Mehl is going to get the map that he likes to
9 look at, I want to look at it, and I want to make sure -- I
10 don't want to come back on Monday and start, you know,
11 opening up all of this is if that's when we're going to
12 convene.

13 So if there's something you want to look at, now is
14 the time.

15 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So you want to continue?

17 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I guess I'm still -- I'm
18 confused because we might end up with two maps and I thought
19 we were going to do our best to compromise and try to work
20 with one.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes, well, you know what, it
22 would be two maps but it's two maps that are identical
23 except for one small, little, tiny area that we could study
24 over the weekend.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I think that's a wonderful
2 place to be in.

3 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: So let's really just focus on
5 this area.

6 MR. KINGERY: So just like on the CD-10 development
7 history goes for CDs, the 11 series, we'll have 11.0 and
8 that will be on the core changes that are agreed upon by
9 both sides; and then we'll have two maps branching off that,
10 one with Commissioner Mehl's and York's feedback and then
11 whatever your feedback and Commissioner Watchman, we'll have
12 that map version ready.

13 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just before Commissioner Mehl
14 goes, can we confirm we have the agreed-upon changes?

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think I went to Kolb.

16 MR. D. JOHNSON: Sure, I can do it.

17 So the first we've got Glendale west of 75th going
18 from District 3 to District 9; the District 7 population
19 north of Indian School going from District 7 into District 9
20 and the little piece of District 3 west of Agua Fria going
21 into District 9.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I thought that was part of
23 our collective deliberation.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I didn't think that --

1 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yeah. I'm trying to confirm --

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh, okay. Thank you. Thank
3 you. Okay.

4 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just to clarify.

5 And then I don't think we had collective agreement
6 on Davis Homestead historic or did we?

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We wanted that. Let's keep
8 that in the collective map.

9 MR. D. JOHNSON: Okay. Great.

10 And then --

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The only difference is when
12 we went down to Tucson.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: I guess I would like more time
14 to study CD-1. I made a suggestion to run -- to go into
15 north Tempe, I don't know -- I don't know what -- I still
16 don't know quite how this map quite works. I know
17 Commissioner Lerner's desire, I know Commissioner Neuberg's
18 desire, but I would like some more time to study if --

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So for now not do the
20 Homestead change, is that what you're suggesting, to hold
21 off and let's take a closer look at it?

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I'd hold off on all the
23 that stuff.

24 MR. D. JOHNSON: Even Glendale?

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, I'd do the Glendale stuff.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: The Glendale stuff we all
2 agreed upon.

3 MR. FLAHAN: So just the west part of D3 and
4 Glendale stuff and top part of D7 --

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: Correct.

6 MR. FLAHAN: -- would be in the collective stuff;
7 everything else, no.

8 Okay. All right.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And you're good on...

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: And then we've got the Alvernon to
11 Broadway change, the straight across in Pinal, and then I
12 believe at the end you said to keep going east of Alvernon
13 until District 6 is balanced --

14 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Yep.

15 MR. D. JOHNSON: -- see where that line ends up.

16 MR. FLAHAN: And in Casa Grande, population balance
17 in Casa Grande.

18 MR. D. JOHNSON: Just around the edges?

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Well, I think we -- so the
20 final direction was to balance not in Casa Grande but going
21 east.

22 MR. D. JOHNSON: Right.

23 MR. FLAHAN: Gotcha.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And Commissioner Mehl, before
25 you go, I'm going to use our discretion and move to Agenda

1 Item Number VII to discuss next meeting date. We have the
2 option to meet on Sunday. We still have three full
3 deliberation days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Maybe we
4 could use the full weekend to study. I think we're actually
5 getting extremely close and have some real fine-tuning to do
6 which is more education, but I'm open to the collective
7 thoughts of my colleague about what the best schedule for us
8 is.

9 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm available Sunday and happy
10 to do Sunday and I'd rather almost err on having us have
11 more time depending on other Commissioners' availability
12 than having less time just to make sure that we can get this
13 done.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I'm open to whatever the
15 decision is.

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: I'm available on Sunday as
17 well.

18 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: I'm open on Sunday.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. It sounds like the
20 Commissioners want to meet so that we just feel comfortable.
21 We have the time in the agenda, it is at 9:00 a.m. You
22 know, we will have a quorum at 9:00 a.m. to open the
23 meeting, we can always go to recess, but what would be the,
24 you know, best time for us to convene?

25 And I would suggest that we plan for a short day,

1 you know, not a full day. So we can, you know, be well
2 rested for Monday.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: If it's going to be a short
4 day, then I'd rather start a little later because I'm going
5 to be staying overnight anyway; again, depending on others'
6 issues but, you know, starting at 10:30 or 11:00.

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: 11 o'clock, I think.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, why -- if we're doing
9 it later why not like 2:30 -- I mean, well, do 2:00?

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Anything like that that's fine
11 with me.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: After -- after 12:00 would be
13 fine with me also. Whatever time you want.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Same here.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We should ask Counsel.

16 I mean is this, you know, we're convening at 9:00
17 and then taking recess until some time in the afternoon,
18 that's fine?

19 Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I would suggest 1 o'clock then
21 at least -- I want to make sure we --

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, 2 o'clock is when the
23 football games end.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Ah.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: 2 o'clock.

1 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I defer to the football game.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: No, I don't care. Whatever.

3 We do get to staff, you know, we're being
4 presumptuous.

5 COMMISSIONER YORK: I like that.

6 MR. FLAHAN: What time would you think you --

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: There's a Suns game on Sunday
8 night as well.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh, at 6:00.

10 MR. D. JOHNSON: Our thought is we'll want time --
11 we want you to have time to deliberate and give us
12 instruction and then we have to go map later on Sunday, so
13 we don't want to start too late.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay, so what's the sweet
15 spot, 1:00?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: 1 o'clock.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: 1 o'clock on Sunday. We'll
18 start the meeting at 9:00 per, you know, our agenda but for
19 the public, please aware that there won't be anything
20 interesting happening until 1:00 p.m.

21 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Thank you very much and thanks
22 for accommodating me today taking off.

23 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Drive safely.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Keep your tires on.

25 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I will try to.

1 (Whereupon Commissioner Mehl exits at 3:31 p.m.)

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3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: All Commissioners have high
4 blood pressure now.

5 So we will now return back to Agenda Item VI, draft
6 map decision, and I believe it is now the opportunity for my
7 Democratic colleagues to give a little direction on the
8 specific area.

9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: So I'm not going to make a
10 huge number of changes or suggestions at this point.

11 Just a few to focus on this one area like you said.

12 Again, my recommendation is to move Casa Grande out
13 of D6 into D2.

14 MR. FLAHAN: On that change I have one question for
15 you.

16 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Sure.

17 MR. FLAHAN: On the northwest border there's a
18 little piece that is not inside Casa Grande that would get
19 stuck in D6, we'd have to move it somewhere.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just move it where you need
21 to move it.

22 MR. FLAHAN: Okay. Because there's another piece
23 south of that that we would need to move too.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. No, we want to make
25 that contiguous and as compact as possible.

1 So that's -- that's one of the -- I think that does
2 a lot in terms of balancing between 2 and 6 as part of that.
3 I think at this point -- just looking, that -- I mean from
4 that -- at that piece right there is probably the biggest
5 piece I want to do up in there, that area.

6 And then in the Tucson area, the border that we
7 have right now is on Campbell I think; is that correct?

8 MR. D. JOHNSON: Yes.

9 MR. FLAHAN: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yeah. So in that -- I mean,
11 I -- I'm comfortable leaving it there. Again, I am happy to
12 compromise potentially, you know, with Commissioner Mehl
13 when he's -- when he's back and we can take a look at those
14 numbers, at moving it out slightly but I know that that
15 doesn't help because it's going to add to D7.

16 In terms of -- what did you say District 7 was at
17 this point population-wise? We were down, are we back
18 overpopulated? Or are we still lower?

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: It started at 25,000 short and
20 then we're losing 1,700 up in -- north of Avondale; am I
21 right?

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I mean, maybe we don't need
23 to worry about it right now and we'll come back to taking a
24 look at D7 in terms of the balancing.

25 For this -- for the purposes of this, knowing and

1 stating very clearly I'm hoping to compromise with
2 Commissioner Mehl on those boundaries. I know that the
3 campus goes to Campbell, there are historic neighborhoods,
4 there are areas that we can look at and hopefully find a
5 balance between what he's suggesting and what I think would
6 be best for that area.

7 So I'm not going to make any changes in that area
8 at this point.

9 I think the biggest change right now is the
10 Casa Grande.

11 There are some things that I think we could do
12 better up -- and I just want to mention these up in -- and
13 it's maybe for the future but District 5, I'm not sure if we
14 have all of San Tan Valley in there. Can you tell me if we
15 do because I just would like to be sure that it's all
16 included.

17 Which also might help population balancing since we
18 moved Casa Grande into D2.

19 MR. D. JOHNSON: It's all in D5.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It's all in 5, okay. Great.

21 And then the only other suggestion that I would
22 have and I don't know population-wise how this would affect,
23 but could Gold Canyon, since they talk a lot about being
24 aligned with Apache Junction, move from District 2 over to
25 District 5? I think just -- we heard a lot of testimony

1 about their relationship and also the US-60 corridor. So
2 just to keep them together.

3 Is that okay?

4 All right. For now, that's all I'm going to
5 recommend at this point. I think it --

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER LERNER: It was just to focus on those
8 areas. Thank you, Chairwoman.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. And now before we move
10 on, Commissioner York, is there anything you want to add to
11 the map that Commissioner Mehl -- now that you've had a
12 little bit of time to digest things.

13 COMMISSIONER YORK: At this time I don't have
14 anything to add.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. With that, we will
16 again return to Agenda Item Number VII. Next meeting date
17 will be Sunday the 19th -- December 19th, 9:00 a.m., for an
18 official start with true deliberation beginning at 1:00 p.m.

19 With that we'll move to Agenda Item Number VIII,
20 closing of public comments.

21 Please note, members of the Commission may not
22 discuss items that are not specifically identified on the
23 agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action
24 taken as a result of public comment will be limited to
25 directing staff to study the matter, responding to any

1 criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration
2 and decision at a later date.

3 We'll move to Agenda Item Number IX, adjournment.

4 I'll open it up for a motion to adjourn.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: This is Commissioner Lerner.
6 I move to adjourn.

7 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Vice Chair Watchman seconds.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: With no further discussion,
9 Vice Chair Watchman.

10 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG? Commissioner York.

12 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

14 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberger is an
16 aye.

17 And with that I thank everybody for your extreme
18 hard work, your good faith, your stamina, enjoy whatever
19 part of the weekend and to our broader team as well.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Can I just make a quick
21 statement?

22 I wanted to thank you, Chairwoman, because we
23 actually got a huge amount done today and I appreciate the
24 fact that we're trying to work on one map as much as
25 possible. I think that that's giving us a lot of progress.

1 I just want to stay thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you. We'll see
3 everybody.

4 (Whereupon the proceeding concludes at 3:37 p.m.)
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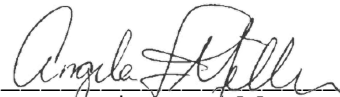
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