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PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

TUESDAY JUNE 12, 2001

6:13 P.M.

BULLHEAD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1251 HIGHWAY 95
BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZONA

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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1 APPEARANCES :

2 COMMISSION STAFF: DANIEL R. ELDER
3 COMMISSION ATTORNEY: LISA HAUSER
4 ATTORNEY TO NATIONAL MARGUERITE LEONI
5 DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION:
6 COMMISSION STAFF: DOUG BELL

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1 THE REDISTRICTING HEARING WAS TAKEN BEFORE
2 SHARON E. FLEEMAN, AN ARIZONA C.C.R., CALIFORNIA C.C.R., AND
3 NEVADA C.C.R. ON THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2001, COMMENCING AT
4 6:13 P.M., IN THE BULLHEAD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1251
5 HIGHWAY 95, BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZONA.

6 THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD:

7 COMMISSIONER ELDER: CAN EVERYBODY HEAR IF I
8 SPEAK IN ABOUT THIS LEVEL OF VOICE OR DO I NEED TO USE THE
9 MICROPHONE?

10 A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: MIGHT DO--

11 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THIS ANY BETTER?

12 MY NAME IS DAN ELDER. I'M ONE OF THE
13 COMMISSIONERS ON THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
14 FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA. WE HAVE A PRESENTATION THAT WE'LL
15 RUN THROUGH THIS EVENING ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS THAT

16 WE'RE IN, AND IT LEADS TO WHAT WE'RE REALLY ASKING YOU FOLKS
17 TO GIVE US IS INFORMATION.

18 WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN. WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT
19 WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOUR COMMUNITIES AND BE ABLE TO TAKE
20 THAT BACK; AND AS WE MODIFY THE GRIDS THAT WE'VE GOT, THAT
21 WE'VE GOT A REASON WHY WE MODIFIED THE GRID; THAT WE HEARD
22 FROM THE COMMUNITY; WE HEARD FROM THE CITIZENS.

23 THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THEY WANTED IN THEIR
24 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, IN THEIR AREA OF THE REGION OF THE
25 STATE AND WHAT COMMUNITIES THEY'D LIKE TO SEE KEPT TOGETHER

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1 AND WHICH COMMUNITIES THEY WANT TO SEE SEPARATED OUT.

2 SO THAT'S OUR GOAL--OR MY GOAL THIS EVENING IS TO
3 GET AN IDEA OF WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU FOLKS HERE AND HOW IT
4 FITS INTO THE REST OF THE FABRIC OF THE STATE.

5 SO LET ME START WITH A POWER POINT PRESENTATION.
6 I THINK IN YOUR HANDOUT YOU'VE GOT MOST OF THE SLIDES THAT
7 WE'LL BE SEEING ON THE SCREEN. I'LL GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF
8 NARRATIVE BEYOND WHAT'S ON THE SCREEN AND WE'LL GO FROM
9 THERE.

10 AND WE DO HAVE AN INTERPRETER IF ANYBODY NEEDS A
11 SPANISH LANGUAGE. WE CAN RUN THAT THROUGH AT THE SAME
12 TIME.

13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I GUESS YOU GET TO RELAX
15 AND HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

16 ALL RIGHT. WE'RE HERE THIS EVENING IS THE
17 PRESENTATION OF THE REDISTRICTING IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA.
18 WE'RE DRAWING THE LINES FOR BOTH THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
19 AS WELL AS THE STATE'S LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

20 THE ROLE THAT YOU PLAY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US.
21 WE ARE HERE TO BE EDUCATED BY YOU FOLKS. WE'RE GOING TO USE
22 THESE HEARINGS TO REALLY BRING THE PROCESS TO THE AREAS OF
23 THE STATE AND TO TRY AND ELICIT SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT
24 YOU HAVE AND HEAR YOUR REACTIONS TO THE PLAN THAT WE HAVE.

25 WE'LL BE COMING BACK A SECOND TIME AFTER WE'VE

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1 LISTENED TO THE VARIOUS ASPECTS THAT YOU BRING TO US THIS
2 EVENING.

3 THERE ARE GOING TO BE A SECOND ROUND OF MEETINGS
4 THAT WE'LL HAVE IN PROBABLY THREE TO FOUR WEEKS THAT WILL
5 THEN ACTUALLY HAVE A PLAN THAT WOULD BE LIKE OUR PROPOSED
6 REDISTRICTING PLAN THAT WE WANT INPUT FROM YOU AGAIN TO
7 WHERE WE CAN ADJUST LINES AND FIND OUT-- IF WE LISTENED
8 WELL ENOUGH, HOPEFULLY THE PLAN WILL BE PRETTY CLOSE. IF WE
9 DIDN'T LISTEN WELL ENOUGH, THEN WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO MAKE
10 SOME CHANGES AND WE'LL AGAIN WANT THE REASONS WHY WE'RE
11 MAKING THOSE CHANGES.

12 THE GOAL OF 106 AND THE GOAL OF THE COMMISSION HAS
13 BEEN TO TRY AND DEVELOP FAIR DISTRICTS AND ACHIEVE
14 REPRESENTATION THAT IS EQUAL AND FAIR TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN
15 THE STATE.

16 IN THE PAST, REDISTRICTING HAS BEEN DONE AND IT'S
17 BEEN A DEEPLY DIVISIVE PROCESS. WE'VE HAD POLITICIANS GO IN
18 AND HAVE SELF-INTEREST. WE'VE HAD COMMUNITIES FIGHTING
19 OTHER COMMUNITIES, AND THEN WE'VE HAD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
20 COME IN AND DECIDE THEY KNOW BETTER FOR THE STATE THAN WHAT
21 THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE HAD.

22 SO WE'VE HAD PROBLEMS, AND ONE OF THE PROBLEMS
23 THAT COME OUT OF THIS IS GERRYMANDERING. THERE'S BEEN SOME
24 DISCUSSION OF WHERE GERRYMANDER CAME FROM.

25 IT REALLY CAME FROM A GENTLEMAN BACK IN, I BELIEVE

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1 IT WAS BOSTON, MR. GERRY. AND HE DREW SOME LINES AROUND
2 SOME AREAS THAT HE FELT WOULD BEST BENEFIT HIS POLITICAL
3 INTEREST.

4 THE BOSTON GLOBE CARTOONIST CAME UP AND STARTED
5 DRAWING WINGS AND TEETH AND WHATEVER, CLAWS ON IT, AND
6 TURNED IT INTO A SALAMANDER, IS WHAT THE CARTOON SHOWED; AND
7 IT'S BEEN KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS GERRYMANDER OR GERRY AND
8 SALAMANDER PUT TOGETHER, SO THAT WAS A DERIVATION OF THE
9 NAME.

10 WHETHER THAT LOOKS LIKE A SALAMANDER. MAYBE IN
11 THE 1800'S IT DID LOOK LIKE A SALAMANDER, BUT THAT'S WHERE
12 WE'RE AT.

13 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE SEEN HAPPEN-- I WANT
14 TO GIVE YOU A COUPLE EXAMPLES OF GERRYMANDERING. I CALL IT
15 GERRYMANDERING, BUT WE'VE GOT A BRIT ON OUR TEAM OR IS HE

16 AUSSIE? HE'S A BRIT. NO. IT'S GERRYMANDER, GOT TO BE
17 GARYMANDER (PHONETIC).

18 IN ANY CASE-- IF I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO WORK
19 THIS. THERE WE GO.

20 ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE, WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF
21 WHAT'S CALLED DELUSION WHERE YOU TAKE AN AREA OF INTEREST,
22 WHETHER IT BE AN ETHNIC AREA, WHETHER IT BE, YOU KNOW,
23 RESORTS, WHETHER IT BE--I GUESS IT COULD BE MINING
24 COMMUNITIES MIGHT HAVE A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST.

25 IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ETHNIC. IT CAN BE SOCIAL.

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1 IT CAN BE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AS OPPOSED TO URBAN.
2 THERE'S ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS AREAS
3 OF INTEREST OR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.

4 ONE OF THE WAYS WITH DELUSION IS THAT YOU TAKE
5 THOSE AND YOU DIVIDE THEM TO WHERE NEITHER ONE OR ANY ONE OF
6 THE FOUR AREAS NOW HAS ENOUGH POWER TO CONTROL ANY OF THE
7 FOUR DISTRICTS.

8 THE IDEA OF PACKING IS THAT YOU TAKE THOSE SAME
9 COMMUNITIES AND YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER, AND INSTEAD OF HAVING
10 51 PERCENT IN ONE DISTRICT, YOU PUT THEM ALL IN ONE DISTRICT
11 AND THEY CONTROL THAT DISTRICT, YES, BUT THEN THE OTHER
12 THREE DISTRICTS ARE SECURE FOR WHOEVER WAS DOING THE
13 GERRYMANDERING.

14 HERE WE HAVE TWO EXAMPLES; ONE THAT WE JUST USED
15 AS DEMOCRAT; ONE THAT WE SAID WAS REPUBLICAN. I THINK

16 WE'RE-- I WANT TO SAY WITH THE COMMISSION, WE'VE GOT TWO
17 REPUBLICANS AND TWO DEMOCRATS; AND SO FAR, I HAVE NOT SEEN
18 ANY PARTISANSHIP OUT OF ANY OF US. IT'S BEEN A REALLY GREAT
19 EXPERIENCE.

20 BUT HERE'S AN EXAMPLE WHERE REPUBLICANS ON THIS
21 SIDE HERE, SAY IN DISTRICT 3. DISTRICT 2. DISTRICT 1. AND
22 BY PUTTING THE HISPANICS ALL IN DISTRICT 2, IT CREATED AN
23 ETHNIC DISTRICT TO HELP THE REPUBLICANS; AND BY HELPING THE
24 REPUBLICANS, YOU'VE GOT THESE TWO DISTRICTS HERE THAT THEN
25 THEY WOULD CONTROL.

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1 ON THE OTHER SIDE WE HAVE ONE THAT WAS
2 REPRESENTED AS A DEMOCRATIC, WHERE THEY TAKE THE HISPANICS
3 IN THIS CASE AND THEY SPLIT OUT JUST ENOUGH TO MAKE
4 DISTRICT 2 COMPETITIVE, BUT KEEPING DISTRICT 1 WITH JUST A
5 FEW PEOPLE IN THAT DISTRICT OVER WHAT IS NEEDED--OR UNDER
6 WHAT IS NEEDED TO CONTROL DISTRICT 1.

7 SO IN THIS CASE, THERE--WE'RE USING THE TERM
8 PRESERVING A WHITE DEMOCRATIC, YOU KNOW, INCUMBENT, THE
9 INCUMBENT IN DISTRICT 1. THEY SPLIT OFF JUST ENOUGH OF THE
10 HISPANICS THAT HAVE TRADITIONALLY VOTED FOR PERSON OF THEIR
11 REPRESENTATION; AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK, YOU KNOW, VERY
12 WELL IN ANYBODY'S RESPECT.

13 SO WHAT THE COMMISSION'S TRYING TO DO IS WE'RE
14 TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE THESE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ARE,
15 WHERE THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU ARE SO THAT WE

16 DON'T SPLIT, WE DON'T DILUTE, WE DON'T PACK; THAT WE TRY AND
17 MAKE THE DISTRICTS AS FAIR AND COMPETITIVE AS POSSIBLE.

18 SO THIS IS WHAT THE VOTERS DECIDED IN THE ELECTION
19 PROCESS BACK IN NOVEMBER; THAT THEY WANTED TO GO THROUGH AND
20 CLEAN UP THE STATE PROCESS AND PUT IT, INSTEAD OF INTO
21 POLITICAL HANDS, INTO AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING
22 COMMISSION.

23 THE COMMISSION-- WELL, I-- JUST AS A MATTER OF
24 FACT, STATED A NEW KIND OF REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

25 COMMISSIONER STEVE LYNN. WE'LL GO IN REVERSE

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1 ORDER.

2 I BELIEVE MR. HUNTWORK AND MISS MINKOFF WERE THE
3 TWO COMMISSIONERS THAT WERE APPOINTED IN MARICOPA COUNTY.
4 THEY WERE THE MINORITY WHIP AND THE MINORITY PRESIDENT, I
5 BELIEVE, OR THE--WHAT WAS IT?

6 MS. HAUSER: MAJORITY.

7 COMMISSIONER ELDER: MAJORITY, I'M SORRY.
8 MAJORITY. SO THEY APPOINTED HUNTWORK WHO WAS A REPUBLICAN.
9 ANDREA MINKOFF, SHE'S A DEMOCRAT.

10 PART OF 106 SAYS YOU CAN'T HAVE MORE THAN TWO
11 PEOPLE FROM ONE PARTY NOR CAN YOU HAVE TWO PEOPLE FROM ANY
12 ONE COUNTY, SO WE HAVE BOTH OF THOSE TWO PEOPLE WERE FROM
13 MARICOPA COUNTY.

14 YES?

15 A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: CAN YOU GIVE THE

16 OCCUPATIONS OF THESE COMMISSION MEMBERS--

17 COMMISSIONER ELDER: WELL, I'LL START--

18 A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: --WOULD YOU

19 PLEASE?

20 COMMISSIONER ELDER: SURE. SO JAMES HUNTWORK

21 IS AN ATTORNEY. HE'S-- I THINK HIS SPECIALTY IS IN THE

22 TERM OF-- I CALL IT COMPROMISE. HE'S IN NEGOTIATION. HE

23 NEGOTIATES CONTRACTS. HE WORKS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND

24 WORKS OUT LABOR AGREEMENTS.

25 ANDREA MINKOFF, I-- WHAT IS ANDY? SHE'S AN

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1 INVESTOR. SHE'S GOTTEN MORE KNOWLEDGE IN REAL ESTATE AND
2 INVESTING AND THAT TYPE OF THING THAN I'LL EVER HOPE TO
3 HAVE, BUT SHE DOES THAT--AS A--NOT AS A FORMAL BUSINESS, BUT
4 THEY PUT TOGETHER INVESTMENT GROUPS.

5 JOSHUA HALL. WELL, BACK UP.

6 THEN I WAS APPOINTED BY SENATOR GNANT. PIMA
7 COUNTY I GUESS WAS THE NEXT MOST POPULATED AREA, AND HE
8 NEEDED A REPUBLICAN. I DON'T KNOW REALLY HOW I GOT ON IT.

9 THE COMMISSION, THE SUPREME COURT COMMISSION, TOOK
10 300 AND I BELIEVE IT WAS 25 PEOPLE THAT APPLIED, SHORT
11 LISTED THAT DOWN TO 25; 10 REPUBLICANS, 10 DEMOCRATS, AND 5
12 INDEPENDENTS.

13 FROM THAT, THEN THE--THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE
14 MAJORITY, MINORITY WHIP, THE LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY AND
15 MINORITY WHIP, ALL GOT TO APPOINT PEOPLE.

16 FROM THAT POINT, THEN THE FOUR OF US ELECTED
17 MR. LYNN, WHO IS THE INDEPENDENT.

18 SO GOING BACK TO WHERE THEY'RE FROM, I'M FROM EAST
19 SIDE OF TUCSON. JOSHUA HALL IS FROM THE PINETOP/SHOWLOW
20 AREA. HE IS IN THE TITLE BUSINESS. AND STEVE LYNN IS-- I
21 GUESS THE BEST TERM WOULD BE PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR UNISOURCE
22 OR TUCSON PUBLIC--OR TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER, SO THAT'S WHERE
23 THEY COME FROM.

24 GO AHEAD AND READ THIS ONE. "THE PROPOSITION 106
25 STATES, 'THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL

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1 ESTABLISH CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS. THE
2 COMMENCEMENT OF THE MAPPING PROCESS FOR BOTH THE
3 CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS SHALL BE THE
4 CREATION OF DISTRICTS OF EQUAL POPULATION IN A GRID-LIKE
5 PATTERN ACROSS THE STATE.' "

6 THE GOALS OF 106: "DISTRICTS SHALL COMPLY WITH
7 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. B,
8 THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SHALL HAVE AN EQUAL POPULATION
9 TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE. THE STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
10 SHALL HAVE AN EQUAL POPULATION TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE."

11 THE FEDS REALLY WANT THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
12 TO BE DOWN TO LIKE ONE PERSON. IT'S NOT ONE PERCENT. IT'S
13 NOT A HALF PERCENT. YOU KNOW, THEY'VE KICKED BACK; SAYS NO,
14 YOU NEED TO DIVIDE SOME PRECINCTS TO GET IT DOWN TO AN
15 INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCE.

16 IF WE TAKE THE STATE'S 2000 CENSUS, 5.12 SOME ODD
17 MILLION, DIVIDE BY EIGHT, IT COMES OUT EVEN; SO OUR GOAL IS
18 TO COME UP WITH EXACTLY EIGHT DISTRICTS THAT ARE DIVISIBLE
19 INTO THE STATE'S POPULATION AS OF THE 2000 CENSUS.

20 "DISTRICTS SHALL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY COMPACT AND
21 CONTIGUOUS." THAT COMES RIGHT OUT OF THE VOTER RIGHTS ACT.

22 "THE DISTRICT SHALL BE"-- I MEAN, "THE DISTRICT
23 BOUNDARIES SHALL RESPECT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TO THE
24 EXTENT PRACTICABLE."

25 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR FROM

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1 ARIZONA GAVE IN ONE OF HER OPINIONS THAT TERM, "COMMUNITIES
2 OF INTEREST," AND THEN YET DID NOT DEFINE WHAT COMMUNITY OF
3 INTEREST WAS.

4 SO WE HAVE HAD BOTH OF OUR REPUBLICAN AND
5 DEMOCRATIC COUNSELS COUNSELING US ON WHAT A COMMUNITY OF
6 INTEREST IS; AND IT'S STILL, LISA, UNDEFINED; SO...

7 SO WE HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY AND WE WANT TO FIND OUT
8 FROM YOU WHAT YOU CONSIDER A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST OR WHAT
9 HOLDS YOU TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OR AS A REGION OR AS AN
10 AREA; SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE LOOKING FOR THIS
11 EVENING.

12 "TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, DISTRICT LINES SHALL
13 BE USED--SHALL USE VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES; CITY, TOWN,
14 COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS."

15 THE SMALLEST ENTITY THAT WE HAVE GOT TO WORK WITH

16 IS CENSUS TRACT. WE DON'T HAVE A LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS,
17 YOU KNOW; AND IN THE CENSUS TRACT, I THINK PROBABLY THE
18 SMALLEST IS THREE PEOPLE, FOUR PEOPLE, AND THEN SOME OF THE
19 CENSUS TRACTS, YOU KNOW, GO UP TO WHERE THEY'RE HUMONGOUS,
20 SO WE'VE GOT A LARGE RANGE IN HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN A
21 CENSUS TRACT.

22 YOU KNOW, PART OF THE REASON WHY THEY VARY SO
23 GREATLY IS THAT A CENSUS TRACT-- WELL, IT'S-- IT'S SIMILAR
24 TO A, YOU KNOW, THE PRECINCTS WHERE YOU GO IN AND YOU HAVE
25 TO HAVE EVERY SINGLE THING IN A SINGULAR DISTRICT.

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1 IF YOU HAVE A SCHOOL DISTRICT LINE GOING ONE
2 DIRECTION, YOU HAVE A COUNTY LINE GOING ANOTHER DIRECTION,
3 YOU HAVE THE CITY LINE, YOU COULD END UP WITH A MULTIPLICITY
4 OF AREAS THAT WORK INTO PRECINCTS, WORK IN CENSUS TRACTS,
5 AND THINGS ALONG THOSE LINES; SO THERE IS A BROAD RANGE IN
6 THE CENSUS TRACTS THAT WE CAN USE.

7 FINALLY, "TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, COMPETITIVE
8 DISTRICTS SHOULD BE FAVORED WHERE DOING SO WOULD CREATE NO
9 SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENT TO OTHER GOALS."

10 "PARTY REGISTRATION AND VOTING HISTORY DATA SHALL
11 BE EXCLUDED FROM THE INITIAL PHASE OF MAPPING." IN OTHER
12 WORDS, WE DON'T TAKE INTO EFFECT OR INTO ACCOUNT WHETHER
13 IT'S REPUBLICAN OR WHETHER IT'S DEMOCRATIC. WE DON'T HAVE
14 THAT DATA. WE DID NOT HAVE THAT DATA WHEN THE GRID WAS
15 INITIALLY PROPOSED AND BROUGHT FORTH.

16 "THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE MAPPING SHALL BE USED TO
17 TEST THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE GOALS. THE PLACES--OR
18 PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF THE INCUMBENTS OR THE CANDIDATES SHALL
19 NOT BE IDENTIFIED OR CONSIDERED."

20 NOW, THAT PART HOLDS ALL THE WAY THROUGH.

21 I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE MY REPRESENTATIVE IN
22 DISTRICT 14 LIVES, AND WE DON'T HAVE MAPS. WE WON'T HAVE
23 MAPS, AND I'M NOT GOING OUT OF MY WAY TO TRY AND FIND OUT
24 WHERE PEOPLE LIVE. YOU KNOW, THAT WAS PART OF WHAT 106
25 SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT WE WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE IN

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1 CONSIDERATION.

2 SO IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WHEN WE GO FROM SIX TO EIGHT
3 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT WE MAY
4 END UP WITH TWO CONGRESSMEN THAT ARE IN THE SAME DISTRICT,
5 AND ONE OF THE NEW DISTRICTS MAY HAVE ZERO CONGRESSMEN. IT
6 MAY BE JUST THE WAY THAT THAT FALLS OUT.

7 SO I'M SURE I-- ACTUALLY, OUR CHAIRMAN MADE A
8 QUOTE--GAVE A QUOTE ONE TIME, "IF WE MAKE EVERYBODY EQUALLY
9 UNHAPPY, WE MAY HAVE DONE OUR JOB," SO WE'RE OFF AND
10 RUNNING.

11 "APRIL OF 2001, THE COMMISSION RECEIVED FACTS ON
12 ARIZONA'S CHANGING POPULATION AS REPORTED BY THE CENSUS."

13 THE STATE'S POPULATION 2000 CENSUS WAS 5,130,632;
14 AND IT WAS APPROXIMATELY A 40 PERCENT INCREASE. THE
15 POPULATION IN '90 WAS THREE MILLION SIX-SIX-FIVE. REMEMBER

16 THAT NUMBER TO THE EXTENT THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT--SOME TIME WE
17 LOOK AT MARICOPA COUNTY, 3,000--OR THREE MILLION 0-7-2, IT
18 IS ALMOST THE SIZE OF THE ENTIRE STATE BACK IN 1990; SO THAT
19 GROWTH IS 44 PERCENT.

20 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE PURE NUMBERS WHERE WE NEED TO
21 HAVE, I BELIEVE IT'S 671,000 PEOPLE IN A CONGRESSIONAL
22 DISTRICT IN THE STATE AND FOR EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, WE
23 NEED TO HAVE 171 AND CHANGE. IT'S LIKE 021.

24 SO THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS AND THE POPULATION IN THE
25 CENSUS THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR TO DIVIDE THE STATE INTO THE

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1 VARIOUS SIZE AREAS; BUT YOU FOLKS-- LET'S SEE. SIXTY-FIVE
2 PERCENT. RIGHT THERE.

3 MOHAVE COUNTY WAS LITERALLY THE FASTEST GROWING
4 COUNTY IN THE STATE, SO THERE'S A LOT MORE PEOPLE HERE THAN
5 THERE WERE, LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENCE '93, TO 155.

6 YOU KNOW, THAT STARTS GENERATING MORE COMPACTED--
7 YOU KNOW, THE DISTRICTS THAT YOU HAVE AROUND HERE IS GOING
8 TO GETTING SMALLER BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND
9 GRAB AS MUCH RURAL POPULATION TO GET THE DISTRICTS THAT
10 WOULD BE ADJACENT TO OR IN MOHAVE COUNTY.

11 THE TASK OF THE COMMISSION DEVELOP THE DISTRICTS
12 IN A GRID-LIKE PATTERN.

13 THERE'S SEVERAL DEFINITIONS. I WON'T GO INTO
14 THOSE, YOU KNOW, OF WHAT A DISTRICT OR WHAT A GRID
15 REPRESENTS.

16 ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONERS SAID HE FOUND ON THE WEB
17 SITE THAT THERE WAS 17 DIFFERENT WAYS THAT YOU COULD GRID A
18 PLANE.

19 WE LOOKED AT A BUNCH OF THEM IN THE REPUBLIC--
20 WELL, IT WAS APRIL 19TH. THEY BROUGHT SIX GRIDS THAT HAD
21 BEEN PUT OUT TO THE PUBLIC, AND THEY ALL HAD SOME INHERENT
22 FLAWS OR PROBLEMS THAT WE SAW AS A DRAWBACK THAT, AS WE
23 STARTED LOOKING AT HOW A GRID THAT WAS PROPOSED WOULD RELATE
24 BACK TO THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
25 IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, WE FOUND THAT

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1 THERE WERE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN DOING THAT.

2 BUT I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU THAT THE GRID THAT
3 WE CAME UP WITH IS ANY MORE SUPERIOR THAN ANY OF THE GRIDS
4 THAT WERE PRESENTED IN THE REPUBLIC.

5 THEN WE COME TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. THIS IS THE
6 FIRST ROUND OF HEARINGS.

7 I PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT WE WOULD HAVE
8 HAD THESE MEETINGS BEFORE WE EVEN CAME UP WITH THE GRID SO
9 THAT AS WE WERE LOOKING AT A GRID PROCESS, I MIGHT HAVE
10 KNOWN A LITTLE BIT BETTER WHAT DIRECTION WE NEEDED TO GO SO
11 THAT I'D HAVE A LITTLE BIT BETTER WORKING TOOL THAT MIGHT
12 NEED TO BE MANAGED A LITTLE BIT LESS THAN WE'LL PROBABLY
13 HAVE TO MANAGE THE GRID THAT WE COME UP WITH.

14 BUT PUBLIC HEARINGS. THAT'S THE FIRST STEP. THE
15 PUBLIC REVIEW, YOU KNOW, WE'LL HAVE APPROXIMATELY, AFTER WE

16 COME UP WITH THIS NEXT MAP, THE DRAFT MAP WITH THE
17 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AND THE DRAFT MAP OF THE LEGISLATIVE
18 DISTRICTS, WE'RE GONNA HAVE 30 DAYS OF COMMENT.

19 THOSE MAPS ARE GONNA BE ON OUR WEB SITE, AND I'LL
20 KEEP PUTTING IN THE PITCH THE WEB SITE IS A.Z. REDISTRICTING
21 DOT ORG.

22 ANY TIME WE HAVE A COMMISSION MEETING, IF THERE'S
23 A MAP THAT'S, YOU KNOW-- WELL, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
24 ONE. WE'LL HAVE A SERIES OF MAPS.

25 ON THE SIDE BAR, IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH WEB

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1 SITES, YOU KNOW, THERE'S THINGS THAT YOU CAN GET TO. YOU
2 CAN GET TO LITTLE BIOGRAPHIES OF COMMISSIONERS. MINE'S VERY
3 SHORT. IT'S ABOUT TWO LINES.

4 YOU CAN GET TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS. YOU
5 CAN GET TO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OUTPUT; BUT ALSO, THERE'S A
6 BOX DOWN THERE THAT SAYS "CONTACT US."

7 AND IF YOU CLICK ON THAT, YOU'LL GET ALMOST LIKE
8 AN E-MAIL ENVELOPE WHERE YOU CAN TYPE IN YOUR COMMENTS,
9 BRING THAT BACK, AND THEN SAY "SEND" AND THAT SENDS IT TO
10 THE COMMISSION. YOU'LL GET A RESPONSE FROM THOSE--THOSE
11 QUESTIONS.

12 AND THEN THE LAST ONE IS WE'RE GONNA HAVE THE
13 CITIZEN KITS WHERE WE'RE ASKING FOR WHAT YOU CONSIDER AS
14 YOUR COMMUNITY OF INTEREST HERE, SO IF YOU GO INTO THE
15 LIBRARY, YOU CAN BRING THAT UP AND YOU CAN FILL OUT A

16 CITIZEN KIT THERE, MAKE YOUR COMMENTS, PRESS SEND.

17 YOU CAN ASK FOR THEM-- IF YOU CALL OR WRITE, YOU
18 CAN ASK FOR THEM TO BE SENT OUT TO YOUR PARTICULAR GROUP, IF
19 YOU'VE GOT A GROUP THAT'S WILLING TO PARTICIPATE. IF YOU
20 NEED FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN, THIRTY, WHATEVER NUMBER, YOU KNOW,
21 THAT YOU'LL PROCESS AND HELP GET US MORE INFORMATION. THE
22 MORE INFORMATION WE'VE GOT, THE BETTER JOB WE CAN DO.

23 SO I THINK WITH THAT, MARGUERITE, WOULD YOU LIKE
24 TO START AT THIS POINT AND START RUNNING--

25 MS. LEONI: YEAH.

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1 COMMISSIONER ELDER: --OR--

2 MS. LEONI: ABSOLUTELY.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: GETTING TIRED OF ME, AND
4 I NEED SOME DRINK OF WATER. I NEED A DRINK OF WATER.

5 MARGUERITE LEONI. WHAT WE DID AS A COMMISSION--
6 LET ME DO A QUICK INTRODUCTION. IS ABOUT--I GUESS IT WAS
7 TWO MONTHS AGO, WE INTERVIEWED CONSULTANTS BECAUSE NONE OF
8 THE COMMISSIONERS, BEING VOLUNTEERS AND, IN EFFECT, GETTING
9 ZERO.

10 AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK WE'RE ALL IN THE HOLE
11 BECAUSE THE STATE REIMBURSEMENT REALLY DOESN'T PICK UP WHAT
12 WE SPEND ON TRIPS TO GO AROUND AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.

13 WE COULD NOT AND WE WERE NOT TECHNICALLY
14 SUFFICIENT, CAPABLE OF ANALYZING DATA, ANALYZING THE LAW,
15 ANALYZING ALL THE THINGS RELATED TO REDISTRICTING; SO WE

16 HIRED A CONSULTANT.

17 WE INTERVIEWED-- GOSH, I GUESS IT WAS FIVE
18 CONSULTANTS, NINE THAT HAD APPLIED, AND WE ENDED UP WITH A
19 NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION THAT WE FELT BEST FIT THE
20 GOALS THAT WE HAD AS A COMMISSION TO HELP US PROCESS AND
21 MANAGE THE CITIZEN INPUT, HELP US MANAGE THE DATA AND THE
22 CENSUS TRACTS.

23 AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MARGUERITE
24 LEONI. SHE REPRESENTS N.D.C. HERE THIS EVENING-- AND I DID
25 SAY N.D.C.

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1 I ALMOST STRUCK THEIR FIRM OFF THE LIST BECAUSE
2 THEIR PRESIDENT MADE THE PRESENTATION AND IT SAID N.B.C.
3 N.B.C. I KEPT SAYING "I DON'T WANT ONE OF THOSE TALKING
4 HEAD FIRMS TO REPRESENT ME AS A COMMISSIONER," AND THEN I
5 REALIZED IT WAS N.D.C., DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION.

6 SO WITH THAT, I'LL LET MARGUERITE GO FROM HERE.

7 MS. LEONI: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER ELDER.

8 DAN, WHICH BUTTON DO I PUSH?

9 COMMISSIONER ELDER: ARROW UP AND DOWN.

10 MS. LEONI: I AM REPRESENTING N.D.C. TONIGHT,
11 AND WE ARE THE CONSULTANT TO THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING
12 COMMISSION.

13 WHAT WE DO IS WHAT ANY CONSULTANT CAN DO, AND THAT
14 IS, TO TAKE ALL SORTS OF DATA THAT'S OUT THERE FROM THE 2000
15 CENSUS AND AGGREGATE THAT IN PARTICULAR UNITS AND LINES AND

16 CREATE VARIOUS REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA,
17 FOR CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATURE.

18 BUT ONE OF THE REASONS I BELIEVE THAT THE
19 COMMISSION CHOSE OUR FIRM IS BECAUSE WE HAVE PIONEERED AND
20 SPECIALIZED IN CITIZEN OUTREACH AND DOING PLANS BASED ON
21 WHAT WE HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC; AND THAT IS THE REASON THAT
22 WE'RE HERE TODAY.

23 AS PART OF-- AS A KEY PART OF THIS PROCESS,
24 N.D.C. HAS RECOMMENDED, AND THE COMMISSION HAS ACCEPTED OUR
25 RECOMMENDATION, THAT WE VISIT ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES AND

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1 FIND OUT HOW YOU VIEW YOURSELVES BEFORE WE ACTUALLY PUT
2 DRAFT PLANS ON--ON PAPER FOR YOU TO LOOK AT THE LINES.

3 SO THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING TODAY IS NOT TO GET
4 A LINE FROM YOU OR A MAP. THAT IS SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT
5 CAPABLE OF DOING AT THIS TIME SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE
6 THE DATA.

7 SOME OF YOU COMPUTER WIZARDS COULD PROBABLY GET
8 PRETTY CLOSE BY GETTING ON THE CENSUS WEB SITE, BUT THAT'S
9 NOT WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR YOU--FROM YOU TODAY.

10 WE'LL BE BACK WITH A DRAFT PLAN WITH ACTUAL LINES
11 ON IT. YOU'LL GET A SECOND CHANCE TO TALK TO US ABOUT THOSE
12 ACTUAL LINES, BUT WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW TODAY IS ABOUT YOU
13 AND HOW YOU VIEW YOURSELVES.

14 WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU IS FOR INPUT ABOUT HOW YOU
15 VIEW YOUR COMMUNITY. OBVIOUSLY, BULLHEAD CITY ISN'T BIG

16 ENOUGH TO BE A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN AND OF ITSELF AND
17 CERTAINLY NOT A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT; BUT HOW DO YOU VIEW
18 YOURSELVES RELATIVE TO YOUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES?

19 HAS THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION WORKED WELL FOR
20 YOU? DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE A CHANGE OR TO
21 PERPETUATE THAT?

22 IF YOU WERE TO HAVE A CHANGE, WHAT AREAS WOULD YOU
23 WANT TO MOVE INTO? DO YOU WANT TO GO NORTH TO THE BORDER?
24 DOES IT MAKE MORE SENSE TO MOVE SOUTH INTO THE LAKE HAVASU
25 AREA?

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1 PORTION OF YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE
2 DISTRICT WITH LAKE HAVASU AND ALSO WITH--IN THE SAME
3 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, BUT THEN YOUR DISTRICTS MOVE FROM
4 THE BORDER, FROM THE RIVER, TO THE MORE CENTRAL PART OF THE
5 STATE.

6 HOW IS THAT WORKING FOR YOU? IF YOU WERE TO BE
7 COMBINED WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES, WHAT COMMUNITIES DO YOU
8 FEEL YOU WOULD WORK WELL WITH AS A GROUP?

9 AND THEN ACTUALLY, WHEN IT COMES TO DRAWING LINES,
10 WHAT LINES IN THIS COMMUNITY ARE IMPORTANT TO OBSERVE?

11 WHAT WE'VE PUT ON THE BACK WALL FOR YOU TO GO AND
12 TAKE A LOOK AT--AND WE CAN ALSO MAIL THEM TO YOU IF YOU
13 WOULD LIKE--ARE CITIZEN KIT MAPS WHICH ACTUALLY HAVE A
14 BLOWUP OF YOUR COMMUNITY WITH IMPORTANT FEATURES ON THEM.

15 FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS THERE.

16 QUESTION? IS IT IMPORTANT FROM A REPRESENTATIONAL POINT OF
17 VIEW THAT YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT BE KEPT INTACT IN A SINGLE
18 DISTRICT?

19 IS THERE A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY GROUP THAT NEEDS
20 TO BE REPRESENTED IN A SINGLE DISTRICT? DO YOU HAVE RURAL
21 AND URBAN INTERESTS HERE?

22 WHAT WE HEARD IN LAKE HAVASU, THAT THERE ARE
23 INTERESTS--THERE ARE CONCERNS WITH WASTEWATER AND SEWER
24 MANAGEMENT IN THESE AREAS. HOW ARE THESE BEST REPRESENTED
25 IN YOUR LEGISLATURE AND THEN IN CONGRESS?

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1 IF IT IS HELPFUL TO YOU TO IDENTIFY SOME OF THESE
2 INTERESTS BY DRAWING ON A MAP LIKE THAT, BE OUR GUEST.
3 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR.

4 IF YOU WOULD LIKE COPIES OF YOUR OWN OR COPIES FOR
5 YOUR GROUPS, LET US KNOW. WE'RE TAKING NAMES, WE'RE TAKING
6 ADDRESSES, AND WE'RE MAILING DATA OUT TO YOU.

7 WHAT YOU DO HAVE IN WHAT WE CALL THE CITIZEN KIT,
8 AND I THINK IT'S MORE OR LESS, DOUG, DIVIDED UP BACK THERE
9 RATHER THAN IN THIS.

10 MR. BELL: YES.

11 MS. LEONI: ALL RIGHT. INFORMATIONAL DATA
12 FOR YOU ABOUT THE COMMISSION, ABOUT THE PROCESS. THE
13 PURPOSE OF 106 WAS TO TAKE REDISTRICTING OUT OF THE HANDS OF
14 THE POLITICIANS AND PUT IT IN THE HANDS OF THE CITIZENS.

15 NOT ONE MEMBER OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION IS

16 A POLITICIAN, AND THAT WAS A DISQUALIFYING CHARACTERISTIC
17 FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS. THEY ARE ALL CITIZENS JUST LIKE
18 YOU.

19 ONCE THEY FINISH THIS JOB, THEY'RE--THIS JOB,
20 THEY'RE GOING BACK TO THEIR REAL JOBS JUST LIKE YOU. THIS
21 WILL PASS. THEY WILL PASS. BUT IT IS INTENDED TO BE A
22 PROCESS THAT PUTS THE INTEREST OF CITIZENS ABOVE THE
23 INTEREST OF POLITICIANS.

24 AND IN ORDER TO GET AT WHAT THESE INTERESTS MAY
25 BE, A KEY PART OF YOUR CITIZEN KIT IS THIS GREEN SHEET, AND

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1 WE HAVE IT FOR YOU. THAT'S A FACSIMILE, AN UNREADABLE
2 FACSIMILE OF IT. GRAB IT. TAKE A LOOK AT IT, AND LET'S SEE
3 WHAT WE'RE ASKING OF YOU.

4 WE HOPE IT'S SIMPLE. IT DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF
5 QUESTIONS ON IT, BUT THE FIRST ONE ASKS FOR YOUR NAME AND
6 ADDRESS.

7 NOW, LOT OF PEOPLE DEALING WITH GOVERNMENTAL
8 AGENCIES DON'T WANT TO GIVE OUT THAT KIND OF INFORMATION,
9 BUT THE REASON WE'RE ASKING YOU FOR IT IS BECAUSE WE WILL
10 RESPOND TO YOU PERSONALLY IF YOU PUT A COMMENT ON THIS INPUT
11 FORM.

12 ON THE OTHER HAND, I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE
13 DETERRED. IF YOU JUST WANT TO GIVE YOUR THOUGHTS AND DON'T
14 CARE TO GET SOMETHING BACK PERSONALLY, FILL IT IN. TURN IT
15 IN. DO IT TONIGHT. MAIL IT IN. FAX IT. WE WANT TO HEAR

16 FROM YOU EITHER ANONYMOUSLY OR WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

17 IF YOU DO PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, WE WILL
18 RESPOND PERSONALLY TO YOU. THE COMMISSION'S ADDRESS IS ON
19 THE REVERSE OF THE FORM, AND THE FAX NUMBER IS THERE AS
20 WELL.

21 NOW, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DEAL ANY LONGER WITH
22 OLD-FASHIONED PEN AND PAPER, YOU CAN FIND THIS EXACT FORM ON
23 THE WEB SITE; AND DAN, THAT IS?

24 COMMISSIONER ELDER: A.Z. REDISTRICTING DOT
25 COM.

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1 MS. HAUSER: DOT ORG.

2 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OR DOT ORG.

3 MS. HAUSER: DOT ORG.

4 MS. LEONI: AND YOU CAN FILL IT IN ON LINE
5 AND HAVE IT OFF YOUR DESK IN NO TIME. PUNCH THE SEND
6 BUTTON, AND WE'RE GONNA GET IT, AND WE'LL RESPOND BACK TO
7 YOU.

8 SO FIRST QUESTION: NAME AND ADDRESS. NAME AND
9 ADDRESS. SECOND QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR CONCERN? HOW
10 HAS-- WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR CONCERN IN REDISTRICTING?

11 ONE THING WE CANNOT CONSIDER IS YOUR INCUMBENTS.
12 THE LAW THAT YOU PASSED SAYS WE CAN'T CONSIDER THAT, BUT WE
13 CAN CONSIDER EVERYBODY ELSE.

14 WHAT ABOUT THAT LINE THAT DEVELOPS--THAT DIVIDES
15 BULLHEAD CITY BETWEEN DISTRICTS 1 AND 2? HOW DO YOU FEEL

16 ABOUT THAT? WHAT ARE YOUR MAJOR CONCERNS? HAVE YOU BEEN
17 REPRESENTED WELL? IF NOT, WHY NOT? WHAT SORT OF ISSUES DO
18 YOU THINK YOU COULD BE REPRESENTED BETTER ON OR HAVE BEEN
19 REPRESENTED WELL ON?

20 WE'RE LOOKING FOR POSITIVE AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTIVE
21 COMMENTS, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY FROM PEOPLE AROUND THE
22 STATE ALREADY.

23 PLEASE LET US KNOW IN AS MANY WORDS AS YOU WANT.
24 THE FEWER THE BETTER, BUT AS MANY AS YOU NEED ABOUT WHAT YOU
25 THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE REDISTRICTING

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1 PROCESS. THAT'S QUESTION NUMBER 2.

2 THIRD QUESTION: WHAT BOUNDARY LINES WOULD YOU
3 LIKE TO SEE USED IN YOUR AREA AND WHY? THAT'S WHY WE PUT
4 THE MAPS UP ON HERE.

5 ORIENT YOURSELF WITH REGARD TO YOUR SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT, WITH REGARD TO THE FREEWAYS. DO THE FREEWAYS
7 DEFINE YOUR COMMUNITY IN A PARTICULAR WAY? A MOUNTAIN
8 RANGE? OBVIOUSLY, THE RIVER IS AN IMPORTANT FEATURE.

9 THESE ARE ALL POTENTIAL BOUNDARY LINES FOR A
10 REDISTRICTING PLAN. WHICH ONES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE USED
11 IN YOUR AREA AND WHY?

12 NOW, LET ME-- I'M ENCOURAGING YOU TO SPEAK TO US,
13 AND WE WANT YOU TO DO THAT. REMEMBER, ALL OF THIS WILL BE
14 TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, BUT THERE WILL BE A BALANCING PROCESS.

15 YOUR NEIGHBORS MAY SAY THINGS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

16 FROM WHAT YOU SAY, AND WE NEED TO TAKE A WHOLE LOT OF INPUT
17 ACROSS THE STATE AND AMALGAMATE IT INTO A WORKABLE PLAN; SO
18 AS COMMISSIONER ELDER SAID, IF WE MAKE EVERYBODY A LITTLE
19 BIT UNHAPPY, THEN WE'VE DONE OUR JOB. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN
20 THAT WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE DO.

21 AND AS I SAID, ALL OF THIS INPUT WILL BE RECORDED
22 AND WILL BE RESPONDED TO. SO IT'S NOT YOU'RE SENDING A
23 LETTER TO THE--TO A MAILBOX AND IT ENDS UP IN THE CIRCULAR
24 FILE. THAT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

25 THE NEXT QUESTION ON THE CITIZEN INPUT FORM IS

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1 NUMBER 4. WE'RE ALMOST TO THE END. IT'S A SHORT
2 INSTRUMENT. WHAT AREAS, GROUPS, OR NEIGHBORHOODS DO YOU
3 THINK SHOULD ABSOLUTELY NOT BE DIVIDED BY NEW DISTRICT
4 BOUNDARIES?

5 YOU'RE SICK OF HAVING THIS GROUP DIVIDED. THEY
6 CAN'T GET THEIR VOICE TOGETHER. TOGETHER THEY CAN MAKE AN
7 IMPACT ON THEIR CONGRESSMAN. DIVIDED THEY'RE JUST LITTLE
8 FISH IN A HUGE POND. IDENTIFY THOSE GROUPS AND TELL US
9 WHY.

10 WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS IN QUESTION 5, WHICH WE'RE UP
11 TO NOW, IS PUT A LIST OF INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY WANT TO
12 HAVE US TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.

13 AND OBVIOUSLY, YOU CAN REFER TO THAT INFORMATION
14 IN ANSWERING THE PREVIOUS TWO QUESTIONS; AND THESE ARE SOME
15 OF THE-- WHOOPS. WE DON'T HAVE THEM.

16 LET'S GO BACK TO THE FORM ITSELF AND YOU CAN SEE
17 THE TYPES OF INFORMATION. THIS IS A SPANISH ONE. WHAT DID
18 I DO WITH IT? I HAVE TO BRUSH UP ON MY SPANISH TO GET
19 THROUGH THAT ONE.

20 THESE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU THINK
21 THROUGH SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS AND THEY'RE NOT MEANT TO BE
22 LIMITING. THEY'RE MEANT TO GET YOU THINKING.

23 QUESTION 5 ACTUALLY ASKS YOU TO RANK THEM, BUT
24 THERE'S A SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, AND DON'T BE SHY.

25 BUT SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS ARE KEEPING COMMUNITY

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1 INTACT OR BRINGING PARTICULAR GROUPS TOGETHER, USING
2 MAN-MADE OR NATURAL BOUNDARIES, DRAWING CONGRESSIONAL
3 DISTRICTS OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS THAT DON'T DIVIDE UP YOUR
4 CITY, USE WHOLE CITIES, USING LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES
5 WHEN DRAWING CONGRESSIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

6 DOES IT MAKE SENSE FOR YOUR COUNTY LINE TO ALSO BE
7 A LEGISLATIVE LINE? THOSE SORTS OF THOUGHTS ARE OF INTEREST
8 TO US. KEEPING CENSUS TRACTS FROM BEING SPLIT. A LOT OF
9 TIMES ORGANIZATIONS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, IDENTIFY THEMSELVES
10 IN THEIR POPULATION BY CENSUS TRACT.

11 THIS MAY BE IMPORTANT IN--IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES.
12 USING FREEWAYS. YOU HAVE SOME MAJOR ROADWAYS COMING UP TO
13 AND THROUGH BULLHEAD CITY. KEEPING FREEWAYS, MAJOR
14 TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AS DEMARCATORS FOR DISTRICT
15 BOUNDARIES. THAT'S VERY COMMON FOR PEOPLE TO WANT THAT. OR

16 DRAWING COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS SHAPES; IN OTHER WORDS,
17 KEEPING THE AREA REPRESENTED IN A GEOGRAPHICAL SHAPE THAT IS
18 UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE PEOPLE IN IT. SO THEY'RE NOT SAYING
19 "WELL, GOSH. AM I SUPPOSED TO BE VOTING IN DISTRICT 1
20 OR 2? I FORGET WHERE THAT LINE IS."

21 HOW IMPORTANT IS THAT TO YOU? WE WANT ALL THAT
22 INPUT. PLEASE FILL IT OUT. YOU CAN LEAVE IT WITH US
23 TONIGHT. YOU CAN MAIL IT IN. YOU CAN FAX IT IN, OR YOU CAN
24 SKIP THE PAPER AND USE THE E-MAIL. WE'RE LOOKING TO HEAR
25 FROM YOU.

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1 AND DAN, IF I CAN TURN IT BACK TO YOU.

2 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. WE HAVE A PAD
3 THAT WILL EITHER BE GOING AROUND. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
4 EITHER HAVE A CITIZEN KIT SENT TO YOU OR SENT TO SOMEBODY
5 THAT YOU KNOW, IF YOU JUST PUT THE NAME DOWN ON THERE, WE'LL
6 GO AHEAD AND SHIP THOSE OUT.

7 MR. BELL: ACTUALLY, THIS IS FOR A COPY OF
8 THE MAP.

9 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. COPY OF THE MAP,
10 TOO.

11 MR. BELL: YES.

12 COMMISSIONER ELDER: SO WE HAVE THAT PAD.

13 MR. BELL: IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE A MAP SENT TO
14 YOU, I'LL PASS THIS AROUND. I GUESS I'LL START RIGHT HERE.
15 JUST PASS THAT DOWN. SIMILAR TO THE MAKESHIFT LIST I

16 CREATED UP FRONT; OKAY? THANKS.

17 COMMISSIONER ELDER: ANOTHER THING THAT YOU
18 CAN DO WITH BOTH THE WEB SITE AND WITH THIS MAILING LIST IS
19 IF YOU WOULD PUT BESIDE YOUR NAME IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE
20 MAILING LIST FOR BOTH THE FUTURE MEETINGS, MAILING OF ANY
21 INFORMATION THAT--AS IT COMES OUT, IF YOU WANT TO BE PUT ON
22 THAT LIST, WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO THAT.

23 WE ALSO HAVE FAX CAPABILITY IF YOU WANT. WHEN YOU
24 WANT US TO FAX SOMETHING, IF YOU PUT YOUR FAX NUMBER ON
25 THERE, WE'LL GO AHEAD AND PUT YOU ON THE FAX LIST SO THAT

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1 YOU CAN GET TO US AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN RESPOND TO YOU IN A
2 TIMELY MANNER.

3 WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS
4 FROM YOU; AND THERE WAS ONE-- WE GOT MORE THAN THAT.

5 LET ME GO THROUGH THE SLIPS FIRST AND THEN IF
6 ANYBODY ELSE WISHES TO SPEAK, THEN WE'LL GO FROM THERE.

7 I WOULD LIKE, IF WHEN YOU SPEAK, IF YOU WOULD GIVE
8 YOUR NAME SO THAT THE RECORDER CAN RECORD THAT AND WE'LL GO
9 ON DOWN THERE.

10 THE FIRST ONE I HAVE IS FROM-- MY ARMS ARE NOT
11 LONG ENOUGH.

12 MS. LEONI: LET ME READ IT. THIS ONE'S
13 HARD. CAPALBY.

14 MR. CAPALBY: CAPALBY.

15 MS. LEONI: IS THIS--

16 MR. CAPALBY: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MATTHEW
17 CAPALBY. I'M FROM KINGMAN. I'M ACTUALLY A FORMER
18 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE. THAT'S WHY I THINK I KIND OF HAVE A
19 UNIQUE INSIGHT TO THIS SITUATION.

20 I STRONGLY SUPPORT WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED FROM
21 WHAT I'VE INITIALLY SEEN ON THE MAP. I THINK IT'S IDEAL FOR
22 OUR AREA.

23 THE BIGGEST DETRIMENT I THINK I'VE SEEN FOR MOHAVE
24 COUNTY AND ACTUALLY FOR LA PAZ IN THE LEGISLATURE IS THE
25 FACT THAT WE WERE SO STRONGLY DIVIDED.

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1 WE HAD FOUR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS SLICING UP
2 MOHAVE COUNTY, SO IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO EVER DEVELOP
3 CONSENSUS DOWN IN THE LEGISLATURE AND TO GARNER ANY SUPPORT
4 IN THAT AREA BECAUSE WE HAD OTHER POPULATED AREAS THAT
5 USUALLY WOULD DICTATE WHAT WAS GOING TO OCCUR IN OUR AREA.

6 THEY WERE CONTRARY, SUCH AS PRESCOTT, FLAGSTAFF,
7 AND THOSE COMMUNITIES. THEIR INTEGRITY WAS MAINTAINED IN
8 THEIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS WHERE OUR COMMUNITIES WERE NOT.
9 KINGMAN WAS SPLIT. NORTH HALF OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA
10 THERE WAS SPLIT. AS WE KNOW, BULLHEAD CITY, WAS SPLIT; AND
11 IT MADE IT VERY, VERY DIFFICULT IN THAT REGARD TO HAVE ANY
12 COMMUNITY CONSENSUS AND UNITY IN DEVELOPING ANY OPINIONS
13 DOWN IN THE LEGISLATURE.

14 USUALLY LEGISLATORS WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE US, BUT THAT
15 WAS ABOUT IT IN A LOT OF REGARDS. AND AS A CANDIDATE,

16 ESPECIALLY IN DISTRICT 2, WHICH I THINK IS PROBABLY THE
17 POSTER CHILD OF WHAT NOT TO DO WITH THE LEGISLATIVE
18 DISTRICT, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT.

19 ME, BEING FROM KINGMAN, I UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL
20 WHAT THE ISSUES WERE IN THE BULLHEAD CITY, LAKE HAVASU, AND
21 KINGMAN AREAS; BUT AS I TRAVELED TO SEDONA AND FLAGSTAFF,
22 EACH COMMUNITY WAS UNIQUELY DIFFERENT, AND IT KIND OF HAD TO
23 LEARN ON THE FLY OF WHAT THE ISSUES WERE BECAUSE EVERY
24 COMMUNITY HAD CONTRASTING ISSUES.

25 THE ISSUES IN SEDONA WERE DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT

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1 FROM THOSE ON THE HOPI RESERVATION, WHICH WERE DRASTICALLY
2 DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OVER IN COTTONWOOD AND FLAGSTAFF; SO
3 AGAIN, THERE WAS ACTUAL LACK OF UNITY AND KIND OF
4 CON--GENERAL CONSENSUS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON ANY ISSUE.

5 I WOULD SPEAK ON ONE ISSUE IN KINGMAN OF WHICH I
6 WOULD HAVE 100 PERCENT SUPPORT. I WOULD GO TO SEDONA, SPEAK
7 ON THE SAME ISSUE, AND LITERALLY ALMOST GET LYNCHED, YOU
8 KNOW, BECAUSE THE POINTS WERE SO DRAS--POINTS OF VIEW WERE
9 SO DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT.

10 BUT I THINK HERE IN WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED IS
11 ABSOLUTELY IDEAL. WE WOULD DEVELOP DEFINITE GEOGRAPHICAL
12 UNITY AND INTEGRITY, AND I THINK WE WOULD SEE BETTER
13 REPRESENTATION FOR THE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA WITH ONE
14 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT RATHER THAN BEING DIVIDED UP INTO
15 FOUR.

16 AS FAR AS A QUESTION GOES, WHAT PARAMETERS WERE
17 USED IN DEVELOPING THE INITIAL PROPOSED MAP OF THIS
18 PARTICULAR DISTRICT?

19 WAS IT ETHNICITY? PARTY BALANCE?

20 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. YOU
21 KNOW, THIS MAP WAS DONE, I CALL IT AS A BLIND, PROCESS TO
22 WHERE THERE WAS NOT THE POTENTIAL FOR ANY SORT OF BIAS BEING
23 BROUGHT INTO IT; NO ETHNICITY. WHAT THIS--THIS GRID
24 REPRESENTS IS LITERALLY AN EQUAL POPULATION EXERCISE.

25 THE COMMISSION, AFTER LOOKING AT THE GRIDS THAT WE

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1 JUST WENT THROUGH VERY QUICKLY, JUST SAY HEY, THERE ARE
2 OTHER GRIDS OUT THERE. WE DIRECTED N.D.C. TO GO OUT AND
3 DEVELOP A GRID BASED ON A SERIES OF RULES OR A SERIES OF
4 FACTORS.

5 WE USED THE BASELINE/SALT RIVER/GILA MERIDIAN
6 BECAUSE ON MOST OF THE MAPS THAT YOU CAN BUY IN YOUR LOCAL
7 GROCERY STORE, THOSE TOWNSHIP LINES SHOW UP, AND IT'S BEEN A
8 HISTORICAL GRIDDING OF THE STATE, IF YOU WILL.

9 THE NEXT QUESTION WAS WHAT QUADRANT, IF WE TAKE
10 THAT GRID, DO WE START IN. WE DREW OUT OF A HAT ONE OF THE
11 FOUR QUADRANTS, AND IT WAS THE NORTHWEST, SO THAT WAS THE
12 QUADRANT THAT WE STARTED IN.

13 AND THEN WE WERE ASKED WELL, DO WE GO TO THE
14 NORTHEAST OR DO WE GO TO THE SOUTHWEST? FLIPPED A COIN AND
15 SAID HEADS IS GONNA BE CLOCKWISE; TAILS COUNTERCLOCKWISE.

16 IT CAME UP COUNTERCLOCKWISE, SO WE STARTED GOING AROUND, I
17 GUESS TO YOU COUNTER-- NO. THIS WOULD BE COUNTERCLOCKWISE
18 TO YOU, SO ANYWAY, WE WENT COUNTERCLOCKWISE.

19 AS THEY TOOK THE CENSUS INFORMATION WITHIN THE
20 TOWNSHIP AND THEY STARTED GOING--IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH
21 POPULATION, THEN THEY WENT COUNTERCLOCKWISE TO THE NEXT, TO
22 THE NEXT, TO THE NEXT; AND THEY KEPT AGGREGATING TOGETHER
23 THOSE CENSUS TRACTS UNTIL THEY GOT ENOUGH FOR THE
24 LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. SO THAT'S HOW THAT
25 ARRIVED AT.

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1 NOW, THERE'S THREE OR FOUR OTHER RULES IN THERE
2 THAT IF THE PRECINCT OR THE CENSUS TRACT WAS MORE INSIDE THE
3 TOWNSHIP THAN IT WAS OUTSIDE, THEN IT GOT INCLUDED. IT WAS
4 MORE OUTSIDE, THEN IT DIDN'T GET INCLUDED.

5 SO THAT WAY, YOU'RE NOT SEEING A PERFECT GRID IN
6 THAT MAP BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION. IT WAS BASED
7 PRIMARILY ON THE CENSUS TRACTS; AND WHEN YOU HAD LOW
8 POPULATION, SOME OF THOSE TRACTS ARE GIANT AND THEY DON'T
9 HAVE A SPECIFIC GEOMETRY TO THEM.

10 SO THAT WAS THE PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH.
11 IT'S ONLY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ONE MAN, ONE VOTE, IF YOU
12 WILL, FOR THE AREAS.

13 THE NEXT STEP IS WHAT WE'RE HERE. WE'VE BEEN
14 GOING OUT AND TALKING WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN-- THERE'S
15 26--

16

MS. HAUSER: 21.

17

COMMISSIONER ELDER: TWENTY-ONE SEPARATE

18

AREAS WITHIN THE STATE. WE'VE TALKED WITH HISPANIC GROUPS.

19

WE'VE TALKED WITH ALL KINDS OF ETHNIC GROUPS, YOU KNOW, TO

20

TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR COMMUNITIES' INTERESTS ARE.

21

WE'RE ALSO COMING AROUND IN THIS PROCESS TO FIND

22

OUT WHAT THE CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS OR THE CONDITIONS ARE

23

THAT WE, YOU KNOW, SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION.

24

SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE--WE'RE GOING TO DO

25

WITH THIS NEXT ROUND IS TO-- IF WE MOVE A LINE, IF SO, WHY

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1 SO. AND WE NEED TO HAVE A RATIONALE THAT WHILE WE LISTEN TO
2 THE CITIZENS HERE AND THEY REALLY WANTED TO BE INCLUDED
3 WITH, WHAT I'M HEARING IS LIKE THE RIVER COMMUNITY AS
4 OPPOSED TO GOING STRAIGHT WEST OR EAST, I GUESS, FROM HERE.

5 AND PICKING UP THE COMMUNITY THAT WAY, SO, YOU
6 KNOW, THAT'S THE TYPE OF INFORMATION THAT WE'RE LOOKING
7 FOR.

8 THE NEXT QUESTION?

9 THE COURT REPORTER: COULD YOU HAVE HIM SPELL
10 HIS NAME, PLEASE.

11 COMMISSIONER ELDER: WOULD YOU PLEASE SPELL
12 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORDER.

13 MR. CAPALBY: YES. IT'S C-A-P-A-L-B, AS IN
14 BOY, Y.

15 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. WE HAVE LARRY

16 ADAMS FROM BULLHEAD CITY.

17 MR. ADAMS: YES. THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO
18 TAKE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT POSITION THAN THE PREVIOUS
19 SPEAKER.

20 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
21 LOOKING FOR.

22 MR. ADAMS: OKAY. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF
23 BULLHEAD CITY FOR 36 YEARS. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DIVIDED IN
24 DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN BULLHEAD CITY.

25 I HAVE ALWAYS VIEWED THIS AS A PLUS BECAUSE IT

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1 GAVE ME TWICE THE REPRESENTATION, TWICE THE LEGISLATORS TO
2 WORK WITH THAT WE WOULD HAVE IF WE WEREN'T DIVIDED.

3 I'VE NEVER FELT IN THE TIME OF BULLHEAD CITY THAT
4 I'VE BEEN BADLY REPRESENTED BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN DIVIDED.
5 WE'VE HAD REPRESENTATION FROM HAVASU IN DISTRICT 1 THAT
6 EXTENDED INTO PRESCOTT AND VICE VERSA.

7 THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A DOMINANCE BY PRESCOTT
8 AGAINST HAVASU OR HAVASU AGAINST PRESCOTT OR VICE VERSA.

9 THE SAME IN DISTRICT 1. THERE'S NOT BEEN A
10 DOMINANCE IN FLAGSTAFF AGAINST KINGMAN. IT CERTAINLY HAS
11 BEEN AN ADVANTAGE TO ME TO HAVE DOUBLE REPRESENTATION TO
12 SPEAK TO.

13 AS FAR AS COMMONALITY, I FEEL THAT WE ON THE RIVER
14 HERE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON WITH FLAGSTAFF. WE HAVE A LOT IN
15 COMMON WITH PRESCOTT.

16 I WORRY SOMEWHAT THAT, IF WE GET TO PETITIONING
17 OFF IN LITTLE SECTIONS, THAT IT'S GONNA BE MORE DIVISIVE TO
18 THE STATE.

19 AS IT STANDS NOW, WE HAVE TO BE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
20 WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN FLAGSTAFF. THEY HAVE TO BE SOMEWHAT
21 CONCERNED WITH WHAT'S GOING ON ON THE RIVER.

22 IF WE START DIVIDING WHERE WE HAVE A RIVER
23 DISTRICT AND WE HAVE A CENTRAL ARIZONA DISTRICT, CERTAINLY
24 WHEN THIS WHOLE THING SETTLES OUT, WE WILL STILL BE
25 DOMINATED BY MARICOPA COUNTY AND PIMA COUNTY, TO A LESSER

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1 DEGREE; AND THE URBAN AREAS, WE'RE GOING TO WIND UP WITH A
2 VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF REPRESENTATION IN RURAL ARIZONA.

3 THOSE DISTRICTS THAT ARE LEFT IN THE URBAN AREAS
4 WILL CERTAINLY HAVE NO REASON TO BE CONCERNED IN ANY WAY,
5 SHAPE, OR FORM WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN RURAL ARIZONA.

6 I HAVE NEVER BEEN AS CONCERNED AS MOST FOLKS IN
7 THIS COMMUNITY AND OTHER RURAL AREAS ARE THAT WE HAVE
8 REPRESENTATION THAT REACHES INTO MARICOPA COUNTY AND IN
9 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

10 I THINK THIS TENDS TO KIND OF CEMENT THE STATE
11 TOGETHER. IN AS MUCH AS OUR REPRESENTATION, IT MAY BE THE
12 MAJORITY IN MARICOPA COUNTY, BUT IT CAN'T TOTALLY IGNORE
13 RURAL ARIZONA; SO I DON'T-- THERE WILL BE DIVISIONS
14 SOMEWHERE WHEN THIS PROCESS IS DONE. THAT IS A GIVEN. IT'S
15 A QUESTION OF WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE.

16 BUT I HAVE NEVER BEEN DISAPPOINTED WITH THE
17 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS AS THEY'RE GROWING NOW WITH THE
18 EXCEPTION THERE WAS SOME IMAGINATION WHEN YOU BRING
19 DISTRICT 3 AROUND FROM THE NAVAJO RESERVATION AND EXTEND
20 INTO GOLDEN VALLEY IN A NARROW SHOOT.

21 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THAT'S A VERY POLITE
22 TERM--OR PLEASANT FOR GERRYMANDERING.

23 MR. ADAMS: BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, AT THAT
24 TIME, HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS IN 1990, THAT
25 WASN'T THE SITUATION.

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1 IT'S TRYING TO BALANCE NUMBERS AND HOW YOU GET
2 THERE AND STAY CONTIGUOUS; SO IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT JOB
3 YOU'RE FACED WITH, BUT MY PHILOSOPHY, AS I GUARANTEE YOU
4 WILL BE A MINORITY VIEW HERE IN BULLHEAD CITY, IN AS MUCH AS
5 I HAVE NEVER VIEWED BEING IN DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE OR
6 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AS A DISADVANTAGE.

7 TO THE CONTRARY. I VIEW THAT AS A VERY DEFINITE
8 ADVANTAGE, AND I THINK HISTORY PROVES THAT ONE AREA HAS
9 NEVER DOMINATED THE OTHER; BUT IT SURE MAKES YOU BE A LITTLE
10 MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE AGE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS IN ARIZONA,
11 AND I AM CONCERNED--AND I AM CONCERNED WITH THE DOMINATION
12 OF MARICOPA COUNTY ABSOLUTELY DOES NOT CONSIDER THE NATURE
13 OF RURAL ARIZONA AS THIS NEW PROCESS WILL PROBABLY SETTLE
14 OUT.

15 AND I THANK YOU, SIR.

16 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THANK YOU.

17 JIM ZABORSKY.

18 MR. ZABORSKY: IT'S IRISH.

19 COMMISSIONER ELDER: IRISH. ANOTHER
20 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST HEARD FROM.

21 MR. ZABORSKY: THAT'S "Z" AS IN ZEBRA, A-B,
22 AS IN BOY, O-R-S-K-Y.

23 I THINK WHAT MATT SAID AND WHAT LARRY SAID BOTH
24 HAVE SOME REALLY GOOD STRONG POINTS. I LOOK AT THEM IN A
25 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

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1 I WAS A CITY COUNCIL PERSON IN BULLHEAD AND ALSO A
2 COUNTY SUPERVISOR UP UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST.

3 IN DEALING WITH STATE LEGISLATURES, MOHAVE COUNTY
4 HAS HAD SOME UNIQUE ISSUES DUE TO THE FACT WE WERE DIVIDED
5 INTO FOUR DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.

6 BULLHEAD CITY, LAKE HAVASU CITY, I AGREE WITH
7 LARRY. I DON'T THINK WE'VE REALLY HAD THE ISSUES THAT WE'VE
8 HAD IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY; AND BECAUSE THE DISTRICT
9 THAT I HAD REPRESENTED WENT TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE
10 COUNTY.

11 WE DID HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH REPRESENTATION IN THE
12 STATE LEGISLATURE. THE PEOPLE UP THERE NEVER SAW THEIR
13 LEGISLATOR; NEVER CAME TO THAT AREA BECAUSE THERE WAS NO
14 NEED FOR HIM. IT WAS A SMALL AMOUNT OF PEOPLE, A VERY RURAL
15 AREA; NEVER SAW HIM.

16 WE WERE LUCKY IN THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE
17 REPRESENTATIVES THAT WE HAD FROM OUR DISTRICTS, AND BECAUSE
18 THEY REPRESENTED US DOWN HERE AND WE DID HAVE AN INTEREST UP
19 THERE, DID LOOK AT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WE HAD.

20 WHEN I FIRST LOOKED AT THIS, THE MAP THAT YOU
21 BROUGHT, I KNOW IN TALKING TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, THERE'S BEEN
22 A LOT OF TALK FOR YEARS ABOUT MOHAVE COUNTY BEING ITS OWN
23 DISTRICT.

24 AND I SEE THAT, YOU KNOW, FROM THE PEOPLE I HEARD
25 ON THAT SIDE, THE FACT THAT YOU DIDN'T SPEAK TO ANYBODY AND

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1 THIS IS JUST DRAWN BASED ON A COUNTERCLOCKWISE REDISTRICTING
2 IS VERY INTERESTING.

3 BUT I THINK LARRY-- YOU KNOW, LISTENING TO LARRY,
4 I THINK HE HAS SOME GOOD POINTS. I THINK THERE IS A PULLING
5 TOGETHER OF DIFFERENT AREAS BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE SAME
6 LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, SO I'M KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE
7 NOW.

8 WHEN MATT TALKED TO ME ABOUT IT, I SAID I DIDN'T
9 HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH HAVING MOHAVE COUNTY IN ONE DISTRICT;
10 BUT IN LISTENING TO LARRY, I THINK HE HAS SOME GOOD POINTS
11 THERE.

12 I THINK WE'VE HAD SOME GOOD LEGISLATORS THAT HAVE
13 WORKED WITH US; BUT FROM MATT'S PERSPECTIVE--AND I THINK
14 THOSE LEGISLATORS HAD THE SAME TYPE OF ISSUES WHEN YOU CAME
15 FROM FLAGSTAFF AND THE MAJORITY OF THOSE CITIZENS, FLAGSTAFF

16 DID NOT HAVE ANY, THE SAME TYPE OF ISSUE THAT WE HAD DOWN
17 HERE AND MAYBE CONTRARY TO WHAT THEY HAD THERE. IT WAS VERY
18 DIFFICULT FOR THOSE PEOPLE TO REALLY SUPPORT OUR SIDE OF THE
19 ISSUE.

20 BUT THERE ARE--THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE HAD SOME
21 VERY GOOD REPRESENTATION. THEY LISTENED TO US, BUT I THINK
22 IT'S TIME-- THERE WASN'T ANY OPPOSITION FROM THEIR AREA, SO
23 THEY WORKED VERY WELL WITH US TO PUSH OUR ISSUES OR IF IT
24 WAS AN ISSUE THAT WENT ACROSS THE COUNTY LINES AND THEIR
25 LEGISLATIVE AREAS OF FLAGSTAFF OR PRESCOTT, THEY WERE VERY

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1 SUPPORTIVE OF OUR ISSUES.

2 SO I'M KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE OF WHAT IS REALLY THE
3 BEST WAY TO REDISTRICT; AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT'S
4 SOMETHING WE STILL HAVE TO LEARN AND TALK ABOUT.

5 I'VE HEARD PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES. I THINK THERE'S
6 GOOD POINTS TO BE MADE. I THINK THERE'S MORE INFORMATION TO
7 COME OUT BEFORE A LOT OF US CAN MAKE A FINAL DECISION.

8 ON THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS-- AND I KNOW YOU
9 DON'T LOOK AT THE LOCATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
10 REPRESENTATIVE THAT WE HAVE, BUT I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU FROM
11 BEING INVOLVED WITH CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS, I WOULD HATE TO SEE US LOSE BOB STUMP AS A
13 REPRESENTATIVE FOR OUR AREA.

14 I THINK THE MAN HAS DONE A FINE JOB FOR US FOR
15 MANY YEARS, AND I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM CONTINUE; SO I JUST WANT

16 TO THROW HIS NAME IN THERE BECAUSE I THINK WITHOUT HIM
17 MAKING ANY CONTACT WITH US, I BELIEVE THAT HE'S DONE A GOOD
18 JOB FOR US, AND I'D LIKE--I THINK WHAT MOST PEOPLE IN OUR
19 AREA, THEY BELIEVE THAT WE LIKE TO SEE HIM CONTINUE TO BE
20 OUR REPRESENTATIVE.

21 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THANK YOU.

22 JACK HAKIM.

23 MR. HAKIM: H-A-K-I-M.

24 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THANK YOU.

25 MR. HAKIM: IT'S-- AS A RELATIVELY NEW

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1 PERSON TO THE COMMUNITY, ALTHOUGH I'VE BEEN COMING UP HERE
2 FOR QUITE SOME TIME, BUT I HAVE RETIRED HERE AT THE END OF
3 1998.

4 I FOUND IT VERY CONFUSING AS TO THE--WHERE I WAS
5 TO VOTE AND AS TO HOW THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE, AND TWO IN
6 THIS AREA, DISTRICT 2. DISTRICT 3. THEN YOU HAVE MOHAVE
7 VALLEY, WHICH IS GROWING QUITE A BIT, AND THEY'RE IN ANOTHER
8 DISTRICT.

9 WE ALL SHARE, IN A SENSE, IN MY OPINION, THE SAME
10 PROBLEMS THAT WE NEED TO DEAL WITH; AND SEWERING IS ONE;
11 AND MOHAVE VALLEY EVENTUALLY WILL BE IN THAT AREA AS WELL.

12 AND I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD BE ONE DISTRICT; AND I
13 FEEL THAT WE SHOULD BE PART OF A RIVER DISTRICT. I THINK
14 THAT THE RIVER CITIES HAVE A LOT IN COMMON. I THINK THAT
15 OUR PROBLEMS COULD BE--COULD BE WORKED OUT IN A UNIFORMED

16 GROUP GOING BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE.

17 IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT IT'S BEEN CALLED THE
18 STATE OF MARICOPA AND--AS OPPOSED TO ALL THE OTHER RURAL
19 AREAS; AND DURING THE PAST ELECTION SEASONS THAT WE HAD,
20 MANY QUESTIONS WERE BROUGHT UP TO THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES
21 AS TO WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE IF EVERYTHING IS
22 CONTROLLED OUT OF MARICOPA.

23 ANYWAY-- AND HOW MUCH CLOUT DOES RURAL ARIZONA
24 ACTUALLY HAVE WITHIN THE--WITHIN THE--THE SEATS IN PHOENIX.

25 AND THE POINT WAS THAT WE REALLY DON'T. WE HAVE A

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1 CAUCUS. WE CAN GET TOGETHER AND PERHAPS MAYBE WE COULD
2 TRADE OUT SOME VOTES HERE AND THERE, BUT WE REALLY DON'T.

3 AND I GUESS MY QUESTION IS: WHAT DIFFERENCE IS IT
4 GOING TO MAKE IF WE HAVE ONE DISTRICT AND HOW WILL OUR
5 REPRESENTATIVES IN THOSE DISTRICTS--HOW--HOW MUCH CLOUT WILL
6 THEY BE ABLE TO CARRY? WILL WE BE LESS OR MORE? AND-- IN
7 THAT SENSE. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?

8 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I BELIEVE SO; AND I'D
9 LIKE TO FALL BACK AND SAY WELL, WE'RE HERE TO BE EDUCATED BY
10 YOU FOLKS AS TO WHAT THAT ISSUE IS.

11 I THINK FROM A COUPLE OF THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT
12 SPOKE, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO GIVE BACK TO YOU
13 AND THEN MAYBE THROUGH SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS, YOU KNOW,
14 WE'LL GET SOME CLARIFICATION OR GET SOME DIRECTION.

15 AND MAYBE I'D LIKE TO ASK IT DURING THE TERMS OF,

16 YOU KNOW, BULLHEAD CITY AND KINGMAN, FLAGSTAFF. DO YOU VIEW
17 THOSE COMMUNITIES AS SIMILAR, A SMALL TOWN? IS THAT WHAT
18 LINKS THAT TOGETHER IN THE PHRASE OR THE SYNTAX I HEARD? OR
19 IS IT ECONOMY?

20 IS IT-- I GUESS I'M JUST LOOKING FOR WHAT ARE
21 THOSE FACTORS THAT START TO TIE THOSE THINGS TOGETHER?

22 MR. CAPALBY: IT MAY BE KNOWLEDGE OF
23 FACTORS-- WELL, THAT I NOTICE IN DISTRICT 2, WAS THE
24 RURAL--WAS THE RURAL FROM SENSE OF BEING, AND THE NEED FOR
25 RURAL ELECTORS TO UNITE AND DEVELOP COALITIONS TO STAND UP

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1 TO THE INTEREST OF MARICOPA COUNTY, WHICH USUALLY, IN MOST
2 CASES, DOMINATES THE INTEREST OF THE LEGISLATURE.

3 BUT AGAIN, TO GET BACK TO THE CONTRASTING ISSUES--
4 AND WE HAVE ACTUALLY, TO THIS GENTLEMAN'S SUPPORT OF HIS
5 COMMENTS, WE HAVE HAD EXCELLENT REPRESENTATION; BUT AGAIN, I
6 THINK THE ISSUES OF THE--OF WHAT--WHERE THE CURRENT
7 LEGISLATORS RESIDE USUALLY WOULD OVERRIDE THE INTERESTS OF
8 OUR AREA HERE; AND THERE ARE SEVERE CONTRASTS.

9 FLAGSTAFF AND PRESCOTT, SEDONA BEING ALPINE
10 COMMUNITIES, BEING PRIMARILY TOURISM-DRIVEN WITH DIFFERENT
11 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SUCH AS WATER.

12 IN THE VERDE VALLEY AND IN FLAGSTAFF AREAS, WHICH
13 ARE AREAS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH HERE, BUT WE HAVE
14 OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES THAT WE FACE THAT ARE VERY
15 CONTRASTING TO THOSE AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN COCONINO COUNTY

16 WHERE WE WOULD WELCOME CERTAIN INDUSTRIES, THEY WOULD NOT,
17 AND CERTAIN LIKE THAT.

18 COMMISSIONER ELDER: IS THERE A FEELING THAT
19 YOU WANT TO STILL BE SEPARATE FROM MARICOPA COUNTY AND THAT
20 POPULATION? 'CAUSE I THINK I HEARD A LITTLE BIT THERE THAT
21 IF YOU EVEN TOOK IN A LITTLE PIECE OF MARICOPA COUNTY AS A
22 GROUP, WOULD THAT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THIS COMMUNITY?

23 I'M GETTING A YES AND A--

24 A MEMBER FROM THE AUDIENCE: I FEEL STRONGLY
25 THAT WAY.

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1 MR. CAPALBY: I ALSO THINK--

2 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I'M SORRY?

3 MS. JESSIE: I DIDN'T FILL ONE OUT. I NEVER
4 DO THINGS LIKE OTHER PEOPLE, BUT HE LOOKED AT ME, SO I
5 FELT--

6 COMMISSIONER ELDER: GIVE THE RECORDER YOUR
7 NAME. THEN WE'LL PRETEND THAT WE HAD ONE OF THESE.

8 I APOLOGIZE TO JEAN FOR TAKING THIS PERSON IN THE
9 FIRST PLACE.

10 MS. JESSIE: THANK YOU. I'M JACQUIE JESSIE,
11 BULLHEAD CITY. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY NOW FOR
12 QUITE SOME TIME, BOTH IN THE COMMUNITY AS A CITY COUNCIL
13 PERSON INVOLVED IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, BUT ALSO ON THE
14 POLITICAL SIDE AND AS THE COUNTY CHAIR.

15 AND I HAVE FELT FOR A LONG TIME THAT THERE ARE

16 SOME VERY DIVISIVE FACTORS IN--IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE
17 WAY THAT WE'RE SITUATED GOING CLEAR ACROSS THE TOP OF THE
18 STATE OVER TO FLAGSTAFF AND THE OTHER AREAS.

19 I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD BE-- I WOULD LOVE TO
20 SEE--AND I KNOW THE POPULATION WON'T SUPPORT IT--AS MOHAVE
21 COUNTY BEING ITS OWN DISTRICT AND--BUT IF WE HAVE TO GO OVER
22 INTO MARICOPA COUNTY IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE POPULATION
23 COUNT, THEN IT'S A EVIL WE'LL HAVE TO LIVE WITH.

24 BUT MOST EVERYONE IS TIRED OF MARICOPA COUNTY
25 BASICALLY MAKING ALL THE RULES AND TELLING THE REST OF US

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1 WHAT WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO LIVE WITH.

2 AND I DIDN'T SAY THAT VERY WELL BECAUSE THERE'S A
3 LOT OF DIFFERENT ISSUES IN THERE; BUT EVERY TIME WE TURN
4 AROUND, WE'RE HEARING WELL, THE STATE OF MARICOPA COUNTY HAS
5 SPOKEN AGAIN AND THE RURAL COUNTIES SUFFER; AND THAT GOES
6 FOR FLAGSTAFF AND THOSE AREAS UP THERE, TOO.

7 I THINK THAT IF WE ALL HAD OUR OWN DISTRICTS, YOU
8 KNOW, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THAT ALL THE RURAL COUNTY WOULD
9 BAND TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER AND MAYBE GIVE THE STATE OF
10 MARICOPA SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT.

11 COMMISSIONER ELDER: ALL RIGHT.

12 JEAN MACE.

13 MS. MACE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I CAN'T
14 STAND TOO LONG, BUT I WILL TRY.

15 I VERY DEFINITELY THINK THAT OUR RIVER CITIES ARE

16 UNIQUE. I BELIEVE WE NEED COMBINED BULLHEAD CITY AND
17 LAKE HAVASU CITY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND EVEN ON DOWN TO
18 THE--TO THE OTHER TWO COUNTY--LA PAZ--LA PAZ AND YUMA.

19 WE ARE UNIQUE. WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE INLAND
20 CITIES, IF YOU WILL. WE HAVE DIFFERENT-- WE HAVE A
21 DIFFERENT TOPOGRAPHY. WE HAVE DIFFERENT--DIFFERENT CLIMATE
22 ACTUALLY; AND OUR NEEDS ARE SO DIFFERENT FROM THE INLAND AND
23 MUCH LESS FLAGSTAFF AND PRESCOTT AND UP THAT WAY.

24 THINK ABOUT IT. WE DON'T HAVE TO SHOVEL SNOW. WE
25 DON'T HAVE TO CONTEND WITH ICE. OUR ROADS DEPARTMENT DON'T

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1 HAVE TO GET OUT THERE, YOU KNOW, IN THE WINTERTIME AND--AND
2 POLICE THE HIGHWAYS AND THE CITY STREETS AND SO ON.

3 I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT, IN THEIR INFINITE WISDOM,
4 THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD GROUP THE RIVER CITIES TOGETHER.
5 THAT'S MY PERSONAL OPINION. THANK YOU.

6 AS FAR AS REPRESENTATION, THIS--THIS--THE
7 DIVISION-- AND WE HAVE IT RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE OF BULLHEAD
8 CITY. I BELIEVE RAMAR WAS A DIVIDING LINE, AND I FELT--I'VE
9 NEVER FELT THAT WE HAVE NOT--YOU KNOW, WE WERE
10 UNDERREPRESENTED, BUT IT WAS VERY, VERY CONFUSING.

11 AND ONE OF THOSE GENTLEMAN WE WERE FORTUNATE
12 ENOUGH TO SEE A LOT OF; AND ANOTHER ONE, WE ONLY SAW WHEN
13 ELECTION TIME CAME AROUND.

14 BUT THAT'S ABOUT ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU
15 VERY MUCH.

16 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. THANK YOU.

17 MARTIN ROGERS.

18 MR. ROGERS: HI. I'M MARTIN ROGERS. I LIVE
19 IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF KINGMAN. I WORK IN BULLHEAD CITY. I
20 DRIVE BACK AND FORTH; 24,000 MILES A YEAR, AS A MATTER OF
21 FACT, SO I SEE MORE OF THIS COUNTY.

22 MOHAVE COUNTY HAS INTERESTS THAT I THINK ARE
23 GERMANE TO MOHAVE COUNTY. YOU KNOW, HAVASU FIGHTS WITH
24 BULLHEAD AND BULLHEAD FIGHTS WITH KINGMAN ON SOME OF THE
25 MORE PETTY TYPE THINGS, BUT THERE IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

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1 HERE.

2 IF YOU USE THAT COMMENT THAT SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR
3 HAD, WE'RE KIND OF OUT IN THE STICKS. THEY DON'T THINK
4 ABOUT US DOWN IN MARICOPA COUNTY. WE'VE GOTTEN A LARGER
5 NUMBER NOW TO WHERE WE REALLY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO A STATE
6 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

7 AND WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU HAVE A CONTIGUOUS
8 DISTRICT IS PEOPLE KNOW WHO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE AND
9 THEY KNOW WHO TO COMPLAIN TO OR WHO TO BASICALLY CALL AND
10 SAY HEY, YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB. NINETY PERCENT OF THE
11 TIME, THEY'RE GOING TO COMPLAIN.

12 BUT RIGHT NOW, I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE WHO MY
13 REPRESENTATIVES ARE. I LIVE JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF
14 KINGMAN. THEY SPLIT THE DISTRICT UP THERE, FROM WHAT I
15 UNDERSTAND. I DON'T KNOW WHO THE-- I HONESTLY DON'T

16 BECAUSE THEY MOVE THEM AROUND. WE'VE HAD ELECTIONS, ET
17 CETERA.

18 DOWN HERE WE'VE GOT-- I DON'T KNOW. LINDA BINDER
19 IS OUT OF HAVASU AND SHE REPRESENTS HALF OF BULLHEAD, AND
20 IT'S TERRIBLY CONFUSING.

21 AND WHILE WE'VE HAD SOME GOOD REPRESENTATION, SUCH
22 AS FROM SENATOR WETTAW WHEN HE WAS IN THE SENATE UP IN
23 FLAGSTAFF. I MEAN, HE GOT US ROADS AND THING LIKES THAT.

24 AND I HAVE TO AGREE WITH MR. ADAMS OVER HERE.
25 WE'VE HAD SOME GOOD REPRESENTATION.

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1 AT THE SAME TIME, BECAUSE WE'VE GROWN BIGGER NOW,
2 I THINK WE REALLY ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE A CONTIGUOUS TYPE
3 REPRESENTATION.

4 THE INTERESTS OF LA PAZ COUNTY ARE SOMEWHAT THE
5 SAME AS HAVASU. THE INTERESTS OF BULLHEAD ARE THE SAME AS
6 HAVASU; AND CONTRARY TO WHAT MISS MACE MIGHT THINK, IT DOES
7 SNOW IN KINGMAN ONCE IN A WHILE. YOU DO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
8 ICE A LITTLE BIT.

9 BUT OUR INTERESTS ARE REALLY DIVERSE FROM WHAT'S
10 GOING ON IN FLAGSTAFF AND PRESCOTT AND SEDONA. THEY HAVE
11 THEIR OWN COMMUNITY INTEREST UP THERE.

12 SO ON A STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING LEVEL, I
13 KIND OF THINK MOHAVE COUNTY MAYBE WITH THE LA PAZ COUNTY AND
14 POSSIBLY EVEN YUMA MIGHT MAKE MORE SENSE; FOLLOW THE COUNTY
15 LINES.

16 AS FAR AS A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, YOU KNOW, IT'S
17 EASY. YOU GUYS DO THIS. YOU DRAW YOUR LINES ALL OVER THE
18 MAP. IT'S LIKE OH, WE WANT IT TO LOOK THIS WAY. STOP AND
19 THINK ABOUT CAMPAIGNING.

20 YOU GOT SOME GUY, SOME POOR GUY OR GAL WHO'S
21 CAMPAIGNING IN BULLHEAD, MAYBE CAMPAIGNING ON THE NAVAJO
22 RESERVATION, AND TRYING TO BASICALLY SATISFY ALL THOSE
23 PEOPLE WITH SOME KIND OF REPRESENTATION.

24 IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO MAKE THE CONGRESSIONAL
25 DISTRICTS SOMEWHAT COMPACT; MAYBE DIVIDE IN TOWARDS THE

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1 URBAN AREA, BUT DON'T JUST MAKE THIS ONE HUGE RURAL THING
2 THAT MIGHT WRAP AROUND THE STATE AND THEN CHOP THEM ALL UP
3 IN PIMA COUNTY AND MARICOPA.

4 IT MAY SOUND NICE. OH, WE HAVE THE RURAL COUNTY,
5 BUT IT MAY NOT ACTUALLY BE EFFECTIVE FOR WHOEVER REPRESENTS
6 AS WELL AS IT MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE FOR TRUE REPRESENTATION.

7 AGAIN, PEOPLE MIGHT NOT KNOW WHO THEIR CONGRESSMAN
8 IS OR CONGRESSWOMAN. I'VE NEVER SEEN MR. STUMP UP HERE IN
9 THE 11 YEARS I'VE LIVED HERE.

10 HE REFUSES TO HAVE AN OFFICE OUT IN THE RURAL
11 AREA. HE PRIDES HIMSELF ON SAVING MONEY FROM HIS
12 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGETS AND EVERY YEAR TURNS BACK MONEY TO THE
13 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET'S OFFICE.

14 AND AT THE SAME TIME, I'D RATHER HAVE HIM HAVE A
15 OFFICE UP HERE SO WE CAN TALK TO HIM ONCE IN A WHILE OR TALK

16 TO HIS PEOPLE.

17 HE MAY BE DOING A GOOD JOB BY REMOTE CONTROL OUT
18 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, BUT I KIND OF LIKE TO SEE THE PEOPLE I
19 VOTE FOR. SENATOR MCCAIN'S COME UP HERE VERY FREQUENTLY.
20 HE'S A SENATOR OF THE WHOLE STATE.

21 SO I'D JUST--I'D LIKE TO HAVE GOOD
22 REPRESENTATION. THANK.

23 YOU.

24 A PERSON IN THE AUDIENCE: WELL SAID. WELL
25 SAID.

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1 COMMISSION ELDER: ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ALL
2 THAT HAD ACTUALLY FORMALLY FILLED OUT A REQUEST TO SPEAK.

3 HAVE THESE COMMENTS BROUGHT ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
4 FROM PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T? AND I'LL STAY HERE UNTIL WE GET
5 DONE WITH ALL THE QUESTIONS.

6 YOU WANTED TO COMMENT AGAIN, SIR?

7 MR. ADAMS: YOU ASKED A QUESTION THAT I'D
8 LIKE TO RESPOND TO THAT. FIRST I'D LIKE TO RESPOND TO A
9 COMMENT THAT JACQUIE JESSIE MADE.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: ARE YOU MR. ADAMS?

11 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THAT IS MR. ADAMS, YES.

12 MR. ADAMS: I'M SORRY. AND I KNOW WE'RE NOT
13 SUPPOSED TO TALK ABOUT INCUMBENTS, BUT I WILL TALK ABOUT
14 HERE IN DISTRICT 3. AND HE HAPPENS TO RESIDE IN MARICOPA
15 COUNTY IN THE PHOENIX AREA; AND AGAIN, I WOULD EXPRESS MY

16 OPINION THAT THERE IS A BENEFIT TO THE STATE WHEN ONE AREA
17 HAS TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE OTHER, AS DIVERSE
18 AS IT MIGHT BE.

19 CONGRESSMAN STUMP IS FROM TOLESON. HE'S FROM
20 MARICOPA COUNTY, THE URBAN AREA. ANYBODY THAT'S BEEN HERE
21 ANY LENGTH OF TIME I THINK WOULD AGREE. AND HE'S BEEN
22 REELECTED AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. WE'VE HAD EXCELLENT
23 REPRESENTATION.

24 IT HAS NOT BEEN A DRAWBACK BECAUSE HE WAS FROM
25 MARICOPA COUNTY REPRESENTING THE RIVER COMMUNITIES.

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1 I THINK WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF THIS SEPARATISM, IF
2 YOU WILL; AND I THINK IT CAN BECOME VERY, VERY UNHEALTHY.
3 WHEN THIS PROCESS IS DONE, NOBODY CAN DRAW LINES ANYWAY ON
4 GOD'S GREEN EARTH, BUT MARICOPA COUNTY IS GOING TO DOMINATE
5 THE STATE OF ARIZONA; HAS TWO-THIRDS POPULATION BASE. IT
6 ALWAYS HAS DOMINATED. IT WILL ALWAYS DOMINATE.

7 NOW, THE BEST WE CAN DO IN RURAL ARIZONA IS HAVE
8 SOME OF THOSE URBAN LEGISLATURE SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED WITH
9 THE NEEDS OF RURAL ARIZONA.

10 IF WE COME UP WITH A SYSTEM TO WHERE THEY
11 ABSOLUTELY DO NOT HAVE TO BE CONCERNED IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR
12 FORM WHAT GOES ON IN RURAL ARIZONA, WE ARE NOT GOING TO
13 BENEFIT FROM THAT EXERCISE.

14 WE DO HAVE DIFFERENCES WITH FLAGSTAFF. WE DO HAVE
15 DIFFERENCES WITH PRESCOTT. VERY FEW. OUR LIKE-- WHAT TIES

16 US TOGETHER IS OUR RURAL ECONOMIES, OUR RURAL LIFESTYLE. WE
17 ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH BUILDING CARDINAL STADIUMS IN
18 PRESCOTT OR BULLHEAD CITY.

19 WE'RE NOT CONCERNED WITH LIVE RAIL TRANSPORTATION
20 SYSTEMS AT \$10 BILLION IN THE URBAN AREA. WE'RE NOT AS
21 QUITE CONCERNED WITH URBAN CITY PROBLEMS AS WE ARE IN
22 MARICOPA COUNTY.

23 BUT THIS TRYING TO PETITION YOURSELF OFF AND BE
24 TOTALLY SEPARATE FROM EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE STATE IN THE
25 LONG RUN WILL NOT BE HEALTHY FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

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1 WE ALL HAVE TO BE CONSCIOUS OF-- WHETHER WE LIKE
2 IT OR NOT, WE HAVE TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE PROBLEMS OF
3 MARICOPA COUNTY, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THOSE LEGISLATORS
4 DOWN THERE, SINCE THEY'RE GOING TO DOMINATE, WILL ALWAYS
5 HAVE SOME OF THE NEEDS AND THE WELFARE OF URBAN ARIZONA IN
6 MIND AS WELL.

7 SO I AM ABSOLUTELY NOT CONCERNED WITH THE SPLITS.
8 IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS, I WOULD STAY WITH FLAGSTAFF AND
9 PRESCOTT FOR THE COHESIVENESS THAT BRINGS US. I'M NOT GOING
10 TO SAY I WANT TO BE ALIENATED FROM THE RIVER COMMUNITIES,
11 BUT THE SYSTEM WE HAVE NOW, AS EVERYBODY SAID, HAS WORKED
12 PRETTY WELL.

13 WE'RE NOT TRYING TO KILL A DRAGON HERE IF WE
14 DIDN'T HAVE SOMETHING ABSOLUTELY HORRENDOUS WE NEED TO FIX
15 IN THIS PART OF THE STATE.

16

THANK YOU.

17

COMMISSIONER ELDER: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

18

COMMENTS?

19

(NO RESPONSE.)

20

COMMISSIONER ELDER: LET ME POSE ONE OR TWO

21

THAT CAME TO MY MIND AS YOU WERE SPEAKING.

22

WHEN WE LOOKED AT THAT SLIDE WHILE BACK OF MOHAVE

23

COUNTY, IT APPEARED, IF I'M CORRECT--I THINK THERE WAS LIKE

24

A HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WITHIN MOHAVE

25

COUNTY.

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1 A PERSON IN THE AUDIENCE: HUNDRED
2 FIFTY-FIVE.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: A HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE.
4 IT'S NOT GONNA BE A GOOD EXAMPLE. LET ME USE THAT EXAMPLE.
5 A HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN.

6 THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT WAS A HUNDRED
7 SIXTY-SEVEN--A HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE, SOMEWHERE IN THAT
8 RANGE.

9 IF YOU HAD TO LEAVE OUT A PORTION OF THE
10 COMMUNITY, IT WOULD BE--A VERY SMALL PORTION OF THE COUNTY
11 WOULD THEN BE WITH ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT. THAT WOULD
12 BE ONE SCENARIO.

13 THE OTHER SCENARIO WOULD BE TO COME IN AND DIVIDE
14 MORE OF THE COUNTY TO WHERE MOHAVE COUNTY WAS MORE EQUALLY
15 SPLIT, BUT IT HAD AREAS OUTSIDE MOHAVE COUNTY.

16 IS THERE ANY CONCERN-- AND I GUESS THAT CAME OUT
17 OF A COMMENT FROM LIKE--I THINK IT WAS THE TOWN OF CHANDLER.
18 THEY SAID WE'VE GOT A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT NOW THAT TAKES IN
19 95 PERCENT OF THE TOWN OF CHANDLER AND THIS LITTLE 5 PERCENT
20 OUT HERE IS WITH EAST VALLEY. WE'D REALLY LIKE TO HAVE THEM
21 INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

22 AND I GUESS, YOU KNOW, I'M TRYING TO COME UP WITH
23 THE TOOLS OR THE RATIONALE AS TO IF WE SPLIT, WHY SO. DO WE
24 SPLIT JUST A LITTLE BIT OR DO WE GO IN AND TRY AND MOVE A
25 LINE TO SAY THERE'S ANOTHER COMMUNITY OF INTEREST. THERE'S

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1 COMPACTNESS. THERE'S ACCESSIBILITY FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

2 WHAT TOOLS DO WE USE TO TRY AND MAKE THAT
3 DECISION? ANYBODY WANT TO THROW OUT SOME IDEAS, I'D BE MORE
4 THAN HAPPY TO HEAR THEM BECAUSE I'M STUMPED ON THAT BECAUSE
5 I GET DIVERSITY.

6 I'VE GOT IT FROM NOGALES. NOGALES HAS GOT THE
7 SAME ISSUE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE. WELL, AND
8 THERE'S IS PRETTY MUCH THREE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS ARE IN
9 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO NOGALES; RIO RICO, YOU KNOW, THOSE; AND I
10 GET THE SAME COMMENTS WHERE WE REALLY LIKED HAVING NINE;
11 THREE SENATORS AND SIX REPRESENTATIVES; AND THEN THE OTHER
12 SIDE, NO, WE WANT SOMEBODY THAT'S REALLY STRONG THAT WILL GO
13 TO BAT FOR US. WE WANT IT ALL AS ONE PIECE.

14 SO GIVE ME A SHOT.

15 MR. CAPALBY: I BELIEVE COMMUNITY INTEGRITY

16 IS CRITICAL. IF AN AREA OR REGION NEEDS TO BE DIVIDED, THEN
17 MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITIES ARE AT LEAST MAINTAINED AS
18 WELL AS THE ADJOINING UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

19 COMMISSIONER ELDER: SO WE USE THE EXAMPLE OF
20 EDGES; ONE OF THEM BEING A HIGHWAY, WHICH I ASSUME WAS WHAT
21 DIVIDED BULLHEAD CITY. THAT WAS THE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE?

22 MR. ADAMS: NO. THAT WAS PARTISAN PRECINCTS
23 THAT DIVIDED BULLHEAD.

24 COMMISSIONER ELDER: SO IT WAS PARTISAN
25 PRECINCTS THERE BECAUSE WE HAD A COMMENT--OR I HAD A COMMENT

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1 WHEN I WAS MEETING WITH SOME PEOPLE FROM COTTONWOOD, THEY
2 SAID LOOK. WE ARE ONE COMMUNITY AND JUST BECAUSE THAT ROAD
3 WENT DOWN THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE COMMUNITY, WE DON'T WANT
4 TO BE DIVIDED.

5 SO WHAT OTHER TOOLS DO WE USE, YOU KNOW? AND
6 THAT'S WHY I'D REALLY LIKE THE INPUT ON THOSE KINDS OF
7 QUESTIONS.

8 IS IT THE MOUNTAIN RANGES IN THE VALLEYS THAT
9 SHOULD STAY TOGETHER OR IS IT ROAD TO ROAD? IS IT ACCESS?
10 WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE THAT YOU SEE AS PART?
11 NEVER GET IT. MR. ZABOR--

12 MR. ZABORSKY: THAT'S ALL RIGHT. SMITH.
13 BUBBA.

14 I BELIEVE THAT SMALL COMMUNITIES SUCH AS CITIES,
15 BULLHEAD CITY, OR SMALL RURAL AREAS THAT MAY BE

16 UNINCORPORATED, I DON'T BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE SPLIT IN
17 HALF, BUT I-- SO I THINK YOU NEED TO KEEP THEIR INTEGRITY
18 TOGETHER.

19 BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN LOOK AT
20 NATURAL GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES SUCH AS MAJOR HIGHWAYS LIKE
21 I-40 BECAUSE NORMALLY, THEY DON'T GO THROUGH A COMMUNITY,
22 ALTHOUGH THEY DO UP IN KINGMAN. FOR PART OF OUR COUNTY IT
23 IS A NATURAL DIVIDER.

24 I THINK YOU ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE GEOGRAPHIC
25 AREAS, TOO, 'CAUSE I KNOW IN MOHAVE COUNTY, AT ONE TIME IN

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1 OUR VOTING DISTRICTS, WE HAD PEOPLE--NOBODY LOOKED AT THE
2 GEOGRAPHIC PART OF IT WHEN THEY DREW THE LINES FOR THE
3 VOTING DISTRICT; AND WE HAD PEOPLE THAT HAD NO WAY TO GET TO
4 WHERE THEY WERE SUPPOSED--SUPPOSED TO VOTE BUT DRIVE AROUND
5 ABOUT 50 MILES TO GET AROUND TO WHERE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO
6 VOTE.

7 AND SO I THINK YOU HAVE TO TAKE THOSE INTO
8 CONSIDERATION ALSO.

9 COMMISSIONER ELDER: SO GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES
10 ARE IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY?

11 MR. ZABORSKY: I THINK THEY DEFINITELY ARE;
12 GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES; AND AS YOU SAID, YEAH, I THINK THOSE
13 ARE REAL IMPORTANT.

14 MR. MEDRANO: RIGHT NOW I'M GONNA PUT ON A
15 HAT AS A RESIDENT.

16 THE COURT REPORTER: YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

17 MR. MEDRANO: SAM MEDRANO. I'M A RESIDENT OF
18 BULLHEAD CITY.

19 I THINK COUNTY BOUNDARIES ARE A GOOD START TO
20 DETERMINE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. IN MOHAVE COUNTY,
21 KINGMAN REGULARLY HAS TO DEAL WITH BULLHEAD, BULLHEAD
22 REGULARLY HAS TO DEAL WITH LAKE HAVASU. MAY HAVE
23 DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, BUT THEY STILL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER
24 BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL IN THE SAME COUNTY.

25 IF WE'RE IN DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, WE

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1 STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH KINGMAN AND WE STILL HAVE TO DEAL
2 WITH LAKE HAVASU CITY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH
3 PRESCOTT AND WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH FLAGSTAFF.

4 I AGREE WE HAD EXCELLENT REPRESENTATION, BUT AS
5 SOMEBODY WHO IS MEMBER OF THE LOCAL MEDIA, I WITNESSED
6 SEVERAL TIMES WHERE, IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT INSTANCES, WE HAD
7 FOUR DIFFERENT LEGISLATORS SPLIT EQUALLY TWO, TWO.

8 TO ME, THAT KIND OF DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING
9 THE ADDED REPRESENTATION.

10 AND YOU DID HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM PRESCOTT
11 WHO DIDN'T LIKE THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAKE HAVASU CITY;
12 AND THEY WERE ALWAYS ON OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM, SO
13 WHERE DID BULLHEAD CITY FIT?

14 I THINK THAT SPLITTING THE CITY WAS A OVERALL
15 DETRIMENT TO BULLHEAD CITY IN THE LONG RUN. BACK IN 1990

16 WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND THEY SPLIT AND I WAS
17 HERE AND THEY SOLD IT AS WELL, YOU'LL GET TWICE AS MANY
18 REPRESENTATIVES.

19 WELL, THAT SOUNDS GREAT. WELL, WE'VE TRIED IT FOR
20 TEN YEARS AND I GOT TO SAY HAVING BEEN HERE FOR THE TEN
21 YEARS, YES, WE'VE HAD CERTAIN REPRESENTATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN
22 VERY GOOD TO US, BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO ISSUES WHERE THEY
23 DON'T AGREE OR WHEN PERSONALITIES GET INVOLVED, WE ALL
24 SUFFER BECAUSE ONE VOTE CANCELS OUT THE OTHER.

25 AND I JUST THINK THAT IF YOU HAVE COMMUNITIES THAT

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1 ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING TOGETHER ANYWAY, THAT'S PROBABLY A
2 GOOD BASIS TO WORK ON.

3 I KNOW THAT MOHAVE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE
4 POPULATION TO SUSTAIN ITS OWN DISTRICT. IT'S LIKE 16,000
5 SHORT, BUT THERE AGAIN, MOHAVE COUNTY DEALS WITH
6 LA PAZ COUNTY ON A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ISSUES.

7 WHEN WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN OUR JAIL, WE
8 SENT OUR PRISONERS TO THE LA PAZ COUNTY JAIL WHO--THEY JUST
9 BUILT ONE. YOU KNOW, WE HOUSED THEM THERE.

10 WE DEAL WITH RIVER ISSUES. FOR GOODNESS SAKES,
11 PARKER HAS A CASINO NOW. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN
12 GET ANY MORE ALIKE FROM WHAT YOU HAVE DRAWN HERE.

13 I AGREE WITH MR. ZABORSKY. I THINK IT'S ODD THAT
14 YOU DIDN'T TALK TO ANYBODY AND ALL OF A SUDDEN CAME UP WITH
15 A DISTRICT THAT, WHAT I HAD SEEN AND WHAT I'D HEARD FROM A

16 LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE, WAS WHAT EVERYBODY WAS ASKING FOR.

17 YOU KNOW, AND I GOT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, FOR
18 INSTANCE, EVEN ALL THE WAY INTO COLORADO CITY, WHICH IS, YOU
19 KNOW, FIVE-HOUR DRIVE FROM HERE AND THREE STATES; BUT THE
20 PEOPLE UP THERE STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH MOHAVE COUNTY. THEY
21 STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH US. THEY DON'T DEAL WITH THE PEOPLE
22 ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION.

23 I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR TO THEM TO LET THEM DEAL
24 WITH US ON A STATE-WIDE LEVEL AS WELL.

25 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THANK YOU.

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1 MS. LEONI: WE NEED HIS NAME.

2 THE COURT REPORTER: I GOT IT.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I'VE HEARD YOUR TOWNS
4 AND THE LINKAGES THERE TO HELP ME BETTER UNDERSTAND THE
5 REGION OR THE AREA.

6 ARE THERE ECONOMIC LINKS THAT LINK THE RIVER AS
7 OPPOSED TO LINK INLAND? ARE THERE DIFFERENT TYPES OF
8 INDUSTRY? IS THERE RESORT AND THAT ALONG THE RIVER, BUT
9 THEN THERE'S MINING OR AGRICULTURE? IS THERE OTHER
10 COMMUNITIES THAT WE WOULD CLASSIFY?

11 YES, SIR.

12 MR. SOCKWELL; TOM SOCKWELL. I'M HERE IN
13 BULLHEAD CITY.

14 THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT TIE THE RIVER
15 COMMUNITIES TOGETHER. THE DEALING WITH THE SNOWBIRDS IN THE

16 WINTERTIME, THE WEEKENDERS FROM CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE TO DEAL
17 WITH THOSE ALL THE TIME; AND IT'S A COMMON THING UP AND DOWN
18 THE RIVER.

19 WE HAVE ANOTHER BIG ISSUE THAT WE'RE GOING TO FACE
20 IN THE RIVER COMMUNITIES; AND THAT'S SEWERING, ALL THE WAY
21 FROM HERE TO YUMA. WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT PUTTING IN
22 SEWERS AND GETTING PEOPLE OFF OF SEPTIC TANKS; SO THERE'S A
23 LOT OF COMMONALITY BETWEEN THESE RIVER COMMUNITIES THAT
24 WE--WE NEED TO BE HOOKED TOGETHER SOME WAY AND PULL
25 TOGETHER.

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1 COMMISSIONER ELDER: SO THAT IS-- IT SOUNDED
2 TO ME AS A LIFESTYLE IMPACT ENVIRONMENT LINKS YOU TOGETHER
3 MORE THAN EITHER AGRICULTURE, MINING, OR URBANIZED AREAS.

4 MR. SOCKWELL: THAT'S RIGHT.

5 COMMISSIONER ELDER: THAT'S THE LINK THERE?

6 YES, MA'AM.

7 MS. MACE: I'D JUST LIKE TO-- YES, MACE.

8 JEAN MACE.

9 I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD TO AND REINFORCE WHAT HAS
10 BEEN SAID BY SUPERVISOR SOCKWELL AND MR. MEDRANO, OTHERS.

11 WE ARE RIVER CITIES. WE ARE UNIQUE. WE ARE--
12 WE'RE DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER--THE INLAND CITIES.

13 I DON'T CARE HOW YOU LOOK AT IT. WE ARE-- THESE
14 COMMUNITIES ARE DIFFERENT. THEY FACE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS.
15 THEY MUST DEAL WITH, FOR INSTANCE, THE COLORADO RIVER; A

16 VERY PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE THAT WE MUST DEAL WITH.

17 WE MUST PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF--HOPEFULLY,
18 WE'RE DOING THAT--THE COLORADO RIVER. THE-- AND AS
19 SUPERVISOR SOCKWELL DID POINT OUT, YES, WE ARE FACED WITH
20 THOSE WONDERFUL WINTER VISITORS, COMMONLY CALLED SNOWBIRDS.

21 THEY DO BRING A LOT OF MONEY INTO OUR ECONOMY, ALL
22 UP AND DOWN THE RIVER FROM HERE TO, YOU KNOW, ALL THE WAY
23 DOWN TO YUMA.

24 I KNOW PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE RIVER ALL ALONG THE
25 RIVER FROM DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. I

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1 THINK THEY WOULD NOT EVEN THINK OF BRINGING THEIR BOAT OR
2 THEIR TOYS, TOWING THEM FROM EITHER DIRECTION, TO GO INLAND.

3 I UNDERSTAND DOWN IN THE MARICOPA COUNTY AND
4 AROUND IN THERE, THERE ARE LAKES AND RESERVOIRS, BUT
5 NOBODY'S GOT A RIVER LIKE WE'VE GOT; AND THEY COME FROM NEAR
6 AND FAR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE AND PUT THEIR TOYS--LAUNCH THEIR
7 TOYS ON THE RIVER, IMPACTING-- AS I SAY, THEY BRING A LOT
8 OF MONEY IN OUR RIVER COMMUNITIES BETWEEN--WHICH WE REALLY
9 NEED AND I, FOR ONE, WELCOME THEM.

10 WE ARE-- THOSE WINTER VISITORS MUST BE PROTECTED
11 ON THE COLORADO RIVER, ALL UP AND DOWN, BY THE CITIES AND BY
12 THE MOHAVE COUNTY, LA PAZ COUNTY AND YUMA AS WELL.

13 WE ARE DIFFERENT. WE ARE UNIQUE. AND THEY DON'T
14 HAVE TO FACE THE GNATS INLAND THAT WE HAVE AND FACE ALONG
15 THE COLORADO RIVER WITH THAT WONDERFUL BULLHEAD CITY

16 SLOUGH.

17 THANK YOU.

18 COMMISSIONER ELDER: TOSS A COIN. LET ME GO
19 THIS DIRECTION AND THEN GO BACK TO MR. ADAMS.

20 MR. HAKIM: I GOT A QUESTION. JACK HAKIM.

21 WITH THIS REDISTRICTING, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS
22 NOT A TEMPORARY SITUATION. IF WE GREW THIS MUCH IN TEN
23 YEARS, THEN I WOULD EXPECT THAT THIS COUNTY AND THIS CITY
24 AND THIS RIVER AREA IS GONNA DOUBLE THAT IN ANOTHER TEN
25 YEARS.

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16 WE DO HAVE GOOD REPRESENTATION NOW WITH THE TWO
17 DISTRICTS, AND I AGREE WITH LARRY.

18 ONE OF THE-- ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WAS--OR
19 QUESTIONS THAT WAS ASKED, WHEN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
20 HELD THE DEBATES AND FORUMS IN BULLHEAD CITY, AND INSTEAD
21 HAVING FOUR PEOPLE UP THERE, THERE WERE 12 PEOPLE UP THERE
22 AT A TABLE; AND PEOPLE WERE JUST-- WELL, I'M WITH
23 DISTRICT 2. WELL, I'M REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1. AND PEOPLE
24 WERE CONFUSED ABOUT THAT.

25 BUT THE ISSUES WERE DIFFERENT, AS MATT SAID.

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1 SOMETHING HAPPENS IN KINGMAN, I MEAN IN FLAGSTAFF, IS
2 DIFFERENT THAN WHAT OUR CONCERNS ARE DOWN HERE.

3 AND I THINK THAT ONCE THAT QUESTION IS
4 STRAIGHTENED OUT AND WE RESPECT OUR LIFESTYLES THAT WE HAVE
5 AND WE KNOW THAT WE'RE GONNA GROW IN THE FUTURE AND THAT OUR
6 POPULATION IS GONNA GENERATE MORE REVENUES AND WE'RE GONNA
7 HAVE A HECK OF A LOT MORE VISITORS COMING TO THE RIVER NOW
8 THAN WE'VE HAD BEFORE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE USE OF THE JET
9 SKIS AND NOT BEING ABLE TO USE THEM ON SOME OF THE NATIONAL
10 PARKS THAT ARE COMING AROUND.

11 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK WITH THE RIVER
12 CITIES, BUT I WANTED TO GO ALONG WITH WHAT JEAN WAS SAYING
13 AND ALSO WHAT SUPERVISOR SOCKWELL WAS SAYING.

14 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. THANK YOU.
15 MR. ADAMS OR-- JUST A QUICK ONE. THEN I'LL GO THAT

16 DIRECTION OR WHATEVER.

17 MR. ADAMS: COUPLE OF QUICK POINTS.

18 WHAT TIES US ALREADY ALLUDE US TO RURAL FACTOR
19 THAT TIES US TO CENTRAL ARIZONA, PRESCOTT, AND FLAGSTAFF,
20 CERTAINLY YAVAPAI COUNTY AND THE FLAGSTAFF AREA; MORE
21 YAVAPAI THAN FLAGSTAFF, DEPENDS ON RETIREES AS WE DO HERE.

22 THAT'S COMMONALITY. THE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS
23 THAT COME HERE ARE RETIREES. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS IN YAVAPAI
24 COUNTY; TO A LESSER EXTENT IN FLAGSTAFF. CERTAINLY THEIR
25 ECONOMY IS CENTERED AROUND TOURISM AS OURS IS HERE.

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1 WE HAVE A REFUGEE CAMP FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
2 WE'RE THE PLACE THAT PEOPLE ESCAPE FROM TO COME HERE.

3 MS. MACE: NOW, LARRY.

4 MR. ADAMS: THAT'S ALL WE ARE IS A REFUGEE
5 CAMP FOR LOS ANGELES BASIN AS WE GROW HERE. AS WE GROW
6 HERE, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE NOW, WHERE DO WE GO TO RECREATE?
7 WE GO TO FLAGSTAFF. WE'RE TIRED OF THE HEAT. WE'RE MOVING
8 TO FLAGSTAFF.

9 THIS IS A COMMONALITY THAT TIES US TOGETHER; AND
10 IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, AS THE PEOPLE CRUNCH IS
11 INCREASED HERE, SO IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR COMMONALITY, WHAT
12 TIES US TOGETHER, IT'S LIKE A COMMONALITY TO THOSE TWO
13 AREAS.

14 IF YOU MOVE ACROSS THE STATE HERE AND AT WHAT
15 POINT-- I'D LIKE TO TAKE A LITTLE ISSUE WITH MY GOOD FRIEND

16 MR. HAKIM.

17 YES, MOHAVE COUNTY IS GROWING, BUT NUMBERS LIE A
18 LOT; AND WHAT WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND IS FROM 1990 TO NOW,
19 WE GREW 60,000 PEOPLE. THEY GREW A MILLION IN MARICOPA
20 COUNTY.

21 WE'RE NOT GOING TO ADD-- WE'LL ADD CONGRESSIONAL
22 DISTRICTS BUT NOT ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS; SO WHEN THE
23 NEXT CENSUS COMES UP, YES, WE'RE GOING TO GROW, BUT THEN THE
24 DIVISION NUMBER WILL BE HIGHER. WE'LL BE IN THE SAME PLACE
25 WE ARE NOW.

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1 WE WILL FOREVER MORE BE DOMINATED BY MARICOPA
2 COUNTY. UNDERSTAND THAT. IT AIN'T CHANGING, FOLKS. FACT
3 OF LIFE.

4 THANK YOU.

5 COMMISSIONER ELDER: YES, SIR.

6 MR. ROGERS: COUPLE OF POINTS.

7 COMMISSIONER ELDER: WE NEED YOUR NAME.

8 MR. ROGERS: MARTIN ROGERS.

9 THIS AREA, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS, IS IN THE
10 LAS VEGAS MARKETPLACE CENSUS TRACT. IT'S NOT REALLY OUT OF
11 PHOENIX; AND SO OUR INTEREST-- I MEAN, EVERYBODY HERE--
12 NOBODY'S GONNA FESS UP TO THIS. WE ALL RUN TO VEGAS ONCE OR
13 TWICE A MONTH TO SHOP. I MEAN, IT HAPPENS.

14 WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF GOOD STORES HERE. WE HAVE
15 SOME GOOD STORES. SO OUR COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IS REALLY

16 WE'D RUN THAT WAY. IF WE COULD REDRAW STATE LINES, THAT
17 MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE, BUT WE'RE NOT DOING THAT.

18 THE PEOPLE IN KINGMAN RUN TO VEGAS. THE PEOPLE IN
19 BULLHEAD RUN TO VEGAS. THE PEOPLE IN HAVASU RUN TO VEGAS.
20 OKAY.

21 THE NEWSPAPERS ARE KIND OF CENTERED AROUND, YOU
22 KNOW, THE THREE LITTLE--THE THREE CITIES HERE. WE DON'T
23 REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN FLAGSTAFF FOR THE MOST PART.
24 WE READ THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC TO SOME DEGREE.

25 WE HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON IN PRESCOTT

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1 TO SOME DEGREE. WE HAVE AN IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE
2 THREE CITIES IN MOHAVE COUNTY.

3 AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, AGAIN, WE COME BACK TO THIS
4 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST.

5 NOW, LA PAZ COUNTY, WAS FORMED ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO;
6 LITTLE BIT LESS THAN THAT. I THINK MID '80'S BECAUSE THEY
7 WERE UPSET THAT YUMA NEVER LISTENED TO THEM AND SAID LOOK,
8 WE'RE WAY OUT HERE. WE'RE IN INDIAN RESERVATION AND WE HAVE
9 GOT TO SOME PEOPLE HERE, AND THAT'S WHY THEY WERE ACTUALLY
10 CUT OFF ABOUT 15, 20 YEARS AGO.

11 PEOPLE THAT WORK-- PEOPLE THAT WORK IN LA PAZ
12 COUNTY LIVE IN HAVASU AND VICE VERSA, SO THEY'VE GOT THAT
13 KIND OF MARKETING, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY OF INTEREST THERE.

14 OVER ALL, IF YOU WERE TO TAKE A PORTION OF MOHAVE
15 COUNTY THAT'S NOT REALLY PART OF MOHAVE COUNTY AS FAR AS THE

16 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AGAIN, IT'S THE INDEPENDENT GROUP OF
17 PEOPLE THAT ARE UP IN COLORADO CITY.

18 IT TAKES FIVE HOURS TO GET UP THERE UNLESS YOU
19 FLY. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR COMMUNITY OF
20 INTEREST REALLY WOULD BE. IT WOULD BE MORE WITH UTAH, LET'S
21 SAY. PERHAPS IT'S CLOSER TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN NORTHERN
22 ARIZONA, THE ALPINE COUNTY UP THERE IN FLAGSTAFF, BUT THEY
23 ARE WAY OUT THERE.

24 AND MOST OF US HAVE NEVER EVEN BEEN UP THERE, AS A
25 MATTER OF FACT; SO I MEAN, IF YOU WERE GOING TO SHAVE A

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1 LITTLE PORTION OFF, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THAT. THEY MAY WANT
2 TO HAVE SOME INPUT ON THAT THEMSELVES.

3 I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THEM. I THINK THEY'RE
4 GREAT PEOPLE UP THERE, BUT OVERALL, THE REASON THESE
5 BOUNDARIES WERE DRAWN OVER THE YEARS WERE TO PROTECT
6 POLITICAL INTEREST.

7 YOU CUT BULLHEAD CITY IN HALF, IT'S-- BASICALLY
8 ALMOST ALL THE PEOPLE ARE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRAT. HAVASU
9 IS 80 PERCENT REPUBLIC. KINGMAN IS ABOUT 50/50, SO IF YOU
10 CUT CERTAIN AREAS-- THAT'S WHY IT WAS DONE ORIGINALLY,
11 BASICALLY TO PROTECT PEOPLE.

12 SO, AGAIN, I THINK IF WE COME BACK TO THIS WHOLE
13 KIND OF LET'S KEEP PEOPLE TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S GOING
14 ON, I THINK LOGIC IS MOHAVE COUNTY IS A HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE
15 THOUSAND PEOPLE. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IS A HUNDRED

16 SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND ROUGHLY.

17 THAT FITS PRETTY NICE, AND PULL IN YUMA--OR EXCUSE
18 ME--PULL IN LA PAZ COUNTY, MOST OF IT AT LEAST, AND IT
19 REALLY DOES FIT LIKE A GLOVE ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE.

20 NOW, AS FAR AS SOMETHING THAT LARRY HAD TO SAY
21 WHICH KIND OF JARRED MY THINKING HERE.

22 HE IS RIGHT ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. AS
23 FAR AS YOU PUT THEM ALL DOWN THERE IN MARICOPA COUNTY,
24 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO US TO SOME DEGREE; SO IF YOU
25 CARVE OUT A PORTION OF THEM SO THAT THEY HAVE RURAL PEOPLE

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1 IN THEIR DISTRICTS ALSO, THEY'LL LISTEN A LITTLE MORE.

2 BUT TO REALLY KIND OF DO A MEAN THING, I GUESS.

3 YOU MAKE 55 PERCENT OF THEIR DISTRICT IN THE RURAL AREA,
4 OKAY, AND 45 PERCENT IN MARICOPA COUNTY, THEY'LL LISTEN MORE
5 AND THEN YOU HAVE MAYBE FOUR OR FIVE DISTRICTS THAT ARE JUST
6 PURE METROPOLITAN; MAYBE FOUR PURE METROPOLITAN
7 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN MARICOPA COUNTY AND MAYBE TWO--OR
8 ONE IN PIMA COUNTY, YOU KNOW, TUCSON; AND THEN YOU HAVE A
9 COUPLE WHERE THEY KIND OF CUT OUT A LITTLE BIT SO THAT THESE
10 GUYS OR GALS HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE RURAL AREA BECAUSE JUST A
11 LITTLE BIT MORE OF THEIR DISTRICTS IN THE--

12 COMMISSIONER ELDER: HE'S SMILING TOO. I'M
13 SMILING.

14 MR. ROGERS: NO. NO. IT MIGHT WORK.

15 THANK YOU.

16 COMMISSIONER ELDER: WE HAVE A DIVERGENT
17 OPINION.

18 I'LL DO AN ANECDOTE. YOU CAN--OR ANECDOTE AND
19 THEN YOU CAN THINK ABOUT YOUR NEXT QUESTION, BUT WHEN I WAS
20 BEING INTERVIEWED, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THEY ASKED ME: IF
21 YOU HAVE TO DIVIDE TWO DISTRICTS AND YOU COULD EITHER MAKE
22 THEM BALANCED REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT, OR YOU COULD MAKE ONE
23 REAL STRONG REPUBLICAN, ONE REAL STRONG DEMOCRAT. I SAID,
24 "WELL, THERE'S REALLY TWO WAYS OF ANSWERING THAT.

25 ONE IS REPRESENTATIVE ISSUE. IT MIGHT BE THAT WAY

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1 BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN EXCEEDINGLY HAPPY WITH THEIR
2 REPRESENTATIVES, SO YOU HAVE A STRONG REPUBLICAN; YOU HAVE A
3 STRONG DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT.

4 THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS IF YOU HAVE A EXTREMELY
5 STRONG DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT OR EXTREMELY STRONG REPUBLICAN
6 DISTRICT, THEN IT'S OVER IN THE PRIMARIES AND YOU DON'T HAVE
7 THAT DISCOURSE. YOU DON'T HAVE THAT DIALOGUE. YOU DON'T
8 HAVE THE PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT ISSUES IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

9 SO I SAID ON THAT SIDE, I'D PROBABLY OPT FOR LIKE
10 THE FAIR OR THE BALANCED DISTRICTS.

11 I ASKED FOR HOW DO I DECIDE WHICH DIRECTION OR HOW
12 DO I PUT MY PUSHING AND PULLING WHERE--YOU KNOW, WHERE I
13 MAKE MY COMMENTS WITH THE COMMISSION. AND I GET-- TWO DAYS
14 AGO, I GET THE COMMENT THAT "OH, WE DON'T WANT TO BE WITH
15 MARICOPA COUNTY AT ALL." THAT CAME FROM LIKE THE NORTHEAST

16 PART OF THE STATE. "YOU KNOW, CUT THEM OUT. MOVE US OVER,
17 BUT DON'T PUT US WITH MARICOPA COUNTY."

18 HERE-- ONE PERSON HERE SAYS MAYBE WE'D LIKE TO BE
19 WITH MARICOPA COUNTY, SO IT'S SOMETHING TO BE AWARE OF THAT
20 WE'RE NOT GONNA HAVE ANY KIND OF EASY TASK WITH TRYING TO
21 FIGURE OUT HOW TO MOVE THINGS BACK AND FORTH.

22 AND HOPEFULLY, WHAT WE HAVE IS WE HAVE CONSULTANTS
23 THAT SAY, YOU KNOW, IF YOU DO THIS FOR EITHER ETHNIC REASONS
24 FROM THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND TO WHERE THE DEPARTMENT
25 OF JUSTICE WHO WILL REVIEW THIS PLAN AND APPROVE IT OR

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1 DISAPPROVE IT, SAYS YES, YOU HAVE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF
2 THE MINORITY TO ELECT THEIR OFFICIALS.

3 YOU HAVEN'T DIGRESSED OR REGRESSED, YOU KNOW, TO
4 WHERE YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY THAT OPPORTUNITY. WE MAY HAVE
5 TO--NOT MAY HAVE TO. WE WILL BE MOVING SOME OF THESE LINES
6 TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THOSE TYPES OF ISSUES.

7 WELL, IF WE MOVE A LINE HERE, WE GOT TO GET
8 POPULATION BACK OUT THERE, SO THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO FIND
9 OUT WHAT THE ISSUES ARE THAT ARE PRIORITY ISSUES TO YOUR
10 COMMUNITY SO WE CAN HOPEFULLY, YOU KNOW, RESPOND TO THOSE
11 AND KEEP THOSE INTACT ALSO.

12 I'D LIKE TO ASK ONE QUESTION FROM THE SUPERVISOR.
13 WHEN YOU HAD THE TWO DISTRICTS THAT YOU WERE DEALING WITH AS
14 A SUPERVISOR IN MOHAVE COUNTY, WHEN YOU WENT TO THOSE AND
15 SAID WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, DID YOU GET EQUAL RESPONSE OUT OF

16 THEM?

17 YOU KNOW, WAS IT SOMETHING THAT FROM A
18 SUPERVISORAL STANDPOINT, IT WAS HARDER OR EASIER TO WORK
19 WITH?

20 MR. SOCKWELL: IT'S A SITUATION I'M KIND OF
21 NEW ON IN THE SUPERVISORY AREA. AT THIS POINT, I HAVE NOT
22 WORKED WITH EITHER OF THOSE PEOPLE. WE HAVE HAD A FULL
23 SLATE OF ISSUES LOCALLY; AND SERIOUSLY, I HAVE NOT WORKED
24 WITH THEM.

25 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. THANK YOU.

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1 MS. JESSIE: MR. ZABORSKY CAN ANSWER THAT
2 ONE.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OH.

4 MR. ZABORSKY: AND I'M SORRY. I WAS
5 TALKING. I DIDN'T HEAR THE WHOLE QUESTION.

6 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I WAS ASKING LIKE IF YOU
7 WERE-- MOHAVE COUNTY'S DIVIDED RIGHT NOW AND YOU'RE
8 REALLY--

9 MR. ZABORSKY: RIGHT.

10 COMMISSION ELDER: 1 AND 2. 3'S PRETTY FAR
11 TO THE NORTH, BUT, YOU KNOW.

12 WHEN YOU HAD TO DEAL WITH THOSE TWO
13 REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, WAS IT EASY
14 TO DEAL WITH THEM WHEN YOU'RE REPRESENTING MOHAVE COUNTY AS
15 A WHOLE AND THEY'RE REPRESENTING A SPLIT?

16 MR. ZABORSKY: OBVIOUSLY, COMING OUT OF
17 BULLHEAD CITY AND DEALING WITH THOSE TWO LEGISLATIVE
18 DISTRICTS, 1 AND 2, OUR REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT 2 CAME
19 OUT OF LAKE HAVASU CITY; AND SO THERE WAS A VERY COMMONALITY
20 IN THE ISSUES THAT WE HAD, AND IT WAS VERY EASY TO DEAL WITH
21 THAT PERSON ON DEALING WITH OUR ISSUES.

22 WHEN IT GOT TO DISTRICT 1, I GOT TO TELL YOU.
23 THERE WAS A LOT OF ISSUES WE GOT A LOT OF HELP ON, BUT
24 AGAIN, BECAUSE THAT PERSON CAME OUT OF FLAGSTAFF, IF THERE
25 WAS CONFLICTING ISSUES THAT REALLY HAD NO INTEREST OUT OF

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1 FLAGSTAFF, IT WAS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH TO GET
2 HELP.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY.

4 MR. ZABORSKY: SO I MEAN, THERE IS DEFINITELY
5 THAT SPLIT WHEN--IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

6 THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE DIDN'T GET HELP OUT OF
7 IT, BUT IT REALLY DEPENDS UPON THE ISSUE.

8 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. THANK YOU.

9 ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
10 HERE?

11 A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: WHAT'S FOR
12 DINNER?

13 COMMISSIONER ELDER: PARDON?

14 A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

15 MR. ROGERS: I HAVE ONE MORE.

16 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY.

17 MR. ROGERS: I READ SOMETHING IN THE PAPER
18 THAT BECAUSE YOUR COMMISSION ONLY HAS FIVE MEMBERS ON IT, IT
19 WASN'T ETHNICALLY DIVERSE, NOT GENDER DIVERSE, THINGS LIKE
20 THAT.

21 IS THERE ANY TALK OF ADDING MORE MEMBERS TO YOUR
22 COMMISSION? IS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GONNA LOOK AT
23 THAT, HAVE FINAL SAY ON WHAT YOU GUYS ACTUALLY DO? WHAT'S
24 GOING ON WITH ALL THAT? CAN YOU TELL ME?

25 COMMISSIONER ELDER: OKAY. NO, THERE'S NO

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1 INTENT TO ADD MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION.

2 THE FIRST TWO OR THREE WEEKS WE TOOK A PRETTY
3 HEAVY HIT FOR THAT AS COMMISSIONERS, AND WE SAID WAIT A
4 MINUTE. THAT WAS THE WAY THE PROPOSITION WAS PUT TOGETHER.

5 WE WERE SELECTED-- YOU KNOW, BY THE TIME, YOU
6 KNOW, IT GOT DOWN TO, YOU KNOW, US ELECTING THE INDEPENDENT,
7 YOU KNOW, WE HAD NO MINORITY INDIVIDUALS AVAILABLE FOR US TO
8 SELECT FROM AT THAT TIME.

9 SO THE COMMISSION IS WHAT THE COMMISSION IS AS IT
10 STANDS RIGHT NOW.

11 WE HAVE THE PROCESS WHERE WE COME BACK WITH A SET
12 OF PLANS. WE MIGHT HAVE MORE THAN ONE PLAN, BUT WE'RE GONNA
13 COME BACK WITH A PLAN WHERE WE CAN ELICIT COMMENT OF SAYING
14 YEAH, WE LIKED WHAT YOU DID AND HERE'S WHY OR NO, WE DON'T
15 LIKE WHAT YOU DID AND HERE'S WHY.

16 IF WE CAN GET THE WHY'S, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING
17 FOR.

18 AT THAT TIME WE HAVE THAT 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD.
19 THEN WE COME BACK AND WE'LL TAKE THOSE COMMENTS AND WE'LL
20 MAKE A REVISED PLAN. AND AT THAT POINT, IT GOES TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

22 I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE DISTRICT OF
23 COLUMBIA. IS THAT THE JUSTICE--

24 MS. HAUSER: RIGHT. IT'S THE CIVIL RIGHTS
25 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE VOTING SECTION

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1 WITHIN THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AND THEY ARE IN D.C.

2 COMMISSIONER ELDER: AND THEY HAVE THEN 60
3 DAYS TO REVIEW THE PLAN.

4 THEY MAY COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS AND SAY BOY, WE
5 JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR YOU TO--FOR US TO
6 EVALUATE YOUR PLAN. PLEASE PROVIDE THIS ADDITIONAL
7 DOCUMENTATION.

8 THEY MAY GO TO DAY 59 AND REJECT THE PLAN. THEY
9 MAY GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH AND SAY YES, THE PLAN IS FINE.

10 THE OTHER ASPECT THAT--I GUESS IT'S PART OF MY
11 CHARACTER--IS I TRULY BELIEVE THAT NO MATTER WHAT WE DO,
12 WE'RE GONNA GET CHALLENGED. SOMEBODY'S NOT GONNA BE HAPPY
13 ENOUGH THAT THEY'RE GONNA ISSUE--CONDUCT A CHALLENGE. A
14 CHALLENGE WILL COME INTO COURSE, SO THAT'S ANOTHER AVENUE
15 FOR WHAT IS GOING ON.

16 SO YES, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEWS IT. THEY
17 CAN ACCEPT OUR PLAN. WHAT OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE THE PLAN DONE
18 BY MID-SEPTEMBER SO THAT IF-- AND TOWARD THE END, REALLY
19 END OF SEPTEMBER, TO WHERE IT--

20 MS. HAUSER: MID-AUGUST.

21 COMMISSIONER ELDER: WELL, MID-AUGUST, BUT
22 THEN WE HAVE THE REVISION AND WE GOT THE SUBMITTAL SO THAT
23 THE CLEARANCE ACTUALLY STARTS AT THAT TIME KNOWING THAT WE
24 PROBABLY ARE GOING TO GET QUIZZED FOR SOME ADDITIONAL
25 INFORMATION.

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1 BUT THE END GOAL IS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A
2 PLAN IN PLACE, YOU KNOW, BY THE END OF THE YEAR SO THAT FOR
3 THE CLEAN ELECTIONS PEOPLE THAT ARE RAISING FUNDS, YOU KNOW,
4 CAN RAISE FUNDS; THAT THEIR CANDIDATES KNOW WHAT DISTRICT
5 THEY'RE IN.

6 NOW, THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. THEY'RE FAIRLY
7 EASY 'CAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE IN THE DISTRICT, YOU
8 KNOW, THAT YOU REPRESENT, IF IT'S CONGRESSIONAL, BUT IN THE
9 LEG. DISTRICT, YOU HAVE TO LIVE THERE. MIGHT MEAN THERE'S A
10 WHOLE BUNCH OF APARTMENT DWELLERS WHEN THEY DECIDE OH, I'D
11 RATHER BE IN THAT DISTRICT THAN THAT DISTRICT OR WHERE WE'VE
12 GOT TWO IN ONE DISTRICT.

13 AND THAT'S WHAT REALLY, YOU KNOW, GRIPS ME IS THAT
14 IF WE'VE GOT TWO REALLY GOOD REPRESENTATIVES THERE AND YOU
15 PUT THEM IN COMPETITION WITH EACH OTHER WHEN THEY HADN'T

16 BEEN IN COMPETITION, WE LOSE ONE GOOD REPRESENTATION FOR
17 STATE OF ARIZONA.

18 NOW, MAYBE WE'LL FIND ANOTHER PERSON THAT'S
19 WILLING TO RUN AND WE'LL GET EQUAL QUALITY OUT OF THAT; BUT,
20 YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY THE CANDIDATE'S CHOICE THEN IF THEY
21 SAY NO, I REALLY THINK I CAN WIN THIS DISTRICT, YOU KNOW,
22 THAT'S THEIR CHOICE AND THAT'S WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

23 BUT OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR GOAL IS TO TRY AND
24 HAVE THOSE MAPS APPROVED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

25 MR. ROGERS: THANK YOU.

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1 COMMISSIONER ELDER: YES, MA'AM?

2 MS. ECKLUND: ALBERTA ECKLUND.

3 WHEN DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE THIS DONE? WHAT'S YOUR
4 TIME LIMIT ON THIS?

5 COMMISSIONER ELDER: BY LAW, I DON'T BELIEVE
6 WE HAVE A TIME LIMIT.

7 NOW, LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY; AND IF LISA--'CAUSE
8 SHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE 1990 AND 1992 COURT CHALLENGES IN
9 THAT FROM THE 1990 CENSUS, SO SHE CAN CORRECT ME.

10 BUT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN, SENT
11 IT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
12 REJECTED IT. THEY WENT BACK AND FORTH SEVERAL TIMES AND
13 FINALLY THE COURT SAYS NO. WE'RE DRAWING THE LINE, AND THEY
14 DREW THE LINE FOR '92 ELECTIONS.

15 I DON'T THINK THAT WILL BE THE CASE THIS TIME

16 THROUGH. THEY MAY SAY WE DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU HAVE HERE AND
17 HERE'S WHY.

18 WE WILL THEN REVISE THE PLAN AND THEN SEND IT BACK
19 TO THEM FOR, YOU KNOW, THE NEXT REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 JUSTICE.

21 BUT WE DON'T HAVE A STATUTORY DATE THAT YOU HAVE
22 TO HAVE SOMETHING IN PLACE BY JANUARY 1, AND EVEN THE
23 LEGISLATURE HAS NOT HAD A STATUTORY DATE.

24 MS. ECKLUND: WELL, SINCE THE STATE HAS
25 ALLOWED YOU \$6 MILLION, I BELIEVE IS THE FIGURE FOR YOUR

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1 BUDGET, THEN WHAT IF THAT RUNS OUT BEFORE YOU'RE...

2 COMMISSIONER ELDER: WE'VE BEEN-- I WANT TO
3 SAY WE'RE VERY FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE. YOU KNOW, THE ONLY
4 THING THAT'S UNKNOWN TO ME, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA, YOU
5 KNOW, WHAT ATTORNEYS COST WHEN WE GET CHALLENGED.

6 YOU KNOW, OUR BUDGET RIGHT NOW WITH STAFF AND THE
7 PEOPLE WE'VE GOT GOING OUT AND THE CONSULTANTS AND ALL THAT,
8 WE'RE JUST A LITTLE OVER TWO MILLION; SO EVEN IF WE TOTALLY
9 FOUL UP FOR THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AND GET ANOTHER
10 MILLION THROWN IN THERE, THAT WOULD LEAVE US THREE MILLION
11 FOR LITIGATION.

12 I CAN'T BELIEVE IN MY HEART OF HEARTS IT CAN TAKE
13 \$3 MILLION TO LITIGATE, BUT I MAY BE TOTALLY OFF BASE.
14 LISA'S SAYING OH, BOY. THOSE ATTORNEYS CHARGE \$9 MILLION AN
15 HOUR; BUT IN ANY CASE, I THINK WE'VE GOT THAT CUSHION.

16 I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS. MY GUESS IS WE'D HAVE
17 TO GO BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS IF THAT
18 DID HAPPEN, BUT I DON'T THINK SO; AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT
19 TODAY.

20 MS. ECKLUND: AND ALSO, ARE YOU APPOINTED
21 FOR TEN YEARS?

22 COMMISSIONER ELDER: TECHNICALLY, YES.

23 MS. ECKLUND: OKAY.

24 COMMISSIONER ELDER: AND I'VE LOOKED THROUGH
25 THERE TO SEE HOW THEY CAN THROW ME OFF, BUT SO FAR, THEY

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1 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO IT.

2 MS. HAUSER: DAN?

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: YES.

4 MS. HAUSER: LET ME JUST ADD A COUPLE
5 THINGS.

6 WITH RESPECT-- MY NAME IS LISA HAUSER, AND I'M
7 ONE OF TWO ATTORNEYS WHO WORK FOR THE COMMISSION.

8 WE'RE BOTH IN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND WE HAVE--WE DO
9 OTHER THINGS, BUT THIS HAS KIND OF BEEN OUR FULL-TIME CLIENT
10 FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND PROBABLY WILL BE FOR THE REST OF
11 THE SUMMER.

12 THE QUESTION ABOUT TIMING AND WHEN THINGS HAVE TO
13 BE DONE. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I CLARIFY THIS ONE
14 THING; AND THAT IS, THAT THE COMMISSION IS VERY MINDFUL OF
15 THE FACT THAT THERE ARE OTHER DEADLINES AT WORK; AND SO EVEN

16 THOUGH THE CONSTITUTION-- AND THIS WAS A CONSTITUTIONAL
17 AMENDMENT. THERE ARE NO STATUTES THAT GOVERN THE
18 COMMISSION'S WORK.

19 BUT EVEN THOUGH THE CONSTITUTION DOES NOT PROVIDE
20 A PARTICULAR DEADLINE, WE ARE VERY AWARE OF THE DEADLINES
21 THAT THE COUNTIES HAVE, VERY AWARE OF THE DEADLINES THAT
22 CANDIDATES HAVE FOR FILING.

23 DAN MENTIONED CLEAN ELECTIONS. CANDIDATES CAN
24 START CIRCULATING VERY EARLY BUT WILL GET VERY SERIOUS ABOUT
25 THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AS TO, YOU KNOW, THE \$5

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1 CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THEY CAN GET TO QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC
2 FINANCING.

3 THAT'S GONNA BE COMING UP EARLY IN THE YEAR VERY
4 SERIOUSLY. CANDIDATE PETITION FILING OCCURS IN JUNE; AND
5 THAT IS SOMETHING, OF COURSE, THAT CANDIDATES GET A HEAD
6 START ON.

7 THEY NEED TO KNOW WHERE THEIR LINES ARE BECAUSE IF
8 THE PEOPLE WHO SIGN YOUR PETITION ARE NOT IN YOUR DISTRICT,
9 THE SIGNATURES GET DISQUALIFIED; SO WE ARE VERY AWARE OF THE
10 SORT OF CHAIN REACTION.

11 AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION MET
12 WITH--BOTH WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, THE LEAGUE OF
13 CITIES AND TOWNS LAST WEEK, AS WELL AS THE ASSOCIATION OF
14 COUNTY RECORDERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS TO MAKE SURE THAT
15 WE'RE WORKING AT A PACE THAT WILL NOT IMPAIR THEIR WORK.

16 ONCE WE HAVE LINES, THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOING
17 PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, SO THERE'S A
18 BIG CHAIN REACTION THAT GOES ON; AND JUST SO YOU KNOW, FROM
19 A TIMING STANDPOINT, WE'RE WORKING ON IT, WHICH IS WHY
20 THINGS ARE GOING SO QUICKLY NOW SO THAT WE CAN HOPEFULLY
21 HAVE A PRECLEARED PLAN IN PLACE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

22 THE OTHER THING I WOULD CLARIFY, TOO. TEN YEARS
23 AGO, THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS WERE DRAWN BY THE COURT,
24 PERIOD. IT NEVER WAS DONE BY THE LEGISLATURE.

25 WE HAD A DIVIDED LEGISLATURE. WE HAD A DEMOCRATIC

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1 SENATE, A REPUBLICAN HOUSE. THEY EACH HAD DIFFERENT PLANS
2 AND, YOU KNOW, THEY COULDN'T AGREE; SO IT WENT TO COURT AND
3 THE COURT--THREE FEDERAL JUDGES DREW OUR CONGRESSIONAL
4 DISTRICTS.

5 THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS WERE DRAWN BY THE
6 LEGISLATURE, AND THEY DID GO THROUGH A COUPLE OF BUMPS IN
7 THE ROAD WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND THERE WERE A COUPLE
8 OF ADJUSTMENTS THAT HAD TO BE MADE, MOSTLY IN THE
9 SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE STATE DOWN NEAR SIERRA VISTA, IN
10 THAT AREA.

11 AND THEN THEY WERE ULTIMATELY PRECLEARED, BUT THEY
12 WERE NOT PRECLEARED UNTIL AFTER--UNTIL REALLY THE '94
13 ELECTIONS. WHEN WE HAD ELECTIONS IN '92, THE PLAN WAS STILL
14 UP IN THE AIR; AND AT THAT POINT, I WAS REPRESENTING THE
15 SECRETARY OF STATE.

16 WE HAD TO GO TO COURT AND GET APPROVAL TO USE THE
17 NEW DISTRICTS EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE AWAITING PRECLEARANCE;
18 SO THESE ARE ALL THINGS WE HOPE TO AVOID THIS TIME.

19 COMMISSIONER ELDER: DO WE WANT TO CLOSE THE
20 MEETING AND THEN JUST HAVE, YOU KNOW, POINT AND TALK AROUND
21 THE MAP OR DO YOU WANT, YOU KNOW, MORE FORMAL?

22 MR. ZABORSKY: I JUST WANT TO MAKE A
23 COMMENT.

24 I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING TO OUR
25 COMMUNITY, AND I HOPE I'M SPEAKING FOR EVERYBODY IN THE

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1 ROOM, AND LISTENING TO OUR OPINIONS AND GETTING OUR
2 INFORMATION; AND I THINK IT WILL BE VERY HELPFUL.

3 I THINK IT WAS REALLY HELPFUL TO EVERYBODY ELSE TO
4 LISTEN TO YOU AND LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT IT, SO WE
5 APPRECIATE IT.

6 COMMISSIONER ELDER: ONE OF THE THINGS I--
7 NORMALLY I DON'T MAKE THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION, BUT IT
8 JUST SEEMS LIKE WHEN I COME FROM PIMA COUNTY AND STEVE LYNN
9 COMES FROM PIMA COUNTY, BEING THE PUBLIC RELATIONS GUY, HE
10 LIKES TO PLAY, AS I SAID, THE BIG ROOM; AND I'M THE BEGGAR.

11 AND I NEED TO CONTINUE THAT TONIGHT, IS WHAT I'D
12 REALLY HOPE IS THAT WE'RE GONNA BE COMING BACK IN FIVE WEEKS
13 APPROXIMATELY? FOUR WEEKS? FIVE WEEKS?

14 MS. HAUSER: SHOULD BE.

15 MS. LEONI: THREE TO FOUR.

16 COMMISSIONER ELDER: IT'S LIKE THE SECOND,
17 THIRD, FOURTH WEEK OF JULY, I BELIEVE. NO. NO. I TAKE IT
18 BACK. IT'S FARTHER BACK THAN THAT.

19 BUT ANYWAY, STARTING AT THE END OF JULY AND THE
20 FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST, SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES. YOU'LL
21 BE GETTING FURTHER NOTICES.

22 WE'LL HAVE THEM ON THE E-MAIL OR THE WEB SITE,
23 BUT WE'LL ALSO BE GETTING OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS PEOPLE TO GET
24 STUFF IN YOUR NEWSPAPERS AND THAT AND WE'LL GET YOU NOTICE
25 AS TO WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO HAPPEN.

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1 WHAT I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE IS IF YOU CAN
2 DRAG ANOTHER BODY WITH YOU, BRING SOME MORE PEOPLE, BECAUSE
3 AT THAT STAGE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GONNA HAVE SOME LINES THERE
4 AND WE NEED AS MUCH PUBLIC INPUT AS WE CAN, AND IT'S
5 TWO-SIDED.

6 IT'S-- ONE, IT'S WE WANT YOUR INPUT SO THAT WE
7 CAN BEST REPRESENT YOU IN THE WAY WE DEVELOP THE LINES.

8 THE OTHER SIDE OF IT IS THE MORE INPUT WE GET, THE
9 LESS CHANCE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS GONNA JUMP IN THERE
10 AND MODIFY WHAT WE DO.

11 SO TO YOUR-- YOU KNOW, WHEN WE RUN OUT OF MONEY--
12 HOPEFULLY IF WE HAVE ENOUGH INPUT AND ENOUGH PUBLIC AND WE
13 CAN DOCUMENT WHAT WE DO AND THERE'S A REASON AND RATIONALE
14 AND IT MEETS ALL THE VOTER RIGHTS ACT AND THE
15 PROPOSITION 106, WE'LL FLY AND WE'LL HAVE MONEY LEFT OVER TO

16 GIVE BACK TO THE PUBLIC.

17 SO THERE WAS ONE OTHER?

18 MR. ADAMS: YES. ONE COMMENT ON--VERY
19 IMPORTANT COMMENT THAT THE LADY JUST MADE HERE. IMPORTANT
20 FOR EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND.

21 THE LAST LINES WERE DRAWN BY THE COURTS. THEY ARE
22 WERE NOT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED GERRYMANDERING.

23 THE COURTS DREW THEM. COULD IT OCCUR? YES, THEY
24 COULD, BUT THE LAST TIME THE COURTS DREW THEM SO THAT SHOULD
25 PUT TO REST THEY WERE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. THERE WERE

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1 OTHER REASONS WHY THE LINES WERE DRAWN THE WAY THEY WERE.
2 IT WASN'T POLITICAL.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU
4 ALL VERY MUCH; AND WE'LL BE HERE UNTIL YOU RUN US OUT.

5 (APPLAUSE.)

6 COMMISSIONER ELDER: IF THERE'S ANY FURTHER
7 QUESTIONS OR YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING ON THE
8 MAP, I'LL HEAD ON BACK THAT DIRECTION.

9 THANK YOU.

10 (THE HEARING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7:58 P.M.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF ARIZONA)
)
COUNTY OF MOHAVE)

I, SHARON E. FLEEMAN, C.C.R., R.P.R., R.M.R.,
C.R.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I TOOK DOWN IN SHORTHAND
(STENOTYPE) ALL OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED
MATTER AT THE TIME AND PLACE INDICATED, AND THAT THEREAFTER
SAID SHORTHAND NOTES WERE TRANSCRIBED INTO TYPEWRITING AT
AND UNDER MY DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION, AND THE FOREGOING
TRANSCRIPT CONSTITUTES A FULL, TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF
THE PROCEEDINGS HAD, ALL DONE TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND
ABILITY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO AFFIXED MY
HAND THE 14TH DAY OF JUNE, 2001.

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