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STATE OF ARIZONA
ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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1 THE STATE OF ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING
2 COMMISSION convened in Public Session on June 21, 2001,
3 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in Maricopa County at Phoenix
4 Community College, 1202 West Thomas Road, Phoenix,
5 Arizona, in the presence of:

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7 APPEARANCES:

8 CHAIRMAN STEVE W. LYNN

9 VICE CHAIRMAN ANDI MINKOFF

10 COMMISSIONER JAMES R. HUNTWORK

11 ENRIQUE MEDINA OCHOA, Executive Director

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PRESENTATION BY: CHAIRMAN STEVEN W. LYNN

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SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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Representative Leah Landrum Taylor

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Greg Brownell

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Heather Jenkins

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Reverend Oscar Tillman

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1 SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC CONT'D:
2 Steve Brittle
3 Faye Grey
4 Donna McHenry
5 Wink Weiss
6 Representative Christine Weason
7 Wayne Phelps (via Power Point Presentation)
8 Jerry McCue
9 Klorinda Quiroz Lorizno
10 Bob Rosenberg
11 Kent Clark
12 Representative Bill Brotherton
13 Phyliss Rowe
14 Velma Sudyka
15 Delia Lowe
16 Greg Murphy
17 Calvin Goode
18 Dave Braun
19 Bert Tollefson
20 Dianne Post
21 Bev Cuthbertson
22 Alma Williams
23 Walter Dudley
24 Lucinda Montoya
25 Clutis Montoya

1 Phoenix, Arizona
2 June 21, 2001
3 7:00 o'clock p.m.

4 P R O C E E D I N G S

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Good evening, ladies and
6 gentlemen. I apologize if we're a little late. We had
7 some technical difficulties. When we set up in a new
8 town, we have to make sure everything works.

9 We have two crews tonight, one here and
10 the other in another part of the state.

11 I ask you, as I start the Power Point
12 presentation, if you can't see the Power Point from
13 anywhere you currently are sitting, I'd ask you to move
14 forward or center, if you can.

15 I'd also ask those of you that wish to
16 address the Commission this evening, if you'd please
17 fill out a speaker form which you'll find in the rear of
18 the auditorium. And we also have, also have a Spanish
19 translation of the Power Point.

20 (Chairman Lynn addresses the audience in
21 Spanish.)

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We're in good shape.

23 Ladies and gentlemen, we are joined this
24 evening by C Span. They are taping this presentation
25 for showing at some time on their 24-hour station. If

1 you want to see yourselves or if you would like to
2 review the proceedings of the evening, you need to look
3 at their listing to look at when they're showing it.

4 We'll be starting in about one minute.

5 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My
6 name is Steve Lynn. I'm the Chair of the Independent
7 Redistricting Commission. I'll present the Power Point
8 presentation this evening.

9 Wherever we've gone across the state in
10 these 23 meetings, the first round of meetings of our
11 process, we have presented the Power Point presentation
12 first. And I'm going to do that.

13 The Power Point takes around 20 minutes.
14 And then what we'd like to do is ask the members of the
15 public who wish to address the Commission to do so.

16 If you would fill out the speaker card and
17 would turn them in, the speakers this evening are going
18 to be at the lectern which is midway back in the
19 auditorium. That's so both C Span and the auditorium
20 amplification can hear you.

21 We would ask that those addressing the
22 Commission making comments or presentations, that they
23 do so first. If you have questions for the Commission,
24 what we'd like to do is ask those be held until the end
25 of the meeting and we'll stay as long as you'd like to

1 ask questions and answer those.

2 In deference to the people who have come
3 to put something on the record, to address us in terms
4 of the purpose of the meeting this evening, we'd like to
5 ask them to go first. If that would be all right with
6 all of you, we would appreciate it.

7 I will make introductions after the
8 presentation.

9 Let me without further delay do the Power
10 Point.

11 The subject of this evening's presentation
12 is redistricting, or the drawing of new district lines
13 for the state's Legislative and Congressional Districts
14 for the first time under the provisions of Proposition
15 106.

16 Now, this is a very important difference
17 between Arizona's 2001 redistricting and those of the
18 past. Citizens in this state play a very crucial and
19 very different role in this process. These public
20 hearings are partly to educate you through the Power
21 Point but much more importantly they are to educate us
22 as you see your communities of interest and you will
23 tell us about them.

24 We'll be using these hearings to bring
25 this process to all areas of the state and involve as

1 many people as we can.

2 Last week, this week, and next week we
3 will be completing a total of 23 of these meetings
4 around the state. And we have heard from people all
5 over the state with respect to their desires in the
6 redistricting process.

7 We need to share with you our plans for
8 redistricting, but more importantly, we need to hear
9 your reactions to them.

10 The Commission is determined to make this
11 as fair a process and to achieve districts that honestly
12 represent the needs of the people of Arizona. That's
13 the purpose of Proposition 106.

14 Now, often, in the past, redistricting has
15 produced deeply divisive processes, raising charges of
16 dirty politics, partisan power plays, incumbent
17 protection, and racial discrimination. All those things
18 are contained under the general heading of
19 gerrymandering, or more correctly, gerrymandering.

20 Gerrymandering began in Massachusetts.
21 Governor Eldridge Gerry, who was then the Republican
22 Governor, then Republican, because the Republicans
23 became Democrats, if you remember your civics lessons,
24 he was famous for drawing very interesting districts,
25 drawing them for his own and his cronies' needs. A

1 cartoonist for the Boston Globe in 1811 drew a cartoon
2 of one of these districts in 1811. This was the first
3 gerrymander or gerrymander. This was a depiction of the
4 district in Massachusetts, so bizzare in shape and size
5 as to represent this creature.

6 Now, there are several ways in which
7 gerrymandering can be abusive in terms of political
8 redistricting.

9 Consider redistricting four districts.
10 I'm now on the left of the screen. And you have within
11 those four districts pockets of minority party voters.
12 It doesn't matter which party, minority or majority,
13 it's the majority party voters' wish to dilute the
14 influence of the districts, bisect, trisect their
15 numbers so they turn out to have a small percentage of
16 districts and voting power.

17 On the other side, you limit the influence
18 of districts by drawing another way to do it, you
19 concentrate, or pack, minority party voters in a single
20 district. Either one of these creates a
21 disproportionately low influence by the minority party.

22 The same thing can be done as a result of
23 racial gerrymandering. Racial gerrymanders are done to
24 achieve political results. On the left you have the
25 creation of an ethnic district, largely Hispanic in this

1 representation, to assist the Republicans who are not in
2 that area but occupy other geographic parts of the
3 districts to be redrawn. On the right, you have the
4 same kind of concept where here, a white Democratic
5 incumbent could be preserved by carving out enough of
6 the Hispanic vote to support that particular individual.

7 Now none of these examples is anything
8 that this Commission will be working with this time
9 around. The voters of Arizona wanted to clean up the
10 redistricting process, so they passed Proposition 106.
11 When they did, they created the Independent
12 Redistricting Commission to be responsible for a new
13 kind of redistricting process.

14 Here are the members of the Commission.
15 And I'd like to spend just a moment talking about not
16 only who they are but about how they were selected.

17 Proposition 106 calls for an affirmative
18 application process which means all of us filled out
19 about a 14-page application and sent it off to the
20 Commission on Appellate Court Appointments. 311
21 Arizonans put their name into the hopper and indicated
22 they wished to be considered for the position. The
23 Commission was headed by the Chief Justice of the State
24 Supreme Court, Justice Zlacket. They met for a day and
25 a half, two days, and took that list of 311 and pared it

1 down to a list of 25.

2 That list of 25 had 10 Republicans, 10
3 Democrats, and five Independents.

4 That list then was circulated among the
5 leadership in the State Legislature. And each of the
6 leaders, in turn, selected Commissioners.

7 The first Commissioner selected was Jim
8 Huntwork. Jim is an attorney from Phoenix. He's
9 Republican.

10 Jim, stand up. I'll do introductions as
11 we go along. Jim Huntwork. He was selected by the
12 Speaker of the House Jim Weiers.

13 The next person who made a selection was
14 the House Minority Leader Ken Chevront. And Ken
15 selected Andrea Minkoff. Andrea is called Andi. We
16 don't want you to think there are five guys on the
17 Commission. Andrea, please.

18 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I'm not a guy.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Andrea is Andi. We call
20 her Andi. She's the Vice Chairman of the Commission.
21 She also is from Phoenix.

22 Now, the proposition indicated that of the
23 first four commissioners selected, no more than two
24 could be from any one county. So with the first two
25 selections being from Maricopa County, it had its two;

1 therefore, no other Maricopa County representatives
2 could be chosen until the possible selection of the
3 Chair.

4 The third selectee was Daniel Elder, the
5 selection of Randall Gnant. Randall is from Scottsdale,
6 a Republican. Dan Elder is from Tucson, Pima County.
7 He's a landscape architect and consultant.

8 The fourth choice was by the Democratic
9 Leader of the Senate, used to be called the minority,
10 but the Senate is 15, 15, so it's co-equal. The
11 Democratic leader in the Senate was Jack Brown from
12 Apache County. And Jack selected Joshua Hall, a land
13 title and real estate person from St. Johns. He lives
14 in St. Johns, works in the White Mountain area, has a
15 couple offices in that area.

16 So the first four commissioners, two from
17 Maricopa, one from Pima, one from Apache County.

18 Their first job after being sworn in was
19 to select a Chairman. If you've never been interviewed
20 in public, it's a real process. There were five on the
21 list. Apparently somebody told the last guy the pay was
22 lousy and hours were long. At any rate, one person
23 dropped out. I don't even recall who it was. Four were
24 interviewed.

25 After deliberation, the four members of

1 the Commission selected me. I'm Steve Lynn. I'm from
2 Tucson. I am an Independent. I'll be very clear about
3 a couple things. I used to be a Democrat. I used to be
4 a Republican. I am an Independent. Now that there are
5 open primaries, I don't think I'll be able to switch
6 again.

7 So from a party affiliation, there are two
8 Republicans, two Democrats, and an Independent; two from
9 Pima, two from Maricopa; one from Apache County. Those
10 are the five Commissioners through the affirmative
11 application process.

12 We knew it was going to be difficult at
13 best to achieve a fully representative Commission when
14 you think about all the sorts of diversity that might be
15 represented. But clearly we do not have much diversity
16 when it comes to ethnicity on the Commission. That's
17 been a source of discussion since beginning the
18 Commission's work. The only thing I can tell you is in
19 working with these individuals, there is absolutely full
20 consideration for every citizen of this state.

21 I'm confident we'll do a good job for
22 everyone in this state regardless of their affiliation.

23 What Proposition 106 did was an
24 interesting thing when it established the Commission to
25 create these districts and said we had to begin our

1 process by creating Congressional and Legislative
2 Districts of equal population in a grid-like pattern
3 across the state.

4 This is a new requirement for
5 redistricting and specifically unique to Proposition
6 106.

7 Now, Proposition 106 also talks about a
8 number of goals. First and foremost is compliance with
9 the US Constitution and United States Voting Rights Act.
10 The Constitutional provision is one person, one vote,
11 particularly important, because the state's population
12 in 19 -- in 2000 is divisible by eight, evenly divisible
13 by eight, so we have to come as close to absolute even
14 population in the Congressional districting as we can.

15 With respect to the Legislative Districts
16 we have a little more leeway. We still are going to try
17 to achieve near equal population.

18 Next, we are supposed to create districts
19 that are geographically compact and contiguous to the
20 extent practicable.

21 Notice, each of these carries this "to the
22 extent practicable" phrase. That means we're able to
23 take other things into account. If we can make a case
24 for making a change, we can do so. So geographically
25 compact and contiguous.

1 We're also supposed to respect communities
2 of interest to the extent practicable.

3 The term "communities of interest" is an
4 interesting one. It was coined by Justice Sandra Day
5 O'Connor in an opinion she wrote on a voting rights
6 case. The problem is she coined the phrase but she
7 didn't define the phrase. We have two choices, either
8 assume we know what she meant or, what we've chosen to
9 do, we decided to ask the public to tell us what you
10 think she meant.

11 It's up to you to tell us where you think
12 your communities of interest are. That's the purpose of
13 the meeting this evening.

14 Next, to the extent practicable, we'll
15 draw district lines that use geographic features, such
16 mountain ranges, or rivers, that respect city, town,
17 county boundaries, and undivided Census tracts.

18 The reason we don't want to divide Census
19 tracts, those are the unit of analysis. When we divide
20 them, our ability to analyze what we've done with pieces
21 becomes less exact. We want to try to respect those as
22 much as we can.

23 Finally, to the extent practicable, we
24 want to have competitive districts. And those are to be
25 favored where doing that would not jeopardize any of the

1 other goals you see up there.

2 There is in fact a hierarchy. You are
3 looking at it: The Constitution, Voting Rights Act,
4 other provisions of Proposition 106, in descending
5 order.

6 Now here's where Proposition 106 is
7 different than other states using independent
8 commissions. I believe there are 11 who have switched
9 from Legislative to Commissions doing redistricting.

10 Party registration and voting history data
11 shall not be used in the initial phase and development
12 of the grid and wasn't. In fact, the only thing used in
13 developing the grid was population. It fails miserably
14 in many of the other goals you can think of when you
15 look at that grid.

16 It clearly does not respect communities of
17 interest; clearly does not take into account any other
18 goals up there a moment ago. But notice the last
19 sentence in this section.

20 Places of residence of incumbents or
21 candidates shall not be identified or considered. And
22 what that means is that the outcome of this process may
23 be a lot of things, but I can tell you one you can go to
24 the bank on: Somewhere in this state there will be at
25 least two Legislators, perhaps two members of Congress,

1 or more than two, in separate districts, that will wind
2 up in the same district. That is a likely outcome. Not
3 because we want it to be so but because we are in effect
4 drawing blind with respect to where those incumbents
5 live.

6 So our work is not political, is not
7 designed to insure any one person, Legislator or
8 Congressperson, is kept in any district. That's not a
9 part of what we're doing.

10 In April 2001 we began our work and
11 started with the changing facts of the Arizona Census.
12 Please be advised several communities have chosen to
13 challenge the Census Bureau with respect to the numbers
14 in their community. We respect that. For every
15 community that feels undercounted or they were poorly
16 counted, we respect that. We can use only Census data.
17 Therefore, what you see tonight and we'll use is the
18 official Census data.

19 Take a look. In 1990, the Census data was
20 3.665; 2000, 5.13 million. That's a 40 percent
21 increase. The state grew 40 percent. It's not the
22 biggest growth rate of certain counties. I'll show you
23 certain counties.

24 Mohave County, 65.8 percent. Notice now,
25 the 2000 Census, Maricopa County has almost as much

1 population as the entire state did in 1990. About 63
2 percent of the population resides in Maricopa County.
3 And it would be reasonable to expect that a significant
4 percentage of both Legislative and the Congressional
5 Districts would be in and around Maricopa County: One
6 person, one vote. It makes sense.

7 So the tasks of the Commission are these:
8 Develop districts in a grid-like pattern.

9 Now if you define "grid," it doesn't
10 matter which dictionary you use, it's regular lines,
11 even spacing, right angles, that are regular in shape,
12 and that can populate a plane, a flat surface, like a
13 map of Arizona.

14 So we decided to pick a method of drawing
15 a random grid that would follow historical patterns in
16 the state.

17 All property in the State of Arizona has a
18 legal description. And the legal description begins
19 with a township designation, it's the Gila and Salt
20 River Meridian, 107th Avenue and Baseline. If you'd
21 like to visit, there's a wonderful tour. I'm kidding.
22 It's an intersection.

23 That's the place from which all property
24 descriptions begin. And that place is an arbitrary
25 place where we decided to start drawing the grid.

1 Remember, the goal of the grid is to be
2 arbitrary, give a starting point, and to be done without
3 bias.

4 We accepted a rule, set of rules for the
5 grid construction. Our consultants accepted the rules
6 and drew the grid.

7 June 7th the grid was unveiled and adopted
8 as the grid. The Commissioners had not seen the grid
9 prior to the time the public saw the grid.

10 Our feeling was follow the rules, do it
11 randomly. Whatever happens, happens. They drew the
12 grid.

13 Most Arizona follows townships. And now
14 we'll talk about grids.

15 Here's an even kind of regular shape
16 everybody can gravitate toward. If accumulating
17 townships in cities, you have a six-mile square, there's
18 a lot of population. As you move out into rural areas,
19 the more townships you aggregate, population to
20 aggregate into a district, you need either more
21 townships to allow you to work in the rural areas to
22 stay in the same regular fashion as we did in the rural
23 areas. Those are townships used to aggregate.

24 Just to be clear on the randomness of the
25 process, we needed a point to start on, and that point,

1 if you draw a line north to south and another one east
2 to west through that point, you have four quadrants in
3 the State of Arizona. We drew lots to see which
4 quadrant we'd start in. Northwest won.

5 We started in the northwest quadrant and
6 our consultants started aggregating townships until they
7 had enough townships for a Legislative or Congressional
8 District. Then they stopped and started the next
9 district, kept going until they filled up the whole
10 northwest quadrant. Then the question, finished
11 northwest, move south or east from that quadrant? So we
12 flipped a coin to see whether going clockwise or
13 counterclockwise. Counterclockwise won.

14 Northwest, southeast, northwest, northeast
15 was the system we used to develop the grid.

16 Anyone that has the same software, anyone
17 that follows those rules, will essentially draw the same
18 grid as we drew because it is without bias, without
19 prejudice, without any element other than the element of
20 population.

21 Townships provided the grid-like pattern.
22 Census geography checked for population. That's what
23 the grid is.

24 The purpose tonight, second major purpose
25 we have, is public hearings. This is an opportunity,

1 the subject is public hearings, is community hearings.
2 We need you to tell us what you think communities of
3 interest are all about.

4 This Commission, after hearing from the
5 public in these 23 meetings, will begin to actually draw
6 maps and have those maps advertised for a period of not
7 less than 30 days. Now, during that 30-day period, not
8 only will you be able to comment through a second round
9 of public hearings like these on those maps, but the
10 Legislature will be able, either by majority or minority
11 report, to send recommendations from their point of view
12 on those maps.

13 They, like you, are participating as
14 citizens of the State of Arizona. We fully expect to
15 receive maps from the Legislature they'll have drawn and
16 take those maps into consideration.

17 We'll also ask if you wish to draw a map
18 yourselves, we'll provide you material to do that and
19 accept your map as well.

20 Once those maps are advertised for 30
21 days, the Commission will then make final adjustments to
22 the plan. We will put them out for a final short period
23 of public comment. We will then adopt them and send
24 them to the Department of Justice.

25 If the Department of Justice approves

1 them, then they will be certified to the Secretary of
2 State and take effect for the 2002 elections.

3 Now, to get your input tonight, we're
4 using a citizen input form. I'd like to go over it
5 briefly. These are questions we're asking.

6 We certainly want to know who you are. If
7 you tell us something we don't understand and need
8 clarified, we'd like to talk to you, need to know how to
9 get in touch with you.

10 We'd also like to know how many people
11 have given input. It helps us keep track.

12 The second thing, let us know in as few
13 words as possible what you think the most important part
14 of this process is from your point of view. Your input
15 is important.

16 Thirdly, tell us what boundary lines you'd
17 like to see used in your area. If, for example, an area
18 of Phoenix seems to work together well where communities
19 have begun projects or have interacted in a very good
20 way, clearly we'd like to know how you see those
21 communities coming together.

22 I know we have some presentations tonight
23 that highlight some of those communities of interest
24 this evening.

25 Fourth, what areas, groups, or

1 neighborhoods do you think absolutely should not be
2 divided?

3 There are a number of communities in this
4 state badly divided when it comes to Legislative
5 Districts: Casa Grande, Apache Junction, Nogales, two,
6 three Legislative Districts that bisect those
7 communities. We've heard from those communities. Many
8 people feel it would be preferable to have a single
9 Legislative District. That's more of a factor in terms
10 of influence with the Legislature.

11 Again, another point view, two, three sets
12 of Legislative Representatives are not that bad, either,
13 depending on your relationship with those
14 Representatives. We have heard both sides.

15 Finally, there are questions in the input
16 form we'd like you to rank. We would like you to tell
17 us which of these bears more or less importance in your
18 mind.

19 Is it more or less important to keep the
20 community intact or bring particular groups together
21 such as neighborhood associations or minority
22 concentrations?

23 Is it more or less important to use
24 natural or man-made boundaries?

25 Is it more or less important when drawing

1 Congressional and Legislative Districts to include whole
2 city boundaries, have whole cities included?

3 Is it more or less important than using
4 local government boundaries when drawing Congressional
5 and Legislative District lines?

6 Is it more or less important than keeping
7 Census tracts from being split?

8 Is it more or less important than using
9 freeways and major transportation routes for district
10 boundaries wherever possible?

11 Is it more or less important drawing
12 compact and contiguous shapes for districts?

13 When we get all the input in and when we
14 do our maps, this is how we need to have your forms.

15 Complete and hand them in tonight. You
16 can mail them in to us. You can load it from the
17 internet, do it on line, and send it off through the
18 web, www.azredistricting.org.

19 That website is kept relatively
20 up-to-date. As we get information, it's posted to the
21 site as quickly as we can get it there and available for
22 your perusal at any time. We'll continue to get that
23 site updated as best we can throughout the process.

24 If you would like to draw more detailed
25 maps, like the Legislature and others may do, we have

1 days to review our work and hopefully to issue a
2 preclearance, which means by year's end, candidates that
3 wish to run for the 2002 election may be able to
4 identify the districts in which they're going to run and
5 begin gathering support.

6 My computer is clapping. I think it's
7 finished, and so am I.

8 What I would like to do at this point is
9 go to the second phase of our evening. And I would ask
10 for anyone who has filled out a speaker's slip and
11 hasn't yet turned it in, if you just raise your hand,
12 I'd ask if staff is available to pick up speaker forms.
13 We'll take them in the order we collect them and get
14 through the speakers as quickly as possible.

15 I would ask that those making Power Point
16 presentations, if you'd like to come set up at this
17 point, it will facilitate things.

18 Come on ahead and get set up as best you
19 can, and we'll get at this as quickly as we can.

20 We will keep the screen down for the Power
21 Points. As soon as the Power Points are completed, then
22 the Commissioners will take their position on the stage
23 and we will move ahead.

24 As the evening progresses, Vice Chairman
25 Minkoff is going to run this meeting. She'll call on

1 those of you who have asked to speak.

2 We would ask you come to the podium in the
3 middle of the auditorium to make your comments. Both
4 C Span and the house amplification system will pick you
5 up at that location.

6 We will call your names. If you will move
7 to the podium, we'll hear what you have to say to us.
8 At the end of the public comment period, then we will
9 stay as long as is necessary to answer any and all
10 questions that you have of us.

11 We have nowhere to go tonight.
12 Ms. Minkoff and Mr. Huntwork live here, and I have a
13 hotel room. Nobody is running out. We'll stay as long
14 as you want us to stay.

15 We appreciate your attention for this
16 portion of the program. I know it was a little lengthy,
17 we started a little late, and it's a little warm. All
18 those things are true. We thank you for your attention.

19 As soon as we get set up for the second
20 part of the presentation, we'll get started with the
21 second part of the meeting.

22 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Ladies and
23 gentlemen, thank you for your indulgence. We want to
24 thank you for being patient during the late start.

25 I want to ask very briefly, if any speaker

1 slips have not been turned in, please raise your hand.
2 Someone from staff will come by and pick them up. We
3 want to give everyone that wants to speak an opportunity
4 to speak.

5 Secondly, we've been made aware of two
6 Power Point presentations tonight, one from the South
7 Mountain Central Phoenix Plan, another one representing
8 Historic Districts. Are there any others?

9 We'll take these two presentations first.
10 Then we can raise the screen and go up and we can all
11 see each other, have eye contact.

12 The first presentation from South Mountain
13 Central Phoenix Plan is coordinated by Representative Leah
14 Landrum Taylor. Tell us when you are ready to begin.
15 We'll give you the floor.

16 The other thing I would ask of each
17 speaker, even if there are a number of speakers with a
18 particular group, when you come to the microphone,
19 please spell your name so Lisa Nance, our reporter, can
20 get the correct spelling of your name for the record.

21 REPRESENTATIVE LANDRUM TAYLOR: While
22 waiting for the technology there to boot up, since we
23 have a moment, I'll go ahead while waiting for the
24 computer to get started here, get the presentation
25 rolling.

1 First off, I'd like to thank the entire
2 South Mountain Central Phoenix Community for really
3 pitching in and helping with this plan, basically
4 putting together all the input we needed to have in
5 order to have a unified community. This has truly been
6 an effort where many people throughout the community had
7 input in this and wanted to participate. It's been a
8 bipartisan effort, something we can all be very proud
9 of. And the presentation you will see and speakers you
10 will hear later on, I really feel all the work that has
11 been put into this, we definitely have something to be
12 proud of.

13 We want to go ahead and show off our South
14 Mountain Community Central Phoenix Plan and work towards
15 moving in a more unified direction.

16 THE REPORTER: Would you please spell your
17 name?

18 REPRESENTATIVE LANDRUM TAYLOR: Spell my
19 name. Leah, L E A H, Landrum, L A N D R U M, Taylor,
20 T A Y L O R. And I have a wonderful assistant,
21 Mr. Taylor, my husband, helping me.

22 As we were coming up with ideas as far as
23 what should be put in place for our community, the main
24 thing that we thought of and that we wanted to focus on
25 were common issues that tied our community together. We

1 know this is something that is extremely important to
2 us. And that's why we came up with the slogan of being
3 sure we're building on our past, envisioning tomorrow.

4 I'm going to point out key issues we're
5 focusing on. And later on you will hear from different
6 speakers represented throughout our community to talk
7 about these in detail.

8 We're going to touch upon areas of
9 interest such as education; development and land use;
10 crime and blight in our neighborhoods; noise abatement;
11 environmental concerns; and, finally, maintaining
12 diversity within the South Mountain Central Phoenix
13 Community.

14 The first area of common interest is
15 education that we're going to discuss.

16 Ms. Heather Jenkins will come up and talk
17 in detail about district educational summits we've had,
18 past summits as well as ones planned in the future.

19 Summits have done a great job of
20 connecting different school districts and making sure
21 we're keeping our districts unified, our community
22 colleges as well as making sure that we have our skill
23 center included in that as well.

24 We have seven elementary schools within
25 the community that we have worked very hard in and that

1 we are proposing. We also have two community colleges.
2 And there are two high schools within that unified
3 district, one being South Mountain High School, the
4 other being Cesar Chavez.

5 It's very important for us to make sure we
6 keep those schools within the same district.

7 The other area we're going to talk about
8 is common development and land use.

9 We want to make sure that there is a
10 discussion that you will hear tonight to discuss how
11 we're going to preserve South Mountain Park, the largest
12 municipal park in the country. It's a beautiful area.
13 We want to make sure we keep it preserved, areas like
14 the Dobbins outlook.

15 You can see some scenic overlooks we have
16 there.

17 If you haven't been there, get there.
18 It's a wonderful environmental center within the
19 community. This environmental center is wonderful.
20 It's a wonderful center. And it's important trails are
21 preserved.

22 These are things we want to make sure you
23 are focusing on.

24 Another area to focus on deals with common
25 development and land use.

1 For instance, the Rio Salado Project is a
2 major project we've been working on within our district.
3 This is a project that is going to definitely help unify
4 our district even more than providing beautification and
5 other opportunities, whether job opportunities or
6 further economic development. I'm going to have
7 Mr. Greg Brownell expand on this.

8 Other common areas to focus on with land
9 use deal with housing issues as well as the Baseline
10 Corridor Project, the Central Development Project, and
11 Rio Monterey Project. Again, Mr. Greg Brownell will be
12 discussing these issues.

13 Another issue is crime and blight in our
14 neighborhoods. Ms. Grey as well as Ms. Donna McHenry
15 will come up and discuss how our neighborhoods have
16 really improved Block Watch Groups, neighborhood
17 associations. With the strength we now, have within
18 many neighborhood associations, many neighborhood
19 association improvement projects are really proud of
20 their basic amenities, making sure there are proper
21 grocery stores to shop in. We want to make sure we are
22 continuing with our improvements.

23 We do have still, of course, have a lot of
24 work to do within our district. We're willing to put
25 that work in.

1 Also here this evening on common noise
2 abatement issues is Ms. Donna McHenry to touch on that,
3 from the airport to freeways, as the city expands,
4 grows, there are certain growing pains, of course.
5 We've always had the issue within the district, how do
6 we address working within these issues as we work very
7 close to the airport and freeway. Should people be
8 relocated? What if they don't want to be relocated?
9 Should we have more sound barriers? What should be
10 done? We're working on more issues and solutions to
11 this.

12 These are some of the things we want to
13 continue to work with.

14 Another common interest, of course, are
15 our environmental concerns. Mr. Steve Brittle will be
16 discussing that this evening. We have a lot of past
17 efforts we've worked on as well as ongoing plans for
18 improvement. Of course, climbing and standing on top of
19 South Mountain and looking over the city, you used to
20 see a nice, clear vision. Now you stand over and see a
21 lot of brown clouds, brown clouds of pollution that has
22 dust, waste materials, other unclean materials
23 industries have been dumping on the area for a long
24 time. It's a big fight we've had. Even as recent as
25 yesterday I was reading in the paper about a common area

1 with an environmental concern, Cesar Chavez Park, 35th
2 Avenue and Baseline, a park for the community, a park
3 for community fishing, with toxins now in the water.
4 They may have to drain that. There may not be any more
5 fishing.

6 These are some of the issues we'll focus
7 on and fight.

8 The bottom line is we want to maintain the
9 cooperative diversity we've worked so hard to build
10 within the South Mountain Central Phoenix Community.

11 Again, like I said, we may not have
12 everything perfect, but we're fine. We know there's a
13 lot of work we have to do. We know we have to continue
14 towards unity. We have to continue towards solidarity
15 and need to make sure when we look at a district, each
16 individual has a shot at being represented equally.
17 That's our focus. And we want to look at common
18 interests that have always tied our community together.

19 We need to stay together. This is why we
20 go to the next slide.

21 This is the boundaries that we are
22 proposing for the South Mountain Plan. The boundaries,
23 as far as south, would go with the natural preserve of
24 South Mountain Park, moving over as far west as 43rd
25 Avenue, which encompasses just a little bit of Laveen,

1 the majority is Phoenix, up to the Salt River and Rio
2 Salado, moving over a little bit to 19th Avenue, going
3 up north to Roosevelt, at Roosevelt, 12th Street, some
4 areas, a few new additions to our district we worked so
5 hard with, communities that for a very long time we've
6 shared interest. A lot of districts definitely want to
7 be included. Go as far north as 12th Street moving over
8 as north -- into Oak Street. The next area we want to
9 look at, right close by, State Route 51, the Creighton
10 Edgmont Precinct. Ms. Creighton will speak on that.
11 That precinct should be added to the South Mountain
12 Plan. We've worked consistently with the schools within
13 that district as well as other neighborhood concerns.
14 Also as far east, McDowell to State Route 143, moving to
15 the 48th Street area, and on as far south as Baseline.

16 These are the proposed boundaries we have.

17 We know nothing here is set in stone.

18 This is what our group, South Mountain Community and
19 Central Phoenix Community, has worked so hard on. This
20 is what we'd like to see. There may be changes, may be
21 suggestions, whatever. We have our ears open, maybe
22 need to tweak it a little. That would be fine.

23 This is what we feel we should stick
24 together within as a community.

25 I'll call up now, in order, the speakers

1 coming, we'll have first Mr. Greg Brownell, one of the
2 longest members of the South Mountain Village Planning
3 Community, come up and speak; Ms. Heather Jenkins next;
4 Mr. Oscar Tillman; Faye Grey; Donna McHenry; and
5 Mr. Wink Weiss.

6 If Mr. Greg Brownell could come, please.

7 One thing before Mr. Brownell comes up.

8 After the plan, you did see with the South Mountain
9 Central Phoenix Plan, the numbers did total up to
10 171,264.

11 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Representative
12 Landrum Taylor, thank you very much for your
13 presentation.

14 Is this thing off again?

15 I'd like to ask the other speakers, remind
16 them once again, state your name, spell it for the
17 reporter.

18 And the other thing I want to remind you,
19 we are committed to listening to everyone who wants to
20 speak tonight. We want you to take all the time you
21 need to make the point you have to make. And we
22 certainly don't intend to cut anyone off. I also want
23 you all to be mindful of other people that want to
24 speak. We're just asking that we move the process
25 along, that you have everybody in place to come up one

1 right after another.

2 REPRESENTATIVE LANDRUM TAYLOR: Thank you
3 for that. We'll keep our comments to two minutes.

4 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you very
5 much.

6 MR. BROWNELL: My name is Greg Brownell,
7 G R E G, B R O W N E L L. I live at 1620 East Carter
8 Road. That's in Phoenix, zip 85040.

9 I'm here just to support the South
10 Mountain Central Phoenix Plan as defined on there.

11 My points of discussion, Rio Salado,
12 something called the Baseline Corridor Project, Central
13 Development Project, and Monterey Master Plan.

14 My first point, the Baseline Corridor
15 Master Plan. We've done a lot to bind east and west.
16 Baseline runs east and west through Laveen. We're
17 working hard drawing development guidelines so
18 development goes through there to keep things consistent
19 on the west side as well as on the east side.

20 The next point, the Rio Monterey Project.
21 That's a development plan that runs from the mountain
22 all the way to the river on the west side of Central all
23 the way to 43rd Avenue.

24 Again, this is an area where we have to --
25 we have to incorporate recent migrants, people moving

1 from the suburbs back into the city, back into our
2 infill. We have a lot of housing, and we're trying to
3 keep that housing integrated with existing, existing
4 communities, very diversified. We want to maintain
5 that. There's a lot of effort in that already.

6 My second point is the Central Phoenix,
7 South Phoenix development. We have long had a community
8 north of the -- north of the mountain, south of the Salt
9 River. In recent times we've really had a tremendous
10 community of interest that has gone across the river.
11 Part of our -- you know, part of the thing that happens
12 in our community, people come down Baseline Road to
13 visit our park, several, three million people a year do
14 that. Unfortunately, they leave the park and go back
15 east. What we're trying to do through the Rio Salado
16 project is developing our ties north and south of the
17 river to get people to head north, down to Central
18 Phoenix. We're working very hard to do that.

19 That brings me to Rio Salado, a big part
20 of the linkage on the north side and south sides of the
21 city.

22 One of the things we're talking about is
23 an interpretive center up on South Mountain, another
24 interpretive center at Seventh Avenue in the river
25 bottom, two interpretive centers in the City of Phoenix

1 for people to visit, one geared to the other.

2 The mountain high is Sonoran habitat. The
3 other is riparian habitat, rare in Arizona, obviously,
4 an excellent one developing, developing there.

5 Thank you very much.

6 MS. JENKINS: Heather Jenkins,
7 H E A T H E R, J E N K I N S.

8 As Representative Landrum told you, I'm
9 going to talk about education in District 23.

10 I wanted to express my family has been in
11 Arizona since 1918. We are one of the oldest families,
12 black families, here. My great-grandmother was one of
13 the first black woman to head up one of the precincts in
14 District 23 and City Council 8.

15 It's important, education has always been
16 an issue within our community, black and Latino
17 communities, which are part of the South Mountain
18 Central Phoenix Plan.

19 One of the things we did last year, we put
20 together an educational summit because educational
21 problems exist in Arizona.

22 We want to focus on our district because
23 we have to start at home first. And in doing that --

24 I went to South Mountain High School where
25 overcrowding while I was there was a serious issue. And

1 we now have another high school within District 23 we
2 would like to keep there, Cesar Chavez High School.
3 It's important those two high schools stay in this
4 district. We work together. That's the way we plan to
5 better education for not only our community, we want to
6 expand into other communities as well.

7 We have seven elementary school districts
8 within LD 23. And one of those school districts is
9 Creighton. And one of the proposed plans was we would
10 like to see the Creighton Edgmont precinct be part of
11 23, because the students go to Creighton School, but
12 their parents vote in another district. They live by
13 the Grand Canal. It would move someone to make that
14 happen, that there parents have a vested interest in
15 that school.

16 If their children are going to school in
17 23 and they live in 25, something about that just
18 doesn't really make sense. And the parents have brought
19 concerns to us.

20 With our educational summit we also had
21 our two community colleges within 23.

22 And the things that happen at the summit
23 is we brought together all those schools to find common
24 goals and things that are working and things not working
25 to help better education, to help better our community.

1 It would move me to tell you that during
2 this educational summit we had children bussed in from
3 every school, every school participating, each of those
4 parents participating, and so did teachers and
5 administrators, and working together and keeping this a
6 family, keeping 23 a family, not breaking up but
7 expanding into boundaries where they live, to not go to
8 a school somewhere else. We need to encompass all that.
9 That's something we need to look at.

10 Education in Arizona right now, we rank
11 pretty low.

12 I think with this plan, definitely we will
13 raise the standard and we plan to continue with an
14 educational summit in making sure that our community, we
15 have a vested interest and definitely are looking out
16 for the future of our young people growing up such as
17 myself and another person you will hear from as well.

18 I just wanted to thank you for listening
19 to us tonight.

20 I hope if this proposed plan does not go
21 through, at least a portion of that goes through. We
22 are definitely hoping it all goes through.

23 Thank you.

24 REVEREND TILLMAN: Good evening. My name
25 is Oscar Tillman, T I L L M A N.

1 Again, thanks to the Commission and
2 Chairman for allowing us to have a brief time to talk to
3 you about something very important.

4 Under Proposition 106, under section D, it
5 states in there that the district boundaries shall
6 respect communities of interest to the extent
7 practicable. Under the interest form, it says "Shall
8 not be divided whenever they have common interests."

9 Recently, many of you sitting in this room
10 were a part of a group that came together to deal with a
11 major supermarket chain in the State of Arizona. We did
12 not come together so much as to fight but to insure that
13 regardless of where this chain went, that it would treat
14 every business in the area that they would go into as
15 fairly as they did in some of the different zip codes
16 that they had been operating in.

17 That brought about something that I have
18 been looking for ever since the day I set foot in the
19 State of Arizona, and that is total cooperation across
20 racial lines, across economic lines.

21 Even when we were sitting down across from
22 people unemployed, doctors, lawyers, state
23 representatives, others, to work out and work on issues,
24 I have seen and worked and lived in areas where
25 homeowners' associations and neighborhood associations

1 were truly that and not somebody that acted as gestapos.
2 That we have reached. We do not want to lose that. We
3 came away. We did not all agree, but we sat down at the
4 table time and time again and with various, our
5 community organizations, and we hammered out things we
6 saw were different. We respected each other's
7 differences and moved on.

8 This is where we're standing tonight.
9 We're asking you: Please keep this together.

10 This is something happening. This didn't
11 happen overnight. This is happening in Arizona. This
12 Native Arizona is one of the states the NAACP, National
13 NAACP, and as President of the Arizona NAACP, are very
14 much concerned about, because we do not want at the end
15 of this to go through a long legal battle.

16 I think it can work. What we've seen is
17 cooperation. People understand it and, working
18 together, need to stay together. We ask you to keep
19 that.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. BRITTLE: Hello. My name is Steve
22 Brittle, B R I T T L E, like peanut brittle.

23 I live in South Phoenix and have lived
24 there about 13 years.

25 I've become very involved over the years

1 in the environmental aspect. I'd point out part of the
2 problem here is we talk about a community of common
3 interest, a community of environmental racism, well over
4 house based on low-income, or ethnic, or a minority
5 community. It's very much in contrast with the rest of
6 the city, and the rest of, actually, the metropolitan
7 area of Maricopa County. There are also a number of
8 hazardous waste facilities that accept hazardous wastes
9 in the neighborhood, hazardous waste, large amounts of
10 dangerous chemicals.

11 It is designated a high-risk,
12 high-priority special study area for preparation of
13 chemical disasters.

14 There are spectacular fires when there are
15 chemical releases.

16 It's also been designated as an
17 environmental study area by the EPA.

18 The people of color and low income were
19 forced to live there years before desegregation. In
20 response to that, of course, they developed a tremendous
21 sense of community. They had to pull together because
22 of some of the inherent problems here.

23 One thing you won't find in the area are
24 the types of shopping opportunities you'd find in other
25 parts of the city. You won't find malls. You won't

1 find even a place to copy paper, in general. In a
2 different kind of community historically it's been that
3 way.

4 People all developed a common interest,
5 common awakening, worked together with the Environmental
6 Protection Agency, and others. It would be a travesty
7 to try to split us up particularly now that more and
8 more, after more and more of the spectacular chemical
9 disasters, after coming to stand up for that, solve the
10 problem, not only for ourselves but probably the rest of
11 the state and country.

12 I'm proud to live South Phoenix. It's a
13 much different atmosphere. I'm the only one of all my
14 friends with chickens in my back yard that raises his
15 own eggs and garden, something you can do when you live
16 in that part of valley, yet I live 15 minutes from the
17 State Capitol and have this going on.

18 I have been in the community a long, long
19 time, have friends of all ethnicities.

20 I'm anxious to see this stay together.
21 I'd hate to see this common interest, probably more than
22 any other community identified in America, be somehow
23 diluted to take away from the work they've been doing in
24 the last 10 years.

25 Thank you.

1 MS. GREY: I'm Faye, F A Y E, Grey,
2 G R E Y.

3 I live in South Phoenix. I've been living
4 in this district since 1964. I'm here this evening to
5 let you know how we fight blight in our community.
6 We've been fighting blight since we started our
7 neighborhood Block Watch. I'm a Block Watch person,
8 started this in 1992. I've been working faithfully and
9 we have a lot of people working with us.

10 A lot of people think we lived the way we
11 did in South Phoenix because we didn't care. Not true.
12 We lived the way we did because we did not have
13 resources, did not have anyone to step up to bat to help
14 us. Now because we've all began to work on the same
15 page to support one another, help one another, we're not
16 having the problems. We're working to keep Phoenix
17 clean and beautiful, working with Phoenix PD,
18 neighborhood services, working with Legislators. There
19 are a lot of people backing us now. We're not having as
20 many problems as we had in the past. That's not to say
21 we don't have any.

22 If we don't stay together, work together
23 as we had in the past, as we began to form the different
24 programs we had, programs helping us to use -- getting
25 grants to support kids, keep them off the street,

1 keeping -- help keep the neighborhood clean, helping us
2 do a lot of things we should do. We do not wish to be
3 divided. We wouldn't have the clout we have now.

4 We wish to keep the district as is, to
5 continue to work to support ourselves.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. MCHENRY: Hello. My name is Donna
8 McHenry, D O N N A, McHenry, M C H E N R Y.

9 Similar to Ms. Jenkins, my family has been
10 here since 1908. We were the first McHenrys here. My
11 grandmother's adobe home still resides in the area in
12 which you see up on the Power Point.

13 I think Leah wanted me to speak about the
14 aviation aspect because she found out I was a product of
15 the South Mountain Aerospace Program in which I soloed
16 out of Sky Harbor Airport.

17 One of the things we've found with this
18 particular area -- let me back up some.

19 I was born and raised in the South Phoenix
20 area, 20th Street and Southern, went to South Mountain
21 High School. At this time I live in Westward Ho
22 Precinct.

23 It's very important that not only do we
24 keep the boundaries we have at this time but to include
25 the precinct of Creighton and Westward Ho because of the

1 similarity of common issues and because of the work that
2 has happened with the neighborhood associations.

3 A lot of the changes that have been able
4 to take place is because of the unity and support that
5 we've had, not only with the community members, but we
6 have community members, city council, also state
7 legislation, all working together to help with many of
8 the issues that we have had in the area, whether it be
9 education, environmental issues, or the noise pollution
10 and blight.

11 One of the similar issues is the noise
12 pollution that happens in the South Phoenix area. This
13 is a similarity that takes place between the Westward
14 Ho, which is right in the downtown area, and the South
15 Phoenix area, because the planes fly over. Trust me, I
16 hear windows shaking and I'm not sure if someone is
17 trying to knock and come in or if a plane just landed on
18 the side of my apartment building.

19 Many of the residents there have been
20 working with both the city and state entities to take
21 care of this issue. And our ability to do that needs to
22 stay intact, because we're having to work together
23 instead of separate.

24 One of the issues we're concerned about is
25 by separating these entities, or having our

1 organizations, our boundaries in the state different,
2 we're not going to have similar issues or be able to
3 continue on in the process where we're at now.

4 A lot of the work that has gone on, has
5 gone on so far, is still being worked on. For us not to
6 be able to continue on in the process we have right now
7 would just take us back, back this far.

8 A lot of the time what has happened in our
9 area, we've been able to address that because of the
10 neighborhood associations in our area. We have the
11 Garfield, Roosevelt area, the Broadway, Peace community,
12 South Mountain Sierra Vista area, high crime area. A
13 lot has gone down because of the work neighborhoods have
14 put in to cleaning up the area. All have a vested
15 interest not just as residents but also as schools, also
16 as retail investors.

17 Many of us, many of the residents who live
18 right outside the boundaries of District 23, as probably
19 do a lot who live there, money is not staying there.
20 We're needing to keep recycling funds to help build
21 economic development to happen in that area.

22 A lot of this can stay intact if you stay
23 within the boundaries which have been presented.

24 Thank you for your time.

25 MR. WEISS: My name is Wink Weiss,

1 W I N K, W E I S S.

2 I'm a supporter of the South Mountain
3 Central Phoenix Plan. It is a community of interest. I
4 am a face of a minority, although a different type
5 minority in a highly diversified area of Arizona.

6 Now that we're in the final phase of a
7 grid overlay, this is drawing to a close, we must take a
8 look at the next phase that is making this a community
9 of interest, geographical political subdivisions.

10 Not so long ago, South Mountain was called
11 South Phoenix, not a very nice place to live. But
12 through 10 years of hard effort, many people you met
13 here, Greg, Oscar Tillman, changed that for citizens and
14 residents of the area.

15 It started for me at the Baseline Master
16 Plan and on a Commission just like yourself. There was
17 individuals who participated that were impacted by these
18 changes. And yes, there were many different plans and
19 concepts to it. We all came together on several major
20 issues which united our community. In short, it was the
21 work product of the South Mountain Village, as we like
22 to call it, which was laying a foundation where there
23 was nothing there before.

24 This established a roadmap of how the area
25 developed. And I was part of that.

1 Other kind of changes were upon us,
2 political reconstruction. This is what is facing South
3 Mountain Community College. Again, there are many areas
4 of agreement we have, a lot to move the community
5 forward.

6 When I look at the Legislative District, I
7 see the area as homogeneous. I see an area staying
8 together to mature, to assure a minority base not be
9 diluted, to prevent the break-up of coalitions, to
10 conserve representational break-up of voters, and also
11 to look toward a Congressional District which mirrors
12 the setting.

13 In closing, in the next 10 years the
14 district, the face of the district will change. This is
15 something to take a look at.

16 Again, I support the South Mountain
17 Central Phoenix Plan.

18 Thank you very much for your time.

19 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you all.

20 There is one additional Power Point
21 presentation.

22 I imagine it will take a minute or two to
23 set up or are you ready to go?

24 REPRESENTATIVE WEASON: We're almost ready
25 to go. In the meantime, let me introduce myself. I'm

1 Christine Weason, C H R I S T I N E, last name,
2 W E A S O N, State Representative for District 25
3 serving my third term.

4 I'd like to introduce you to the Central
5 Phoenix Historical District Plan. Our goal is
6 preserving our past, protecting the future.

7 There are several components to preserving
8 our past I'll address in detail later.

9 The Central Phoenix Historic District
10 Plan features community property diversity. We focus on
11 protecting the future, future common issues,
12 transportation issues, environmental issues,
13 developmental issues of the inner city, education,
14 youth, and elderly concerns in Central Phoenix.

15 What is Central Phoenix? Central Phoenix
16 is a community of Phoenix with cultural and social ties.
17 There are many points of pride in Central Phoenix.
18 There is the Historic Preservation Commission, Historic
19 Neighborhood, diverse cultural, retail establishments,
20 the Willow Bread Company we're very proud of.

21 When it comes to preservation of homes,
22 there is the Historic Preservation Commission, a
23 Commission of nine individuals dedicated to preserving
24 Phoenix.

25 There is also the Phoenix Preservation

1 District Office to help enhance those efforts in the
2 community.

3 You see before you the map of the
4 dedicated and historic neighborhood areas designated
5 historic. You see how very closely they are located in
6 terms of vicinity.

7 In terms of historic property, I'd like to
8 show you the face of the Central Phoenix historic plan.
9 You will see very unique homes. Each home is different,
10 unique, showing a different story.

11 We will have Jerry McCue coming from the
12 Historic Preservation Neighborhoods and he's also the
13 designated historic spokesperson giving details about
14 our points of pride here.

15 Here you see what a historic neighborhood
16 is not. You'll never see in a historic plan the sea of
17 tile rooftops. You'll never see the cookie cutter homes
18 that exist in other areas of the valley. Instead you'll
19 see unique homes, trees, and palm lines.

20 Again, this is what we do not want to
21 become.

22 This is the Central Phoenix Historic
23 District Plan.

24 When we focus on preserving the past, we
25 are a community of unity. Unfortunately, it is those

1 issues that bring us together, the desperate times,
2 crime, and blight.

3 District Legislators, myself,
4 Representative Chevront, hosted summits on slumlord
5 neighborhoods, historic neighborhoods, slumlord
6 neighborhoods to the table to brainstorm solutions and
7 come up with solutions, neighborhood solutions.

8 The president of the Coronado Neighborhood
9 Solution, Lucinda Montoya, will describe in more detail
10 the Coronado situation.

11 Reverend Tillman described the situation
12 with the grocery store, a situation that transcended
13 race and religion.

14 The Central Phoenix Historical District
15 Plan, neighbors are looking out for neighbors. Seniors
16 are looking out for next-door neighbors. That's what
17 creates a more close-knit community.

18 Diversity, from the list up here we see,
19 when it comes to a community of interest, it's truly a
20 rainbow in the Central Phoenix Historic District, and
21 we're very proud of that diversity.

22 Last mentioned is transients. Yes, they
23 are part of the community. They do bring us together
24 with how to deal with issues that surround the issues of
25 transients and crime and blight.

1 Crime and blight. Unfortunately, the
2 inner city has to deal with this issue. That is, with
3 the groups coming together as I stated, neighborhood
4 districts, city districts, slumlord districts, through
5 work districts, we've developed the Neighborhood
6 Revitalization Act. It's a piece of legislation to give
7 legal standing when there is crime and blight in a
8 neighborhood, crime, to bring it in when there is crime
9 in a neighborhood. We're proud of this.

10 We also received Fight Back Grants to
11 allow more community-based meetings for more safety in
12 the neighborhood.

13 When it comes to Block Watch, we have in
14 our Central Phoenix Historic District Wayne Phelps.
15 He's a member of St. Gregory's Association. He was
16 unable to be here today, but he did want to make his
17 opinion known. He has a few words for us.

18 (The following is Mr. Phelps speaking via
19 the Power Point Presentation.)

20 "MR. PHELPHS: I'm Wayne Phelps, Director
21 of the City of Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board,
22 St. Gregory's Neighborhood Association.

23 "We're totally supportive of the Central
24 City Historic District Plan. With our Representative
25 Christine Weason, we would certainly want you to take --

1 give us all the consideration you possibly can, please,
2 because this is something that is very important to us.
3 We are working hard to preserve our city, to keep us in
4 a complete unit, and are working together to make it
5 safer and better for all of our citizens.

6 "Thank you."

7 REPRESENTATIVE WEASON: As you can see,
8 Mr. Phelps put in a nutshell the importance of
9 communities working together.

10 From the pictures you see law enforcement
11 in with neighborhoods, drawing neighbors out of their
12 houses onto the streets to talk about issues that affect
13 us all. Additionally, we see in the pictures summits
14 hosted and even neighborhoods receiving awards for
15 excellence in fights against crime. We also enjoyed
16 Gang Night, Getting Back Arizona.

17 You'll be hearing testimony this evening
18 of individuals that organize these events and made it
19 happen. These are times that get neighborhoods
20 involved, show children how important they are to the
21 district and to the Central Phoenix Historic District
22 Plan.

23 You can't really see the words on the
24 dinosaur there, Recyclesaurus. District 25 received a
25 \$100,000 grant from the Arizona Department of

1 Environmental Quality to enhance recycling efforts.

2 Once again, you see the state, city,
3 neighborhoods and law enforcement working together.

4 Now we'll focus on protecting the future
5 of commonalty that exist in Central Phoenix residents
6 that want to live close to work, don't want to
7 experience the transportation problems that exist due to
8 traffic congestion, the North Canal Association, a
9 serious problem on Highland Avenue, State 51 exits, with
10 increased traffic on Highland.

11 Several little children were injured by
12 automobiles because there are no sidewalks, no traffic
13 mitigation on those roads. By involvement of the North
14 Canal Neighborhood Association dealing with that issue,
15 we have changed the Arizona Department of Transportation
16 policy to get involved and also offer traffic
17 mitigation.

18 Freeway problems are also present in
19 Central Phoenix and District 25. State Route 51 runs
20 right through the heart of Central Phoenix and the
21 Montecito Association.

22 We do have a letter we're submitting to
23 the Commissioners from Phillip Hacentieus (phonetic).
24 He experienced major problems with transients around
25 State Route 51, noise abatement needs occurred, and they

1 did change ADOT policy.

2 Now when ADOT is implementing constructing
3 a freeway, they seriously consider the noise caused to
4 communities and increasing the height of sound walls.
5 There's hope.

6 We've all been working together and have a
7 height rule system going into effect within the next 10
8 years.

9 We have environmental concerns and know
10 we're getting around where air quality concerns exist.
11 It's most important to have air quality for our
12 children. We're focusing on living closer to where we
13 work.

14 Brown fields, vacant lots exist in Central
15 Phoenix. Many brown fields have contamination. Many
16 people don't want the liability. We're seeking federal
17 assistance. We're speaking of development, to go in and
18 develop the inner city, organizing an effective land
19 use, planning, mixed use planning, urban planning. It's
20 a major victory all there. Not for politicians, no
21 campaign signs, better uses, parks, recreation centers,
22 retail, government grants do exist to help in
23 neighborhoods and we're fighting back.

24 In fact, the City of Phoenix has a program
25 that since 1995 71,000 single-resident, residential

1 family homes have been built with these grants.

2 Education and youth. Any large city
3 experiences inner city schools. Crumbling, working
4 communities and cities fund schools, better learning
5 places for children.

6 We have an individual from the Coronado
7 Neighborhood Association located in the Creighton School
8 District to discuss community centers and youth programs
9 they're instituting to create a better community.

10 Additionally, all communities are working
11 on after-school programs and summer school programs.
12 And the state is working with programs, working for
13 enhanced funding for programs, increased funding for
14 school safety programs.

15 It doesn't stop there. Elderly programs.
16 Elderly programs, historic programs and concerns. A few
17 days ago in the paper it reported two nursing homes were
18 closing. Those were both in Central Phoenix.

19 This fall Representative Chevront and
20 myself held a Senior Sunday, invited neighborhoods to
21 come to the table to discuss issues concerning nursing
22 care, viable mass transit for seniors, and safety and
23 quality of life for all seniors that live in this area.

24 Our vision for the future is simple in
25 this historic neighborhood. Those neighborhoods that

1 have achieved more reduced crime share in the lessons
2 learned by other districts, other neighborhoods, that
3 all may become one promoting revitalization and
4 preservation. That's the key we'll keep our eye upon,
5 all working together to protect the jewel of Central
6 Phoenix.

7 The jewel of Central Phoenix is history.
8 As we see once again, as this historic neighborhood on
9 the map tried to do, as we plot on the map similar
10 interests on the map, the northern point is Missouri
11 Avenue, the southern is Van Buren, western is 19th
12 Avenue, southern is I-17 in the east, going the
13 Camelback route, then Campbell, east to 32nd Street and
14 Thomas to 30th Street and McDowell to 32nd Street.

15 If you look at the maps side by side, what
16 you will see is a very similar shape in maps. What
17 we've strived to do, we've proposed a Legislative
18 District for the Central Phoenix Historic District Plan
19 to encompass all existing Historic Districts, Central
20 Phoenix Neighborhoods. No neighborhoods are divided in
21 this proposed plan. We've achieved that result.

22 You'll hear testimony this evening from
23 Jerry McCue, as I stated, representing the historic
24 neighborhoods; also Clutis Montoya on fund-raising for
25 the Coronado neighborhood, advancements the Coronado

1 neighborhood has made within the past few years; Lucindo
2 Montoya, President, with serious concerns about crime,
3 blight, and Creighton; additionally, we have a presenter
4 from the Human Rights Affirmative Action Lesbian, Gay,
5 and Transgender Coalition, showing the importance of
6 diversity and community interest represented in all
7 interests of the Central City.

8 Thank you for your attention and time.

9 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,
10 Representative Weason. Thank you.

11 It's over there. I have to yell. I gave
12 my microphone to the Power Point for part of the
13 presentation.

14 Thank you.

15 Before the other speakers come up, I want
16 to ask you, please keep your remarks as concise as
17 possible. A lot of others want to speak. We want to
18 give everybody that wants to speak a chance without
19 cutting anybody off.

20 Thank you all for listening to these very
21 impressive presentations. I'd ask we move as quickly as
22 we can so we get some other public comment.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. McCUE: I'm Jerry McCue, J E R R Y,
25 M C C U E.

1 I want to thank the Commission for
2 providing a little time for sharing the pride and
3 enthusiasm people have in their historic neighborhoods.

4 I live in Fairview Place. It's an area
5 just east of the fair grounds, 15th Avenue and Encanto
6 Boulevard and McDowell Road. It's 342 homes. I say
7 I've lived there since 300 BC, that's 1962, before the
8 coliseum.

9 During the 42 years I've been there, I've
10 raised four kids in a very modest, cozy home. As the
11 story of what is new, what is old is new again comes
12 around, and people have become interested in the central
13 city, and in the history, we have made it a point to
14 work hard on the neighborhoods. Particularly I want to
15 point out that the architecture in that area is of
16 particular interest as evidenced by many publications
17 that print and show pictures of the homes in the area.

18 Various slides you were showed a moment
19 ago showed the ubiquitous red tile house, stucco houses
20 side by side, not what you find in the map area of the
21 map of Historic Districts.

22 What I'd like to give you is a brief
23 run-down and interest in the homes.

24 You know back in the seventies and early
25 eighties when the Moreland Corridor was being stripped

1 and preparations were being made for the freeway, I-10,
2 and early eighties, when all of that took place, people
3 fled from the downtown area. Retailers fled from the
4 downtown area. And it became very difficult to shop and
5 do things one would do on a day-to-day basis. However
6 I'm here to speak for those people who stayed.

7 There were dedicated homeowners who stuck
8 to their guns because they knew they had a nice piece of
9 property that displayed the craftsmanship and skill of
10 homebuilders of the time.

11 In 1985, the city opened a Historic
12 Preservation Office. It certainly helped to support the
13 renaissance of homes.

14 I usually start my story by saying twice
15 upon a time Phoenix has come up to the forefront. And
16 evidence of that is in a publication that came out in
17 1997. Interestingly enough, the National Trust for
18 Historic Preservation put out a very nice booklet citing
19 incidents around the entire country where preservation
20 efforts to save some of those really beautiful old homes
21 were worthwhile and for people to see.

22 And what they picked in Arizona was
23 community revitalization. They picked a historic
24 neighborhood here in the city on the map that worked as
25 an all-volunteer grass-roots effort to do the work that

1 would make it designated as historic.

2 Now, I'm always telling people, you might
3 have been my neighbors. You might live in a house in
4 the National Register of Historic Places. George
5 Washington didn't sleep there, but you do.

6 It's important the country know what it is
7 that has been put into these homes. There's been a real
8 excitement on the part of homeowners. That's something
9 I think is proven -- is proven evidence of their
10 interest in maintaining the diversity of architecture,
11 the difference in the homes, so you don't have the
12 constant repetition.

13 In 1997, a group of representatives from
14 six of those historic neighborhoods, six historic
15 representatives got together, and six people put out a
16 map which I think many of you have seen. If you have
17 it, I have a few I'll be glad to distribute.

18 What the map does is it invites people to
19 come and see our homes.

20 Why would you want 1,000 people on a
21 Sunday afternoon to peak in your medicine cabinet? They
22 want you to know they've worked hard. They've committed
23 their time, efforts, all sorts of communications between
24 neighbors in order to make their neighborhood
25 distinctive and give it a quality of life we all want.

1 I would invite you to come to our
2 neighborhoods. We have a diversity of homes, a
3 diversity of people and interests. And we would like to
4 see you come and see our homes.

5 If you want, this will get you to my
6 house. Ask for one. I'll see you get it.

7 Thank you.

8 REPRESENTATIVE WEASON: Mr. Chairman and
9 Commissioners, in lieu of the time constraints and the
10 need for folks to testify and go home, I and a few other
11 presenters, they indicated they'd wait until the end so
12 other folks got a chance to come up and give their
13 opinions.

14 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Great.

15 We'll go immediately to the rest of the
16 public comment.

17 Representative Weason, we will raise the
18 screen and move.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: On the way.

20 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: We'll up here.

21 By the way, so we won't have our back to
22 you, the first speaker is Klorinda Quiroz Lorizno.

23 Did I come close?

24 While waiting for the screen to come up,
25 let me take the opportunity in advance to apologize for

1 all names I mispronounce. I'll try not to. Please,
2 gently, let me know.

3 MS. QUIROZ LORIZNO: Good evening.

4 First of all, I would like to thank
5 Phoenix College, the staff, organizers that helped with
6 this. I'm really honored to be here. They have
7 wonderful concerts. It's a wonderful college, excellent
8 college.

9 I'm Klorinda Quiroz Lorizno,
10 K L O R I N D A, Q U I R O Z, L O R I Z N O.

11 For the record, my family has been here
12 since the 1870s, was a founder of Flagstaff, a pioneer.
13 I represent Flagstaff, northern Arizona. I've also
14 lived here in Phoenix, Arizona. It's a wonderful
15 district here you are making representations about. I
16 owned a business there, at 15th Avenue and Van Buren,
17 lived in South Phoenix, did a lot of -- it's been trying
18 times, difficult times. You did a good job. I wish
19 them all the luck in the world.

20 Good luck, guys.

21 I want to make this real quick.

22 My concerns are that 10 years ago I was
23 trying to do redistricting. Part of that was with
24 Southwest Voter Registration Rights. At that time I
25 lived in Flagstaff, had a business up in Flagstaff, in

1 northern Arizona. My topic of conversation in a barber
2 shop, I've been a barber for 30 years, is why in the
3 heck should we have those guys down in Phoenix trying to
4 decide what is right for us in northern Arizona?

5 We have a problem with airports,
6 economics, logging, tourism, highways, schools,
7 economics. And just like why is somebody down there
8 trying to help us when they are not here to represent
9 us?

10 I won't mention names any ways. A lot of
11 folks know the guilty parties throughout all the years.

12 Now is our chance to speak up for northern
13 Arizona. I've been waiting for this moment for 10
14 years.

15 In northern Arizona, I'm speaking mainly
16 about Williams, Flagstaff, and Winslow, and the
17 surrounding area, those are the mountain cities. We are
18 concerned with what is going to impact our vicinity, our
19 area.

20 We have the beautiful mountains. We
21 have -- it's the forest being burned down. My sister's
22 house almost got burned down last week in the Larue
23 fire.

24 More importantly, sweet and to the point,
25 I don't think that somebody that lives in our area north

1 of Phoenix has any concerns of, pardon me, for them,
2 northern Arizona, especially central or northern
3 Arizona.

4 I recommend you draw lines for
5 congressional legislation in a certain area of northern
6 Arizona, the central mountains, central, not talking
7 southern Arizona, White Mountains, Pinetop. I'm not
8 talking Lake Havasu, that area.

9 Again, good luck, guys. I'm going home.
10 I'm tired.

11 You've done a good job. Sorry I couldn't
12 speak about more concerns.

13 You want one more last statement before I
14 go home to my bed? What looks good is knowledge. We
15 need to get more involved with our children's concerns.
16 Somebody made a statement we're very low with children's
17 concerns. Talk more for children. I got permission to
18 make an introduction of a bill for children's rights. I
19 can't wait for all of you to hear about it. If you
20 haven't heard about it, you have heard it from me now.

21 Thank you for being so patient and staying
22 awake now.

23 Any questions from the panel?

24 You want to go home, too.

25 Thank you so much.

1 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Ms. Lorizno, thank
2 you for your comments.

3 I discovered one disadvantage to moving up
4 here. It's more difficult to hear. I did hear, but
5 it's more of a strain. I'd ask future speakers to get
6 very close to the mike, please, and speak up so we hear
7 what you've taken so much trouble to tell us.

8 MS. QUIROZ LORIZNO: For the record, I
9 filled this out. I'll mail it, fax it.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Also, if anyone has sun
11 screen, send it forward.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Fans are important.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: If you can dim the lights,
14 that would be lovely.

15 Thank you so much.

16 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: The next speaker,
17 Bob Rosenberg.

18 MR. ROSENBERG: Thank you, Madam Chairman,
19 members of Commission.

20 For the record, my name is Bob Rosenberg,
21 Bob with one O, not two. Rosenberg --

22 Can you hear me?

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Yes.

24 MR. ROSENBERG: R O S E N B E R G.

25 First I want to welcome the Commission to

1 what is now Legislative District 25. I want to welcome
2 Brian Lamb and his able crew to LD 25. And as an
3 alumnist I want to welcome everyone to Phoenix College.

4 Secondly, my parents and/or I have lived
5 in LD 25 continuously since 1933, so I'm another of
6 those of us who can bring historical perspective to our
7 discussion of these neighborhoods.

8 Finally, please, please, keep our historic
9 neighborhoods together and keep our school districts
10 together.

11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,
13 Mr. Rosenberg.

14 The next speaker, Kent Clark.

15 MR. CLARK: I'm Kent Clark, K E N T,
16 C L A R K, an easy name.

17 Can you hear me?

18 I'm on the Board, Chair the Phoenix Art
19 District CDC. I spoke at Phoenix South Mountain very
20 briefly on two points, said at that meeting that the
21 Central City District, Camelback, just about at I-17
22 south, 19th Avenue to about 40th Street. I wanted to
23 add to that comment that the arts is a growing, growing
24 aspect of downtown Phoenix. It's something we at
25 Phoenix Art District CDC, we believe actually generates

1 income and attracts people to South Phoenix whereas, you
2 know, there are empty parking lots for major sports
3 arenas alone that they have not been able to do. We
4 think it's a catalyst for change down there. We believe
5 that should be incorporated along with the Historic
6 Districts. You saw the Phoenix area, historic district
7 plan. I wanted to add that.

8 Downtown Phoenix is distinctly different
9 from different parts. If you take a look at the
10 economic data by zip code, it's obviously different from
11 north Phoenix, south Phoenix, west and east. I just
12 wanted to add those brief comments.

13 Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,
15 Mr. Clark.

16 The next speaker slip I have, Bill
17 Brotherton.

18 While Mr. Brotherton is going to the
19 podium, I'd ask you if anyone else wishes to speak, fill
20 out a speaker slip. Just raise your hand. Staff will
21 come around and get them from you.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BROTHERTON: Hello. I'm
23 State Representative Bill Brotherton from District 20.

24 What I've handed out to you, sorry I don't
25 have a Power Point presentation, but this should be

1 shorter, is a current map of District 20. I kind of
2 just wanted to start out with the idea that I would
3 prefer, as an early supporter of redistricting, the
4 Independent Redistricting Commission, not to see a
5 district like the one there, the one in red.

6 As you can see, we have kind of the main
7 loop of District 20, and then the Hawaiian Island part
8 in El Mirage and Surprise.

9 It's been difficult the last 10 years
10 because of the nature of how district 20 is set up to --
11 for representatives to do a good job of representing the
12 communities out there.

13 The island out there, the entire city of
14 El Mirage, the older part of the City of Surprise which
15 is largely Hispanic, I've made an effort to be out in
16 that community. Luckily my law office is out in the
17 Peoria area. I'm close during the working day to that
18 portion of the community even though live on the
19 mainland.

20 I think certainly your -- there is
21 justification for the Commission being put in place. If
22 District 20 isn't justification, I don't know what is.

23 But I wanted to also speak just to the
24 issue of community of interest. I think in looking at a
25 portion of District 20 I have now, the El Mirage,

1 Surprise area, that's a very different community of
2 interest from the area surrounding it, basically Sun
3 City.

4 I think the Sun Cities are a, based on
5 just CC and Rs, are a community of interest from the
6 standpoint of the types of issues that are important to
7 them.

8 And I think what we need to do is look on
9 a state level, too. Many issues raised have been kind
10 of local issues. At the state level, things we look at,
11 say like prescription drug coverage, things like this,
12 are issues I think that go to certain types of
13 communities and are certainly of great concern to
14 retirement communities where prescription drug use is
15 higher than perhaps the normal population.

16 I ask when looking at drawing these maps
17 you take into account that the area I now represent,
18 Surprise and El Mirage, really has different, a much
19 younger community, growing family community in
20 comparison to the Sun Cities that surround it.

21 Also, I think that the area, Maryvale, I
22 think it's been kind of charted out to some degree on
23 the maps here, west of 19th Avenue, even to some degree
24 in your grid LD 17, although it does sprawl all the way
25 across, it looks like, to State Route 51, I think the

1 area of Maryvale having been developed almost
2 exclusively by John F. Long, there are areas west of
3 19th Avenue having been developed in the fifties and
4 beyond, although they look young, they are third
5 generation, native, have seen a lot since 1962, changes
6 in particular in the Phoenix area. So I would suggest
7 that as another area of community interest that you
8 should take into account.

9 But the last thing I kind of want to hit
10 on is -- I know it's not really the focus here but a
11 portion of it is competitive districts. I want to hit
12 on that because I may not be able to attend future
13 meetings. As a known member of the Legislature, I know
14 when you have a chance to speak, you better take your
15 shot now.

16 One of the things that distressed me as a
17 member of the Legislature, when the state seats were
18 created, certainly I'm sure state seats will come out of
19 this process, what it does is makes primary elections
20 basically the only time voters have a true opportunity
21 to make their voice heard. Because when it gets to the
22 general election, the truth is unless you happen to have
23 screwed up and pushed through an alternative fuels bill,
24 you're not going to lose. That doesn't happen very
25 often.

1 I know, have had conversations with
2 colleagues, current colleagues, and they've said on
3 issues that have really impacted the entire state, that
4 they said "All I really have to worry about is those
5 folks coming out and voting for me in my primary."

6 As we know, voter turnout was 42 percent
7 of adults in the last election. The number of people
8 voting in the primary is significantly less than it is
9 in the general. That means, in many cases, especially
10 for state seats, you have a situation where the
11 representatives in government are being chosen by a
12 narrow portion of the two political parties.

13 Typically a party loyalist will come out,
14 especially when it's uncontested primaries, even.

15 I think although I know where that is on
16 the list of priorities there, I would ask you to stress
17 that. Because as I'm a Democrat in the Legislature,
18 Republican colleagues say, are fond of saying,
19 competition is good.

20 Competition from the standpoint of
21 elections is good. It brings about accountability. We
22 would see individuals in there who, I think, with more
23 competitive districts, would have to look at what is
24 good for the mainstream of the individuals in our state
25 as opposed to small, extreme groups on either side of

1 the coin.

2 And I ask that when you are looking at
3 this later on in the process, that that be something you
4 take into account.

5 I really believe that most people fall
6 somewhere in the middle, bigger, or smaller, middle,
7 when it comes to political views.

8 That being so, I think the majority of
9 representatives in the State Legislature should fall
10 there. You'll have some of the extremes, but what I
11 have seen is we have far too many on the extremes where
12 we waste time on things like talking about succeeding
13 from the union. Frankly, those never have come up from
14 my district.

15 I ask you take that into account. And I
16 don't envy your task. It's a difficult one at best for
17 legislators when they do it fussing among themselves.

18 I wish you good luck with it and I thank
19 you for your time.

20 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,
21 Representative Brotherton.

22 The next speaker is Phyliss Rowe.

23 MS. ROWE: I'm Phyliss Rowe.

24 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Please speak
25 louder.

1 MS. ROWE: I'm Phyliss Rowe,
2 P H Y L I S S, R O W E. And I have lived in the same
3 house since 1956 in Central Phoenix.

4 Five times I've seen redistricting. The
5 district went from District 28 to District 8 A to
6 District 18 and now it's District 25. Two times we were
7 major examples of gerrymandering the newspaper used.

8 Right now I have a map here showing what
9 District 25 looks like, and it goes from -- okay. It
10 goes from Orangewood Avenue and Black Canyon Highway
11 to the crosscut canal in Tempe. And it's a great
12 example of gerrymandering.

13 The most successful of these divisions
14 have been north and south, not east and west. They seem
15 to be more continuity and more contiguous districts when
16 north and south and they also provided quite -- a
17 correct group for the -- for the requirements of the
18 Justice Department.

19 I once testified on the gerrymandering
20 before the Justice Department.

21 Now, I suggest you use the freeways as
22 natural boundaries. I-17, Squaw Peak, and 202, and then
23 go north as far as is necessary for the population,
24 possibly Northern, Glendale Avenue, going in that
25 direction. Because I think the freeways provide a

1 natural boundary. And I believe they also meet the
2 federal boundaries.

3 I'm Co-Chair of the Squaw Peak Heights
4 Neighborhood Association, am also working with the Block
5 Watch groups. I urge you, do not make extreme changes
6 in the political group interests. There are many group
7 interests. We know some will be necessary. Also,
8 there's an issue you need to take into consideration in
9 your develop has been these boundary lines. But you
10 have a tough job using your guidelines, and I wish you
11 good luck.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

13 Since I watched the first inning of the
14 Diamondbacks Rockies game, I'll use a baseball analogy.
15 I'll call one speaker to be at the plate, another to be
16 on deck to speed things up.

17 Next speaker, and speaker after, if the
18 second speaker would move toward the podium to move
19 things along.

20 The very, very next speaker, the next
21 speaker, I need help with the last name, Velma Sudyka.

22 MS. SUDYKA: Sudyka.

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Following
24 Ms. Sudyka, Delia Lowe.

25 MS. SUDYKA: Is this the mike here?

1 My name is Velma, V E L M A, Sudyka,
2 S U D Y K A.

3 I have been a resident of Phoenix since
4 1960. So I have watched this city grow tremendously.

5 I am now living in District 24 and have
6 been for the last 16 years. Our present boundary lines
7 are pretty much like a box with our district meetings
8 being held in the center. And we are able to
9 communicate with each other very well. We have Paradise
10 Valley Unified School District in our district. And it
11 is one of the most efficient districts in the city. And
12 the state and has had excellent education training and
13 good leadership.

14 I have seen a chart in the current issue
15 of Capitol Times that shows that our district is only
16 about 1,300 people over your 176,000. If we ended
17 District 24 on the south end on the north side of
18 Camelback, and on the north side of District 24 at just
19 above Beardsley, at Highway 101, it would maintain our
20 box situation and an ability to talk and deal with each
21 other.

22 Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

24 I'd ask Greg Murphy to move up.

25 MS. LOWE: I'm Delia, D E L I A, Lowe,

1 L O W E, the Arizona Director of the Human Rights
2 Commission to Influence Legislation on Sexual
3 Orientation and Gender Expression.

4 I'd like to briefly talk about two areas,
5 gay, lesbian, and transgender people geographically
6 disbursed. Some live in particular areas, like District
7 25, in lieu of a centralized District, retail GLBT area.
8 District 25 has always been known informally as the gay
9 district. Revitalization of a historic district is not
10 uncommon for gays and lesbians to take the call, take
11 care of, and contribute to such revitalization. We've
12 been proud to do so. Many of our members live in that
13 particular district.

14 So we encourage you to preserve the
15 historic district. We have been part of the
16 neighborhood associations. We've invested in the zoning
17 policies. We've again invested in renovation of that
18 particular area. Every year we hold a pride event and
19 are proud to be part of the heterogeneous population
20 working with the people as a part of that community.

21 In addition to that, many of us gays and
22 lesbians, transgender people, relate more closer to the
23 class race people, not specifically to sexual
24 orientation.

25 I'm here to speak in favor of the

1 Coalition, with the Latino community.

2 It surprises me, makes me take pause, to
3 know 35 percent of the population is not represented on
4 the Commission. This is not at all to point out to one
5 specific elected official, to point any blame, nor is it
6 to question your integrity in this process. I think we
7 all should be held accountable that Latinos are not
8 represented.

9 I want to say that with the increase of
10 the Latino population, we are particularly concerned
11 about the dilution of Districts 22 and 23 and want to
12 hold close the majority population in Districts 18, 16,
13 13, and 4. It's my understanding that the Hispanic
14 Coalition will come up with maps in those areas and come
15 out to participate and support those when they come up
16 for review.

17 Thank you very much. Good luck in your
18 efforts, and see you soon.

19 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

20 Following Mr. Murphy, the next speaker is
21 Donna Neal.

22 If you'll move closer to the microphone,
23 Mr. Murphy.

24 MR. MURPHY: I'm Rick Murphy, R I C K,
25 M U R P H Y.

1 I've lived in Glendale District 16 for
2 most of the last six years in Glendale, in general, for
3 most of the last six years. Currently I'm precinct
4 committeeman and proud to serve in that capacity.

5 The committee lines are less than perfect.
6 New boundaries are less than perfect. It's only been
7 two days since I've seen the proposed new maps. That's
8 little time to come up with fancy statistics. I see
9 even more family members from Glendale, north Glendale,
10 lumped in District 17, I believe, most of Sun City under
11 boundaries as currently drawn for the new plan. I don't
12 think that makes a whole lot of sense.

13 Even though different parties, we have to
14 agree, I think, with Representative Brotherton on Sun
15 City. They have different needs. They're not the same
16 as Glendale, Peoria, where they're largely raising
17 families, that sort of thing. For instance, health care
18 and insurance, schools, there's other issues related to
19 that. They don't -- they don't have need of schools,
20 health insurance. They are not so pressing, not the
21 same, for people in Sun City.

22 Whoever represented District 17 in Sun
23 City is really beholden to the senior voters and will
24 have to listen to those people. That's who is going to
25 largely elect them.

1 Family population, people younger, people
2 that have kids in schools, do not have the ear of the
3 Ledgislature, a real principal, one person, one vote,
4 and be diluted because their issues will not be the ones
5 that get them elected.

6 In any case, I think that needs to be
7 looked at more carefully. I think Sun City should be
8 largely a district unto itself for their benefit as well
9 as the benefit of other people in the area so they can
10 be really listened to much more closely by their
11 representatives.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

13 Following Ms. Neal, the next speaker is
14 Calvin Goode.

15 Ms. Neal, Mr. Goode. Following that, I
16 believe it's Jack Cruiso.

17 MR. GOODE: I'm Calvin, C A L V I N,
18 Goode, G O O D E, 1508 West Jefferson, Central Phoenix,
19 District Eight City Council.

20 Coming in I was asking if I was interested
21 in this. I thought I was only interested in District
22 Eight. I said to them, after 22 years on the Phoenix
23 City Council, I'm also interested in the people that
24 serve in the State Legislature. From that standpoint,
25 I'm here tonight.

1 My wife is with me.

2 Representative Leah Landrum is the person
3 that represents me as my State Representative.

4 I remember several years ago, there were
5 several African Americans in the State Legislature, the
6 same with the City Council. Several years ago we went
7 through a restructuring at the City Council.

8 I remember the Justice Department talked
9 about we must not impact minority voters or
10 representation. I'm one that believes strongly in
11 ethnic representation. I hope no matter what you do
12 today, you keep that in mind.

13 I was very impressed by the presentation
14 of the Arizona Redistricting Commission. I went out,
15 found a copy of it. I'd still like to have a copy of
16 the citizen input form, citizen input kit, if some staff
17 could give that to me.

18 Thank you very much. That's what I call
19 real government service.

20 I am also President of the Phoenix
21 Elementary School District. This is a part of District
22 23. I'm certainly proud of it.

23 I could cite a number of different things
24 in the downtown area in terms of how we would be able to
25 build up the businesses. And I think most of you know

1 that. I could tell you about the carbon museum, the
2 child development center, development, housing, and so
3 forth, what we're doing in the central city.

4 Certainly I do support the presentation
5 made by the South Phoenix Central Phoenix Plan.

6 I certainly hope you'll keep in mind that
7 you will be fair. I know that. I commend you.

8 You have a difficult job. I certainly
9 hope all ethnic groups are represented in whatever you
10 come up with.

11 Thank you so much.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,
13 Mr. Good.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Following Mr. Cruiso is
15 Dave Braun.

16 Mr. Cruiso, he left early as well.

17 Mr. Braun. Following him, the next
18 speaker will be Bert Tollefson.

19 MR. BRAUN: Yes. My name is Dave Braun,
20 B R A U N.

21 I thank you, the Commission, for the
22 opportunity to speak to you here tonight.

23 Quite literally, you've been charged with
24 the task of drawing lines on a map, but you also, quite
25 literally, will be mapping the political future of

1 Arizona.

2 I'm an attorney for 26 years. Virtually
3 my whole career has been here in Arizona. And
4 furthermore, it was my privilege to serve more than 12
5 years as an elected Justice of the Peace to the Maricopa
6 County Justice Courts. I served as Judge of the East
7 Phoenix Number One Justice Court Downtown. And from
8 January 1983 I served the Maryvale Justice Court. It's
9 a matter of my background since I retired from the bench
10 in January 1987, I practiced some law, but I also spent
11 a substantial amount of my time and my efforts involved
12 in a number of community activities, such as the Board
13 of Directors of the Consumer Council, the Booker T.
14 Washington Neighborhood Association, the Van Buren
15 Association, and I recently joined the Valley Citizen
16 League.

17 I'm a Democrat, somewhat involved in
18 activities of my political party. The only party
19 position I've ever held is precinct committeeman.

20 I'm involved in advancement of
21 communities, advancement of the community and state, and
22 was present when you have held two previous Commission
23 meetings, South Phoenix and Scottsdale. I listened with
24 interest to both the staff presentations as well as
25 public testimony.

1 The crux of the issue facing you, as I see
2 it, is how to define and quantify what are the various
3 communities of interest and then and how you will comply
4 with all the other requirements of Proposition 106 and
5 the Voting Rights Act as you actually are -- take the
6 task of drawing those specific map lines.

7 In all the testimony I listened to, there
8 were at least two topics I've heard virtually no
9 discussion about. One I believe is vital and essential
10 to this process; and the second, as well, is significant
11 and important.

12 First, I believe that partisan
13 identification is probably the most important factor
14 that the Commission by law will consider.

15 Prior testimony has claimed that
16 communities of interest shall be based on ethnic
17 heritage, race, socioethnic status, single resident
18 status, city, town, county lines, primary residence,
19 primary language, natural boundary lines, food stamp
20 usage, party lines, people that register with a
21 political party.

22 If an individual makes an explicit choice
23 in her basic political beliefs and values, while
24 obviously there are correlations between party
25 correlation and some of the categories listed, party

1 identification is a trump card that generally controls
2 the outcome of most elections. To not exclusively
3 recognize that fact, to not confront it, is to deny
4 political reality.

5 How should the Commission think about
6 political affiliation in this part of the process?

7 The good news is there is usually a very
8 strong correlation between party registration and most
9 of the other categories of community of interest. That
10 is not particularly surprising. Political scientists
11 have known that forever and politicians have used it to
12 manipulate political district lines for personal
13 benefit.

14 You, the Commission, have the power to use
15 the same facts to actually achieve the specific goals
16 established by Proposition 106.

17 I believe that competition is good. I
18 concur with Representative Brotherton on that point. I
19 believe that competition in sports, in business, and
20 especially, especially, in politics is good. I believe
21 genuine competition was one of the prime motivating
22 factors behind the success of Proposition 106. Arizona
23 voted for both term limits and clean financing for the
24 political system, to have it shaken up and the status
25 quo shaken to bring competition to the political

1 process.

2 Arizona is a much more political state
3 than perhaps most of us realize. Many of us still think
4 this is the land of Goldwater, Rockwood Republicanism.
5 The facts belie that view.

6 Now for some essential numbers.

7 According to the Arizona Secretary of
8 State, as of April 1, 2001, statewide registration
9 consisted of the following: Republicans had 43.19
10 percent of the registered voters. Arizona Democrats had
11 37.93 percent of the registered voters. The total of
12 the other four ballotless parties, the green
13 libertarians, and whatnot, form 0.8 percent, less than
14 one percent. The category "others" had a balance of
15 18.02 percent registered as "others." "Others" includes
16 all people that identify themselves as Independents as
17 well as those people who failed to list any party
18 identification whatsoever, and also those people who
19 list themselves as a member of a nonballot qualifying
20 party.

21 It's fair to assume most "others" are
22 Independents or members of a party that don't qualify.

23 It's fair to assume Republicans, put in a
24 number, Dem, put in number, the difference is 5.92
25 percent, a 5.92 percent Republican advantage.

1 If the Congress and State Legislature were
2 constructed to match the statewide percentages, your
3 task would be over. Of course, in reality, such
4 districts would neither be compact nor contiguous, and
5 they would not comply with the Voting Rights Act; and,
6 thus, they would not survive Department of Justice
7 review.

8 The reality is most districts would not be
9 politically competitive. If those districts simply
10 reflect communities of interest, most citizens identify
11 with ethnic packing around city and county boundaries,
12 social and county interests, the Voter Rights Act and
13 Proposition 106.

14 For instance, the goal of a District in
15 Mesa, one political identity, it's not possible to have
16 enough Democrats to make it bipartisan; with a
17 majority-minority in South Phoenix, it's not possible to
18 have enough Republicans to make them bipartisan
19 competitive districts.

20 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: If I could
21 interrupt one minute, because it's 9:30 and we have six
22 more speakers, are your remarks in writing?

23 MR. BRAUN: They are in writing.

24 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: If you'd summarize
25 them, give a copy of your remarks, we'll put them in the

1 permanent record for our meeting. That will allow us to
2 know what your thoughts are and also will allow others
3 to speak before the hour is too late. If you'd
4 summarize the rest.

5 MR. BRAUN: I was just finishing up with
6 about two more minutes' worth.

7 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: All right. Great.

8 MR. BRAUN: As much as I favor
9 competition, and I really do, please do not as a
10 Commission try to construct an impossibility.

11 The Commission is charged with the task of
12 making partisan political choices to comply with
13 Proposition 106. It's in your broad, appropriate power
14 to make the whole, total electoral system competitive.

15 In other words, I charge you to take the
16 system and take 30 Legislative Districts. Make 10 of
17 them solidly Democratic. Make 10 solidly Democratic;
18 the other 10 legitimately competitive, the district
19 goals underlying the intent of 106; for instance, 10
20 Democratic Districts, 55 percent Democratic
21 registration; 10 Republican Districts, 55 percent
22 Republican registration. Even out the registration
23 numbers. Viable, competitive districts. And, as well,
24 in summary, do the same with the Congressional
25 Districts, having two solidly Democratic Congressional

1 Districts, two solidly -- two solidly Democratic
2 Congressional Districts; two solidly competitive
3 Republican Districts; and the balance of four districts
4 will then in fact be competitive.

5 That is more appropriate and more
6 competitive and a fairer system than the current system
7 we have which resulted in finding every minority and
8 every Democrat and squeezing those voters into one
9 district where the remaining four districts were won
10 Republican and one of the districts remained
11 theoretically a competitive district.

12 The second brief issue I wish to focus in
13 on is political boundaries of Phoenix. Phoenix is the
14 sixth largest city in the country, well on its way to
15 becoming the fifth largest, and is also the largest city
16 in the United States without one clearly defined
17 Congressional District to lie solely within its borders.
18 The current configuration, split, is amazing, five
19 separate gerrymandered districts, city districts, share
20 representation with Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Tuba
21 City, Window Rock, Globe, Strawberry, and Show Low. It
22 is enough.

23 The urban issues confronting this
24 metropolitan area are not the same concerns as the vast
25 stretch of rural Arizona and small cities therein. This

1 great city deserves one Congressional seat solely within
2 its boundaries. I suggest a district be created with
3 the boundaries to comport with the east side and west
4 side boundary lines of the City of Phoenix. Washington
5 Street on the south and going north to reach the
6 mandated number, 644,00 residents. I've made a brief
7 analysis of that, and that line would fall somewhere
8 between Bethany Home and Glendale.

9 The added benefit to that is the sort of
10 district it is is also likely to be a very competitive
11 political district.

12 The minority-majority district created
13 south of Washington Street is still maintained and is
14 certainly created in South Phoenix previously given the
15 east valley Congressional Districts.

16 In conclusion, I'd suggest the measurement
17 of success of your efforts will be measured by two
18 specific and objective standards. First, essential
19 fairness and openness of the process and by the numerous
20 hearings you've conducted and manner in which you've
21 allowed people to fully express their views. You are to
22 be commended for that effort. You've been very patient.

23 But the most important analysis of the
24 actual success of the Commission will be the electoral
25 analysis of the product you actually produce as a whole.

1 When the final maps are submitted to the
2 public and Department of Justice, the most significant
3 question that will be asked is how will the district
4 lines, as drawn, likely affect the outcome of the
5 election? Of course, nobody knows who will win or lose
6 or who the candidates will be.

7 Politics is an art, not a science.
8 Significant results, electoral science can never be
9 known or predicted. It's equally true of the rules of
10 the game you'll be creating which will substantially,
11 perhaps, and ultimately affect the outcome.

12 Make those rules fair. Create districts
13 so the total result are in fact as competitive as
14 possible.

15 I thank you for the opportunity to speak
16 to you tonight.

17 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,
18 Mr. Braun.

19 Following Mr. Tollefson, the next speaker
20 is Dianne Post.

21 I'd ask the remaining speakers on the
22 agenda, in consideration of our being late in starting
23 the meeting and going long, if you do have written
24 remarks, please summarize them for us. Give us a copy
25 of the remarks. I can assure you every member of the

1 Commission reads whatever is given. We take this very,
2 very seriously. If you've gone to the trouble to write
3 it, we'll take the trouble to read it.

4 MR. TOLLEFSON: Bert Tollefson, B E R T,
5 Tollefson, T O L L E F S O N.

6 I have been a resident of Arizona for 30
7 years selling real estate during that time. My children
8 are here, all adults now. That's part of the thing I'd
9 mention today. We are all God's children. We look at
10 what is happening in terms of this cosmopolitan area,
11 and I'll cite as an example my own family becoming a bit
12 of a United Nations.

13 My oldest son married one of my former
14 staff, a farmer out here, Hispanic, who happens to look
15 like -- I won't say who. She's very intelligent, raised
16 two boys, is a widow. They're both in college now, 15
17 and 16. She's Hispanic.

18 I have a grandson, another branch, who is
19 proceeding to get married to a lovely lady who is of the
20 black persuasion. And we're very happy for them.

21 That's what is happening.

22 We're thinking less and less of district
23 lines.

24 I think that is what will happen to
25 districts through the years. Some people, in 40 years,

1 will look a little differently.

2 We want to be fair to everybody. And
3 that's the purpose of this Commission.

4 I started out years ago an Assistant to
5 the Governor of South Dakota. Some of you are from
6 there. He was a man who succeeded in getting 71 percent
7 of the vote as a Republican. And that was in an area
8 where we had a fifty-fifty. Had a fellow named Ashbrook
9 who came out of that state, not many different people.
10 Shows people do work across preferences and across
11 objectives.

12 I want to emphasize the importance of
13 tonight having an opportunity to appear before you and
14 make suggestions that are realistic.

15 I think you've already done some tentative
16 things that are very realistic in terms of areas of
17 interest and also population to avoid the old abuse of
18 gerrymandering.

19 There was a time maybe it was necessary or
20 good. We heard talk about that tonight.

21 I think we need to be looking tonight at
22 people now, it has people coming from all over the
23 world. We're going to live in a time where we'll see
24 that more and more.

25 During the next 50 years, I won't be

1 around a lot of the time to see some of it. As it turns
2 out, having run for Congress myself a couple times,
3 including the US Senate, I'm not suggesting I'll do
4 anything again, but part of the objective in running is
5 to present issues, present choices. That's what we're
6 doing here tonight, to give an opportunity to think
7 about this and come in with additional ideas.

8 Do we visit in the halls and submit other
9 ideas in writing?

10 I thank all of you for being here.

11 My wife is an example of how we're
12 becoming an international city. We've been married 10
13 years. We worked together 30 years ago when she was an
14 Ambassador in the State Department. Turned out she went
15 to Iraq and Beirut, practically got killed in Beirut.
16 It's not as pleasant a place to live as Phoenix.

17 We do have so many advantages here. We
18 have people increasingly coming here from all over the
19 world to live here. That's how I see it. There are a
20 number of people nodding their head saying that's
21 absolutely true.

22 Thank you, members of the Commission,
23 tonight, for being here. I know you'll do good work, do
24 the work fairly.

25 I could cite Iowa as an example, but I

1 won't do it. I was just up there, ended up there. Two
2 members of the Commission, a similar system, for no
3 reason, gerrymandered districts, put two outstanding
4 members in one district. They now have to run against
5 each other. I don't think it makes sense, either.

6 As a basic tentative way, you did the fair
7 thing, following all the parameters specified in the
8 presentation earlier. I commend you for it.

9 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,
10 Mr. Tollefson.

11 The next speaker is Dianne Post.

12 MS. POST: I'm Dianne Post, D I A N N E,
13 P O S T.

14 I live at Brentwood and 16th Street in the
15 Willetta area, District 23. I moved there in 1988. My
16 friends said, "Why in the world would you be buying a
17 house in that neighborhood? It is a terrible
18 neighborhood." They were wrong. I am right. It is a
19 very good neighborhood.

20 I'm here to support the South Mountain
21 Central Phoenix Plan. We have a very diverse
22 neighborhood. Many people have spoken earlier on that.

23 We've learned how to work with each other
24 and how to develop a neighborhood where all different
25 kinds of people live together, work together in harmony.

1 I do not think we should be punished for it. We should
2 be rewarded for it.

3 I concur with the idea of keeping
4 neighborhoods together, creating diversity. I don't
5 live in a suburb. I don't live in a development. I
6 don't want to. I appreciate diversity, all kinds of
7 people. I urge you to keep those kinds of neighborhoods
8 together.

9 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

10 Thank you for your remarks and I also want
11 to thank you for how quickly you spoke and the brevity
12 of your remarks.

13 Bev Cuthbertson. Following
14 Ms. Cuthbertson, Ms. Williams, then Walter Dudley.

15 Ms. Williams.

16 MS. CUTHBERTSON: I thought you said Bev
17 Cuthbertson after --

18 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: You are right.

19 MS. CUTHBERTSON: I'm Bev, B E V,
20 Cuthbertson, C U T H B E R T S O N. You can tell I'm a
21 school teacher. I spell in syllables.

22 I live in District 18 at the present time.
23 I have many communities of interest around my home. I
24 am a very major part of Shaw Butte, the 301 Grant for
25 the neighborhood. I am a Republican, am very active in

1 Legislative District 18. I'm an active Maricopa
2 Republican. In addition to that, I teach at the
3 Challenger Learning Center.

4 My interests are wide and diverse.

5 How can I say what my community of
6 interest is? I look at the maps. I shouldn't say
7 "map." I'm sorry, "grid." What I see is I-17
8 separating me out to go to the other side where I am
9 now.

10 Velma Sudyka mentioned the Capitol Times.
11 District 18 is 25,000 people short of where we belong.
12 Take a few people out of 19, 16 north of me, you have
13 your people. Keep us together. That's our community of
14 interest. We have competition in 18. We had people run
15 with clean elections and everything else. We all have
16 opportunities to do this. Don't separate school
17 districts. Don't take two little grids out of Creighton
18 School District and put them somewhere else. Leave them
19 all together. That's what school districts are all
20 about, people working together.

21 I live in Washington School District. I'd
22 like to see it that stay that way.

23 I thought it wonderful to say 25, go up to
24 Missouri; the rest, start with 18 and go up to Bell Road
25 along I-17 on the west. We'll be just fine, take the

1 natural barrier on the east of the mountain areas and
2 have a good district. And one has a community of
3 interest, diverse interest.

4 Thank you. Thank you for your work.

5 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Next, Alma
6 Williams, to be followed by Walter Dudley.

7 MS. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Thank you.

8 I appreciate your difficulty. I'm Alma, A
9 L M A, Williams, W I L L I A M S.

10 I do live in the Central Phoenix
11 neighborhood, Green Gables Neighborhood Association,
12 roughly at Squaw Peak Parkway and 32nd Street, McDowell
13 to Thomas.

14 I was a little surprised by the Power
15 Point presentations tonight. I had not planned to speak
16 until I saw them.

17 I am not certain communities of interest
18 are defined by homogenous real estate or freeways some
19 people suggested. Currently 25 runs the gamut in
20 ethnicity, housing, and a lot more. I'm not certain
21 historic preservation itself provides the glue for this
22 district.

23 Of the two plans provided tonight, the
24 Central Phoenix Historic Plan does the least damage to
25 my plan and district.

1 Green Gables District One is one of the
2 first neighborhoods founded in the movement empowering
3 citizens to act for themselves. It was founded in the
4 fall of 1990. Our partner, Creighton School District,
5 actually resides in the new Excellency of Schools. We
6 work hand in glove with Creighton School District.
7 Excellency in School, Creighton School District, is
8 south of McDowell. The South Mountain Plan would split
9 out the south part of the Creighton School District
10 because it runs south of the canal, fifty-fifty in my
11 neighborhoods. It would split it in two.

12 It seems somewhat, from what I heard
13 tonight, I'm hearing myself talk asking for
14 consideration of minutiae this small. It really sounds
15 like micromanagement of issues of this nature. But
16 neighborhoods that have been together a long time, as we
17 have, celebrating our 10th anniversary this fall, it
18 becomes very important for us to stay together and be
19 able to continue the work we started.

20 So in looking at plans, perhaps even a
21 look at the neighborhood boundaries of neighborhood
22 associations within the City of Phoenix, could also be
23 of instructive benefit.

24 Thank you very much.

25 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

1 The next speaker is Walter Dudley.
2 Following Walter Dudley we'll hear the remaining
3 speakers from the Central Phoenix Historic District
4 Plan.

5 If there are any other speakers, now is
6 the time to turn in your speaker slip.

7 Mr. Dudley.

8 MR. DUDLEY: My name is Walter Dudley,
9 W A L T E R, D U D L E Y.

10 I wish to thank the Commission for
11 allowing me to speak. One more thank you, and that's to
12 Representative Weason for cutting it short, the people
13 from her group.

14 I've been here in Arizona since 1959. And
15 what I sense I'm hearing is, from many of the speakers,
16 not all, including Representative Weason and
17 Representative Taylor, is that there's support -- to
18 support this, for maintaining existing legislative
19 boundaries other than where obvious gerrymandering is
20 politically put forth as suggested by Representative
21 Brotherton.

22 I wish you well in your task.

23 Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

25 Representative Weason, do you want to

1 represent the other people that are going to speak in
2 your presentation?

3 While going back to the podium, I'll tell
4 you that the input we've had tonight has truly been
5 phenomenal. We've all been to a number of meetings.
6 It's now been going on for two weeks, 16 meetings. I'll
7 tell you Phoenix College wins the prize for the most,
8 the most diverse and most interesting public comment
9 that we have heard because of the length and breadth of
10 it.

11 Normally what we do at this point is
12 Commissioner Huntwork was going to moderate a
13 question-and-answer session if you had any questions to
14 ask of us.

15 Because of the lateness of the hour, what
16 we're going to suggest is after the final speakers,
17 we'll adjourn the formal part of the meeting. We'll
18 stay as long as you want to talk to us.

19 If any of you have any questions about the
20 Commission, procedures we're following, concerns you
21 have, please come up to one or all of us. We'll be glad
22 to stay, listen, and talk with you as long as you like.

23 Representative Weason.

24 REPRESENTATIVE WEASON: Thank you, Madam
25 Chairman and Commissioners. We'll Continue on with the

1 presentation of the Central Phoenix Historic District
2 Plan and introduce the dynamic duo from Coronado,
3 Lucindo Montoya, President of Coronado, and she'll
4 present on splitting neighborhoods and Creighton School
5 District and combating crime and blight, and her dynamic
6 husband will complete it, our fundraiser. And he had a
7 major accomplishment last weekend I'd like him to share
8 with you regarding the progress Coronado made enhancing
9 25 and its historic neighborhoods.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. MONTOYA: I'm Lucinda Montoya,
12 L U C I N D A, M O N T O Y A.

13 I am President of the Coronado
14 Neighborhood newly elected. This is kind of new to me.

15 I'll ask the Commission not to break up
16 our neighborhood. As boundaries stand now, I live in
17 one neighborhood. About three-fourths of my people I
18 represent in my association live in another. We share
19 common ground in that we all face the same crime issues.
20 And we all face the same-youth-at-risk issues. My kids
21 go to the same school as District 25 kids go, even
22 though I live in District 23.

23 We held a crime summit not long ago, held
24 it at our community center, and the issues were,
25 throughout the board, again, the at-risk youth and the

1 elderly issues.

2 We shared a common goal. We also share a
3 common vision.

4 My particular neighborhood is not
5 historic. It's what we call a classic neighborhood.
6 But we look to our historic neighbors to give insight in
7 how to become historic. We need to be bound by that and
8 need to stay together.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

11 MR. MONTOYA: I'm Clutis Montoya,
12 C L U T I S, M O N T O Y A, a member of the Coronado
13 Greater Neighborhood Board Association.

14 Lucinda, what she said is correct. We
15 don't want the neighborhood split up. Thomas at the
16 freeway, State Route 51, over to Seventh Street.
17 Justice O'Connor did not define communities of interest.
18 We all know it when we see it, interests we have that
19 cross community lines, racial lines, interests that we
20 share. Crime, blight, youth at risk, elderly issues,
21 those are common interests we have that cross party
22 lines.

23 Having a district that represents us and
24 those interests specifically would make our Legislature
25 more accountable to us, I believe more responsive to us.

1 The Greater Coronado Neighborhood is
2 making fantastic strides. We don't do it alone. We've
3 been working with Reverend Tillman, working with the
4 Garfield Association just across the freeway.

5 I-10 cuts through, cuts us part way in
6 half.

7 The Central District Plan is bringing us
8 together to share community interests, not specifically,
9 although historic interests are very important to the
10 neighborhood, we're not specifically tied to that. We
11 have common concerns that can be addressed through
12 responsive Legislature.

13 I thank the Central Phoenix Historic Plan
14 and definitely address that.

15 Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

17 Is there anyone else who wishes to speak?

18 I want to thank you all for being here.
19 You all should win a prize for staying with us so long.
20 It's really been an incredible meeting.

21 We thank you for all the input.

22 As I mentioned, we will stay. If you have
23 any questions, we'll be happy to answer them.

24 I want to remind you, round two of the
25 public outreach meetings will begin as soon as the draft

1 plan is adopted by the Commission.

2 We encourage you to come give us thoughts
3 and input as enthusiastically as you did tonight in late
4 July and more probably for several weeks in August.

5 Thank you for seeing us tonight.

6 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded at
7 approximately 9:55 p.m.)

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