

ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Location

**City Hall
510 East Florence Boulevard
Casa Grande, Arizona 85122**

Attending

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Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

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P R O C E E D I N G S

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Now we've got some people filtering in.

Let's come to order, this hearing of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

The time is 6:05.

We're on the record.

Won't you please rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance with me.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I think what you might be hearing is the delay. We have a remote site location in Maricopa, Arizona, and there's somewhat of a delay.

We'll be getting to them in a moment.

I want to thank you all really for coming tonight, and I really want to thank the people of Casa Grande for hosting us here tonight.

And I know we have Councilwoman Mary Kortsen here with us.

1 And I think she wanted to have a few words of
2 welcome for us. So we'd invite her to come up to the
3 podium.

4 You're usually on the other side of us.

5 MARY KORTSEN: Unfortunately the mayor couldn't be
6 with us, Bob Jackson. He's in Tucson.

7 Just want to welcome the Commission here. I want
8 to thank you for your dedication and the time that you're
9 putting in here.

10 I know you're getting really big bucks to come to
11 do this. Like nothing.

12 I'm also aware that you have to go -- that you are
13 making an effort to cover the entire state.

14 Mrs. McNulty was in Bullhead City last night, and
15 now she's over here.

16 So we do appreciate your efforts in trying to get
17 comments from everybody.

18 I also wanted to recognize some other folks that
19 are in the audience.

20 And if I miss anybody, I apologize.

21 My fellow council member, Carl Montoya, is here.
22 He serves with me on city council.

23 Supervisors, we have all three of our supervisors,
24 and we are under the process of redistricting.

25 And quickly we have Mr. Pete Rios from District 1,

1 who's also a chairman.

2 Supervisors Mr. Brian Martin, District 2, and Dave
3 Snider from District 3.

4 And we also have our state legislative
5 representative Frank Pratt.

6 And hopefully I've mentioned everybody here.

7 If not -- and I also want to thank this whole room
8 of people.

9 I mean, this is not easy to come together on a
10 summer night to come and listen to what could be a very
11 important time, so I appreciate their interest in our
12 community.

13 Thank you.

14 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you. Thank you so much
15 for hosting us.

16 My name is Scott Freeman. I'm one of the five
17 appointed commissioners.

18 I serve on an alternating basis as vice chairman
19 with Jose Herrera, who could not be with us tonight.

20 To my right is Richard Stertz, and to my left is
21 Linda McNulty.

22 Our chair is Colleen Mathis.

23 And I have no doubt that Commissioner Herrera and
24 Chair Mathis are watching these proceedings tonight via the
25 live streaming.

1 And I know we can't all make -- make all of these
2 hearings, but we all -- I think we are all able to watch
3 them on the Internet now.

4 This, what the Commission is embarking upon, on
5 this two-week period, is we are touring the state and
6 holding hearings in different cities all across the state
7 with the sole purpose of collecting public comment.

8 The only item, aside from a presentation that our
9 mapping consultant will present in a moment, on the agenda
10 is to hear from you.

11 And that's a very important part of this process.

12 A great thing about Prop 106 that established this
13 Commission is it really makes the public involved. The
14 public has a say in how these districts are drawn.

15 It was taken away from the Legislature.

16 So these maps that we are going to be developing
17 don't belong to the legislature, any interest group, or
18 anyone else. They belong to you.

19 It's very important for us to get your comments.

20 There is a request to speak -- speak forms out in
21 the lobby. If you would like to address the Commission,
22 please fill one of those out and hand them to our -- Ray
23 Bladine, our executive director, and we'll get you on the
24 agenda.

25 There are also forms, I don't know what color they

1 are today, but -- blue?

2 Blue comment forms.

3 If you don't wish -- there, someone is holding
4 them up.

5 If you don't wish to speak to us, you can provide
6 your comments in writing. Tell us what your concerns are.

7 If your concerns involve community of interest
8 you believe the Commission should respect when drawing
9 these maps, look on the back of that form. There are
10 four questions back there on the back that are designed
11 to draw -- elicit information about your community of
12 interest.

13 The more information we get from you, the better.

14 If you don't want to use that form, write us a
15 letter, submit your comments in writing.

16 If you have maps, those are very helpful. Submit
17 them as well to the Commission.

18 Or you can go to our website. There is contact
19 information there on the website that allows you to submit
20 your comments that way.

21 It's AZredistricting.org.

22 With that, before we get too much further, federal
23 law requires that we make translation services available in
24 Spanish.

25 And we have our interpreter here, Carlos Reyes,

1 who will give an announcement in Spanish.

2 (Whereupon, the interpreter made a statement in
3 Spanish.)

4 CARLOS REYES: I think we're good, Mr. Freeman.

5 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

6 I've already introduced the commissioners here
7 tonight.

8 I also want to introduce Mr. Joseph Kanefield from
9 the firm of Ballard Spahr, and he's counsel for the
10 Commission.

11 And sitting next to him is Willie Desmond from the
12 firm of Strategic Telemetry, who will be giving a
13 presentation in a moment about the IRC and the redistricting
14 process.

15 Ray Bladine, who is our executive director.

16 And Marty Herder is our court reporter.

17 Everything that we say here tonight is going to be taken
18 down by him and becomes part of the record.

19 And then in Maricopa is Kristina Gomez, our
20 assistant executive director.

21 And there is a delay, but, Kristina, are you with
22 us?

23 (Brief pause.)

24 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, that's quite a delay.

25 Let's move on, and she will interrupt me in a

1 moment with her acknowledgement.

2 All right. I think at this moment we'll move on
3 to the next item of our agenda, which is our presentation by
4 Mr. Desmond.

5 So you have the floor.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Thank you all for allowing me to
7 be here today to speak with you.

8 Again, my name is Willie Desmond. I work with
9 Strategic Telemetry.

10 We were the firm hired to provide technical
11 assistance to the Commission as they begin drawing their
12 maps.

13 This is, I believe, the 6th of 17 first-round
14 meetings, where we're just here to collect public input
15 about the mapping process and things that you would like
16 considered as this process begins.

17 There will be another round after, after this,
18 after the initial maps are drawn, all over the state, again,
19 for you to comment on the first draft map.

20 For anybody who's watching this via the live
21 stream, the Power Point is available for download on the
22 website just next to where you see the live stream.

23 All right.

24 This presentation will just cover the basics
25 of redistricting and the redistricting process here in

1 Arizona.

2 We'll be talking about seven things.

3 First of all is, why do we have a Redistricting
4 Commission?

5 Next is, what is redistricting?

6 What is the difference between reapportionment and
7 redistricting?

8 Why do we have to redistrict?

9 What guidelines need to followed when drawing new
10 districts?

11 What are the steps in the redistricting process?

12 And, how can public input be submitted to the
13 AIRC?

14 All right.

15 First of all, why do we have a Redistricting
16 Commission?

17 Well, this is the second time that Arizona's
18 congressional and legislative districts are being redrawn by
19 the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

20 The Commission was created in 2000 when the voters
21 of Arizona approved Proposition 106 which created the IRC
22 and established a process and criteria for drawing new
23 district lines.

24 The Commission is made up of two Democrats, two
25 Republicans, and a fifth member that isn't registered with

1 either of the parties already represented on the Commission.

2 The 2011 AIRC members are Vice Chairman Scott
3 Freeman, who is chairing tonight's meeting,
4 Vice Chairman Jose Herrera, Chairwoman Colleen Mathis, and
5 Commissioners Linda McNulty and Richard Stertz, who are also
6 with us tonight.

7 Next, what is redistricting?

8 Simply put, redistricting is the process of
9 drawing congressional and legislative district lines.

10 The difference between redistricting and
11 reapportionment, while slight, is there. There is a
12 technical difference.

13 Reapportionment is the process of allocating
14 congressional districts to the state based off of changes in
15 population.

16 Because Arizona saw a population growth in the
17 last decade, it was allocated a ninth congressional
18 district, an additional district, following the 2010 census.

19 And, again, redistricting is simply the process of
20 redrawing the lines based off of that new allocation.

21 All right.

22 Why do we have to redistrict?

23 Well, because Arizona gained a new congressional
24 district, new lines would have to be drawn just for that.

25 However, even if Arizona had not gained this new

1 district, the congressional and legislative district lines
2 would have to be redrawn to account for changes in the
3 population.

4 The concept of one person, one vote dictates that
5 there should be as close to the same number of people per
6 district as possible.

7 Because the rate of population growth is different
8 in different areas, the existing districts now have
9 divergent populations.

10 What guidelines need to be followed by the AIRC
11 when drawing these new districts?

12 First, all new districts must comply with the
13 U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act.

14 They must also have equal population.

15 These first two criteria are federally mandated,
16 and any plan submitted must have -- meet at least these
17 two criteria.

18 Also Proposition 106 established some other
19 criteria.

20 The districts must be compact and contiguous.

21 They must respect communities of interest.

22 They must use visible geographic features, city,
23 town, and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts.

24 And they must create competitive districts where
25 there is no other significant detriment to other goals.

1 All right.

2 The Arizona redistricting process.

3 The first stage is really these meetings. Like I
4 said, this is the first round of public meetings designed to
5 solicit the public's input about what criteria they want
6 used.

7 After these meetings are completed, the Commission
8 will start with a grid map.

9 You can think of a grid map as just the most basic
10 looking map.

11 Ideally it would be nine perfectly-sized squares
12 going over the state of Arizona.

13 In some states they start with the previous plans,
14 but that is not the case in Arizona.

15 Proposition 106 specifically mentions that the
16 plan must start with a grid map.

17 The commencement of the mapping process for both
18 the congressional and legislative districts shall be the
19 creation of equal population in a grid-like pattern across
20 the state.

21 This initial grid map is likely only to meet
22 criteria B and C, which are equal population and compact and
23 contiguous districts.

24 After it's completed, it will be adjusted to meet
25 the other criterias, first of which is the Voting Rights

1 Act.

2 Arizona's congressional and legislative districts
3 must receive preclearance or approval from the Department of
4 Justice or a federal court under Section 5 of the Voting
5 Rights Act before they can take effect.

6 To get preclearance, Arizona must demonstrate that
7 the new districts do not discriminate against minority
8 voters in purpose or effect, which means there can be no
9 intentional or accidental discrimination.

10 Next, under Section 5, Arizona's redistricting
11 plans cannot be retrogressive. The plans cannot weaken or
12 reduce minority voters' rights.

13 Finally, the presence of discrimination can be
14 determined by analyzing population data and election
15 results.

16 Following this first adjustment, the grid map is
17 then again adjusted to meet the equal population criteria to
18 make sure that districts are compact and contiguous and that
19 they respect communities of interest.

20 Again, one of the main goals of the -- or the main
21 goal of these meetings is to solicit the public's input.

22 If you're here today, you can fill out one of the
23 request to speak forms.

24 I think they're white now, but -- the request to
25 speak forms, or one of the blue forms if you don't feel

1 comfortable speaking but you'd still like to have your input
2 submitted to the Commission and have it put on the record.

3 Following this stage, the districts are again
4 adjusted to use visible geographic features. County
5 boundaries, cities and towns, and census tracts.

6 And we're lucky that the census geography often
7 follows these visible features.

8 Finally, they must -- they are again adjusted to
9 create competitive districts where there is no significant
10 detriment to other goals.

11 All right.

12 How can you submit your input to the AIRC?

13 You can fill out a request to speak form, again,
14 and you can talk about anything that is of particular
15 interest to you.

16 Sample criteria are: The actual criteria
17 themselves, various communities of interest you'd like to
18 see taken into account, or anything else on the
19 redistricting process.

20 You can also submit one of the blue input forms,
21 if, if you like, or if you have any other information, I
22 believe we have some maps here tonight, that can all be
23 submitted to the Commission too.

24 We do ask if you're submitting something else, if
25 comfortable please put your name and contact information on

1 it so that we can contact you should we have any questions
2 about the criteria that you are laying out.

3 You can also visit us at www.AZredistricting.org,
4 or call (602)542-5221 and submit your input that way.

5 Thank you very much for allowing us -- allowing me
6 to speak tonight, and we look forward to hearing your input.

7 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Next we'll move to the public
11 comment portion of our agenda.

12 Just a few ground rules for public comment.

13 I'll call three or four names so you know where
14 you are in the queue, but please step up to the podium,
15 speak -- these microphones seem pretty good, but speak
16 loudly, not only so that our court reporter can hear you,
17 but so people live streaming can hear you as well, and get a
18 good record.

19 After you correct me for mispronouncing your name,
20 please spell it for our court reporter and tell us whether
21 you're here representing yourself or a group and tell us
22 where you're from, city, town, that's fine.

23 And then we'd ask that you please try to limit
24 your comments to about four minutes.

25 I'm not wearing a watch, and I don't know if we

1 got somebody who can be time keeper.

2 Mr. Bladine?

3 RAY BLADINE: We do.

4 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Is this the one
5 minute --

6 RAY BLADINE: Yes, our four minutes.

7 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: When you hear that time, that
8 beeper goes off, please try to wrap it up.

9 If you absolutely can't do it, please visit us in
10 Prescott where we'll be tomorrow night or submit some
11 comments in writing to us.

12 So with that, I'd like to ask the Honorable Pete
13 Rios to come to speak.

14 He'll be followed by Richard Lynch, and then I
15 think we're go to throw it to Maricopa for Anthony Smith
16 from the City of Maricopa.

17 Mr. Rios.

18 PETE RIOS: Again, thank you. I was before the
19 IRC on Monday, in Mesa, so I will be brief with my comments
20 today.

21 But, again, thank you all that serve on the IRC.

22 For the most part, it's a thankless job, but I'm
23 glad you're willing to do it.

24 And we appreciate the fact that you are willing to
25 do it.

1 My name is Pete Rios. I am the chairman of the
2 Pinal County Board of Supervisors, but I'm here speaking for
3 myself, not for the board, not for anyone else.

4 So I want to make that clear.

5 I want to address Legislative District 23. And
6 what we are looking at is trying to develop an LD 23 that
7 is competitive, competitive between Republicans and
8 Democrats.

9 And we're looking to try to come up with something
10 that's within five to eight percentage points difference, so
11 that at least people in the state of Arizona, when they go
12 to vote in the general, they have an opportunity to decide
13 if they really want to go with one party or the other. And
14 clearly the Independents will have a huge impact there as
15 well.

16 Part of what we're looking at right now is parts
17 of Pinal County.

18 Parts of Gila County I mentioned Monday, the mayor
19 of Globe, some people in Miami have indicated an interest in
20 being part of the copper corridor, along with some other
21 communities in Pinal that would include Florence, Eloy, and
22 Coolidge.

23 And part of what is coming together right now, it
24 looks like it would go into Cochise and Graham County. That
25 would make that a very, very competitive district.

1 And I hope that we are in a position -- and when I
2 say we, I am working with other folks, but I'm not speaking
3 for other folks -- is be able to submit maps, demographics,
4 so that you all can see exactly what I'm talking about.

5 One of the things that I do want to ensure is that
6 LD 23 will be in compliance with Section 5 of the Voting
7 Rights Act, and that protected classes are not in racially
8 polarized districts, because we in Pinal County are going
9 through redistricting as well.

10 We have some consultants that are looking at Pinal
11 County and the precincts.

12 They have identified some precincts that they have
13 determined to be racially polarized.

14 So my hope is, and goal is, that we ensure that
15 those protected classes are not included in racially
16 polarized legislative districts.

17 And with that, I thank you again, and I will
18 conclude, since I had already addressed the board on Monday,
19 so leave people an opportunity.

20 Thank you very much.

21 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

22 Next will be Richard Lynch.

23 RICHARD LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the
24 Commission, I'm Bob Lynch. I'm an attorney in Phoenix,
25 Arizona. And I appear here this evening on the behalf of

1 the Pinal County Governmental Alliance.

2 The county and the local communities and districts
3 in Pinal County have the voluntary organization that
4 addresses issues of county importance, and they've engaged
5 our firm to come up with some suggested maps for your
6 consideration.

7 The first is the congressional map. Our task was
8 to try to keep as much as possible of Pinal County in one
9 congressional district.

10 And if you will look at the maps that are in front
11 of you. And this one, which is the blowup of that first
12 map, you will see that we have suggested a set of nine
13 districts based on the premise that, except for the Indian
14 communities, the rest of Pinal County will be in a single
15 congressional district.

16 Ak-Chin, Gila River, and Tohono O'Odham are part
17 of Congressional District 7 now. And as I understand the
18 requirements of the Justice Department, we felt they would
19 remain in that district.

20 A couple of things I will point out to you very
21 quickly.

22 One, there are two majority minority districts in
23 this state now.

24 Our suggestion continues that.

25 District 7 goes from 53 percent to 54, and

1 District 4 as we've drawn it goes to 57.

2 District 4 moves slightly west of Maricopa County.

3 District 7 adds a little of Cochise County and a
4 little more of Maricopa County in order to maintain its
5 minority population and loses some Yuma County.

6 We start from the premise -- I know you have to do
7 a grid map. We start from the premise that it's been a very
8 long time since the Hopis and Navajos have been represented
9 by the same congressman.

10 And we doubt seriously that they will end up in
11 that condition.

12 So if you start from the premise that they will be
13 represented in two different districts, that you have 19
14 Indian communities -- Indian tribes in this state,
15 21 reservations, that you have certain specific geographic
16 areas of minority populations, it leads you to some
17 commonalities that you cannot ignore and that the Justice
18 Department has not ignored in the past.

19 So our Congressional District 9 is most of Pinal
20 County, all of Graham, all of Greenlee, all of Apache, all
21 but the Hopi portion of Navajo, and part -- and all of Gila
22 and part of Coconino.

23 We have given you statistics.

24 We have run statistics on population.

25 Oddly enough we are two people off in District 8,

1 but perfect on District 7.

2 And not so perfect that, you know, a street here
3 or there in some of the other districts, but very close.

4 We have tried to apply the Voting Rights Act
5 principles as we understood them, and we hope that you will
6 have a chance to study our proposal and analyze it as you
7 move through the process.

8 We also have a less grandiose proposal related to
9 legislative districts in Pinal County.

10 And you will find in your presentation proposal
11 for two legislative districts that are primarily Pinal
12 County, and the statistics to go with it. And we will hope
13 you consider those as well.

14 And thank you for the opportunity to be here.

15 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

16 Okay. Now, bear with us.

17 I understand that the mayor of the city of
18 Maricopa would like to address the Commission, Anthony
19 Smith.

20 So, Kristina, if you could go ahead and give him
21 the microphone, and we'll wait until you come on.

22 (Whereupon, Mayor Anthony Smith spoke via
23 videoconference.)

24 ANTHONY SMITH: My name is Anthony Smith, mayor of
25 the city of Maricopa.

1 I want to thank members of the Commission for this
2 opportunity.

3 As mayor of the city of Maricopa, I would like to
4 welcome you to Maricopa via the videoconference.

5 Speaking on behalf of our residents, we would like
6 to thank the Commission for including Maricopa as a location
7 in the first round of public hearings to take comments from
8 Maricopa residents in the redistricting process.

9 As mayor, I sit on -- sit as a member of the Pinal
10 County Governmental Alliance.

11 As you may know, the Alliance approved the set of
12 maps created by Richard Lynch of Lynch & Associates.

13 I want to thank members of the Commission.

14 As a member of this Alliance, I would like to
15 state my support for these maps to be considered in your
16 redistricting process.

17 Lastly I would like to thank you for your hard
18 work in making this an open and transparent process, and
19 assure you that Maricopa will continue to stay involved as
20 you complete this process.

21 Thank you, commissioners.

22 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Mayor Smith.

23 Thanks to all of you for bearing with us there.

24 The next speaker will be Gregory -- it looks like
25 Schuller.

1 Followed by Shirley Murray.

2 And it looks like Trent Mackenzie.

3 GREGORY SCHULLER: How do you do. My name is Greg
4 Schuller.

5 I'm interested in keeping LD 23 as compact and as
6 together as it presently is.

7 I realize that someplace along the line there's
8 going to have to be some part of a split off with LD 23,
9 but -- because of the size, but in doing that, as was stated
10 earlier, there could be two LDs within Pinal County if
11 Pinal County was kept intact as one of the districts.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Sir, could you please spell
14 your name?

15 GREGORY SCHULLER: S-C-H-U-L-L-E-R.

16 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

17 Shirley Murray.

18 SHIRLEY MUNEY: The name is Muney, M-U-N-E-Y.

19 And I'd like to thank the Commission for operating
20 as originally intended by the voters in Proposition 106,
21 with a balanced Commission, with a truly independent chair,
22 and significant input from the public.

23 Of the five main criteria specified in
24 Proposition 106 for redistricting, I'd like to emphasize
25 competitiveness.

1 As we can tell from the polarized political views
2 we hear every day on the news, it's important that voters in
3 each district have a significant and fair choice.

4 Competition is the hallmark of our society, and it
5 should be reflected in our voting process as well as in
6 commerce.

7 Thank you very much.

8 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

9 Trent MacKenzie.

10 FRED MACKENZIE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman and
11 committee members.

12 I appreciate the opportunity of speaking before
13 you.

14 My name is Fred MacKenzie. I am chairman -- and I
15 live in Saddlebrooke.

16 I'm chairman of a grassroots organization called
17 Pinal County Citizens For Excellence In Government.

18 We are a, as I said, a grassroots organization
19 that is nonpartisan and believes in good government, and we
20 are trying to learn as much as we can about good government,
21 and educate our fellow citizens.

22 My slant in my talk this afternoon is a little
23 different than maybe some of the previous speakers, and
24 perhaps also the ones that will follow.

25 I'm approaching my concerns strictly from a Pinal

1 County standpoint and not the state.

2 I realize the purpose, the main purpose of
3 this meeting is redistricting at the state level.
4 However, as you know, there's a separate process at the
5 county level.

6 But I'd like to share with you my concerns as to
7 what is going on at the county level in my opinion.

8 I have met with Attorney Bruce Adelson, who's the
9 attorney hired by Pinal County to come up with an acceptable
10 redistricting format that will be acceptable at the
11 Department of Justice.

12 And we understand that the preliminary maps for
13 this redistricting at the county level will include a couple
14 of points.

15 One of them, Casa Grande will be split in two.
16 Two separate districts.

17 I think we would all agree that Casa Grande
18 constitutes one separate community of interest, and of
19 course it's a compact community.

20 So this, this really confuses me.

21 I'm learning about the ground rules of this
22 Commission, which is similar to those that the Department of
23 Justice have set for the county level.

24 And this one clearly doesn't meet that standard.

25 The second one we heard, and this is not

1 substantiated, but -- and we hope it never will be, would be
2 that Saddlebrooke, the community where I live, and Maricopa,
3 a community which we have little community of interest, is
4 103 miles away, let me repeat that, 103 miles away, and will
5 be in the same district.

6 Now, I submit to you that that makes no sense from
7 a layman's standpoint.

8 And my purpose in appearing before you and
9 communicating this is that I respectfully hope that in your
10 dealings that you don't consider a solution similar to the
11 two that I mentioned.

12 Because I'm not an attorney, but I just cannot
13 understand how either one of those two would even be
14 considered.

15 So in conclusion, I thank you for letting me
16 appear before you, and I respectfully ask that you consider
17 the intent of my concerns.

18 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. MacKenzie.

19 Would you please spell your name for our court
20 reporter.

21 FRED MACKENZIE: Yes. M-A-C, capital K-E-N-Z-I-E.
22 My first name is Fred.

23 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, sir.

24 FRED MACKENZIE: Thank you very much.

25 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Next we'll have Lynne

1 St. Angelo, followed by Pat Robertson, followed by Chula
2 Robertson.

3 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: Good evening, commissioners.

4 I am Lynne St. Angelo, S-T, A-N-G-E-L-O.

5 And much has been said about competitive
6 districts. Based on the comments from the public, it seems
7 that people think that if a district has had both Democrats
8 and Republicans elected then it is a competitive district.

9 If that is the definition for a competitive
10 district, then I live in one of the nine competitive
11 legislative districts in the state and in one of the three
12 competitive congressional districts in the state.

13 Several people have said there are only four
14 competitive legislative districts, and we should have ten.

15 But if you look at the elections since the last
16 redistricting, there are nine districts that have elected
17 both Democrats and Republicans.

18 Namely LD 5, LD 10, LD 11, LD 17, LD 20, LD 23,
19 LD 24, LD 25, and LD 26.

20 There are three congressional districts that have
21 changed hands as well. CD 1, CD 5, and CD 8.

22 I live in LD 26 and CD 8, both competitive
23 districts.

24 Arizona's voter registration now has Independents
25 and no party registration that are higher in number than the

1 Democrats and less than the Republicans.

2 So the real voting group that is determining which
3 candidate wins an election is that middle group.

4 And they seem to swing either way depending on the
5 year.

6 I have attended most of the redistricting meetings
7 since March, even when there were only two members of the
8 public present.

9 And freedom of speech is guaranteed in the First
10 Amendment.

11 And this is a public forum, so I really was
12 offended by the Commission's attempting to silence speech at
13 the last meeting.

14 That was as bad as saying to a 100 people who had
15 just spoken that, quote, you are just a sliver of the people
16 we serve, end quote.

17 By saying that, you were saying that you don't
18 care what the public says at these meetings.

19 I understand the commissioners are accountable to
20 no one, but your votes must be questioned in the light of
21 day.

22 To vote for the less aggressive, less experienced
23 attorney for the Republicans and President Obama's only D.C.
24 campaign company to draw maps for Arizona reeks of
25 partisanship.

1 The three commissioners that voted this way either
2 thought no one would notice or no one would say anything.

3 But we did notice. And we will say something.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

6 Pat Robertson.

7 PAT ROBERTSON: Hey, you guys. I'm Pat Robertson.
8 I'm a farmer from Coolidge, Arizona, and I would like to
9 keep it rural.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

13 Chula Robertson.

14 CHULA ROBERTSON: Hi, I'm Chula Robertson. I'm
15 her daughter.

16 I'm a student down at the U of A. And I really
17 want to encourage you guys to keep it competitive.

18 As a student I learn so much about politics and
19 competitiveness and how important it is for students and
20 kids my age to vote.

21 And I really want to thank you guys also for all
22 your hard work.

23 Good luck.

24 We really appreciate what you're doing.

25 (Applause.)

1 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thanks. Ms. Robertson, could
2 you spell your name, please?

3 CHULA ROBERTSON: Yes. It's C-H-U-L-A,
4 R-O-B-E-R-T-S-O-N.

5 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

6 Next we'll have David Snider, followed by Tom
7 Ramsdell, and Donna Branch-Gilby.

8 DAVID SNIDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of
9 the Commission.

10 My name is David Snider, S-N-I-D-E-R.

11 And I am here representing myself, although, like
12 Mr. Rios, I am a member of the Pinal County Board of
13 Supervisors.

14 I'm here to speak in favor of the mapping
15 suggestions offered by the Pinal County Alliance.

16 I've been with the Alliance in one responsibility
17 or another since its inception in 1987. And I've seen the
18 county through so many changes.

19 The proposal that the Alliance has set forward,
20 first of all, for the congressional suggestion, does, in
21 fact, in my opinion, help keep Pinal County in a rural
22 district.

23 We have a great deal of community of interest
24 relationships with the counties that are included in there,
25 such as Graham and Greenlee, and parts of Yavapai and

1 Coconino.

2 We share philosophies. We share natural
3 resources.

4 With regard to the legislative districting
5 proposals, from our perspective Pinal County is going to
6 clearly be a part of the sun corridor, which will include
7 Maricopa County, Pima County, and of course Pinal County.

8 We refer to ourselves as the meat in the sandwich.

9 I would like to point out that this proposal that
10 Mr. Lynch has put forward on our behalf shares that
11 community of interest with extensions both into Maricopa
12 County for one district and Pima County for the other
13 district, ensuring that that dialogue and that connection
14 with those communities of interest continue and are enhanced
15 in a competitive and compact way.

16 Finally, I share your pain.

17 The closest I've ever come to taking on such a
18 thankless task is being a school board member for 12 years.

19 So, thank you for your passion and your
20 commitment.

21 I would like to note that you did volunteer for
22 this, not getting paid anything, but you volunteered, so
23 thank you for your service to our state.

24 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

25 Tom Ramsdell.

1 TOM RAMSDELL: Vice Chairman and commissioners, my
2 name is Tom Ramsdell, and I live right here in Casa Grande,
3 right smack in the middle of Pinal County.

4 That's R-A-M-S-D-E-L-L.

5 I want to thank you for coming to our community
6 this evening to receive public input from us as you gather
7 the information and our community interest and concerns in
8 your process of establishing the new boundaries for
9 Arizona's congressional and legislative districts.

10 I'm sure the five of you are -- well, in this case
11 the three of you, are acutely aware of the rules for fair
12 and equitable redistricting.

13 And that as they're well established in the
14 Constitution of the United States, the Voting Rights Act and
15 the Arizona Constitution.

16 And if you must -- and they must strictly be
17 followed along with other laws that govern the Commission's
18 duties.

19 As a Pinal County citizen, I would like to
20 enumerate how I think our community of interest should be
21 defined.

22 First, Pinal County in its total should be
23 considered a community of interest.

24 Pinal County's population is now 375,770 souls.

25 A congressional district must have 710,000 -- I

1 think 220 people.

2 Pinal County is a rural county.

3 And we're proud of that.

4 And we're bounded on the north and the south by
5 urban counties.

6 Maricopa County to the north with a population of
7 3,817,000, and Pima County to the south with a population of
8 980,000 and change.

9 So in Maricopa, they'll have approximately
10 5.4 congressional districts.

11 And in Pima County, they'll be 2.4 --
12 1.4 congressional districts.

13 And it didn't go unnoticed by me that, um, that
14 two of the commissioners are from Maricopa County and three
15 are from Pinal County -- Pima County.

16 Two urban districts that, you know, bound our
17 county north and south.

18 And so I just want to be mindful that Pinal
19 County -- of Pinal County's rural concerns and our rural
20 interests when you establish these boundaries.

21 Urban and rural counties clearly do not have many
22 of the same interests.

23 Pinal County has always been known as an
24 agricultural county. The county of the three Cs: Cotton,
25 copper, and cattle.

1 Whole counties and whole cities should be placed
2 in a single district to the extent possible.

3 And I refer you to Arizona Constitution Title IV,
4 Section 2-14(d).

5 Second, Latinos currently make up 29.5 percent of
6 Arizona's population.

7 Simple math would indicate that the Latino
8 population should have two majority minority congressional
9 districts, so they would have the ability to elect a
10 candidate of their choice because they have the majority of
11 the votes.

12 And also one more district that would be
13 considered competitive. And I'll touch on competitive in a
14 minute.

15 Regarding the LDs, legislative districts, Latinos
16 should have nine Latino minority legislative districts, if
17 geography and demographics permit them without illegal
18 gerrymandering.

19 Third, I've been hearing of a new way to
20 redistrict called the spoke and wheel concept.

21 Clearly the spoke and wheel concept would be in
22 direct violation of state and federal law, and I refer you
23 to Title IV of the state constitution.

24 And you've already touched on the mapping process.

25 Redistricting guidelines are in place to ensure

1 fair and equitably based districts.

2 And I am respectfully reminding the Commission to
3 consider that they shouldn't be outcome based.

4 And, quickly, there's been much talk about
5 competitive districts.

6 This is not, however, the defining criteria. It's
7 only one of the five. And to the extent practicable,
8 competitive districts should favor -- should be favored
9 where there is no -- they do not create any significant
10 detriment to the other goals.

11 I want to thank you for being here and listening
12 to my comments.

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

14 Donna Branch-Gilby.

15 DONNA BRANCH-GILBY: Good evening, commissioners
16 and Vice Chairman Freeman. Thank you for being here and
17 being open to all of the public comment that you're getting.

18 My name is Donna Branch-Gilby. That last name is
19 B-R-A-N-C-H, hyphen, G-I-L-B-Y.

20 And I would like to say a few words about
21 competitiveness, and particularly as that relates to
22 community of interest.

23 I would like to recall for you a few years ago
24 when we were at the beginning of our economic recession and
25 we saw the legislature reducing the funding for public

1 education.

2 The public was given the opportunity on the ballot
3 to decide whether to adopt a one percent sales tax earmarked
4 for education specifically.

5 This state, the voters in this state,
6 overwhelmingly adopted that support, raising our own taxes
7 to support additional funding for public education.

8 Yet we currently have a legislature which has
9 voted exactly the opposite way.

10 To me this indicates that the whole state looked
11 at as a community of interest supporting good quality
12 education for all our students is not reflected in the
13 legislature that we currently have.

14 And I'm most grateful that you're going to be
15 looking at these boundary lines with a fresh eye.

16 This is an opportunity for us to really see that
17 we arrange the lines so that voters have an opportunity to
18 elect representatives who will truly reflect the interest of
19 the whole state.

20 Thank you.

21 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

22 Next we'll have Councilman Dick Powell.

23 He'll be followed by Tom Miller, and Stephanie
24 Mach.

25 DICK POWELL: Thank you very much. My name is

1 Dick Powell, and I appreciate the opportunity to be here
2 tonight.

3 I'm a member of the Casa Grande City Council.

4 I know you guys are looking at mission impossible
5 and trying to do the best you can with the task in front of
6 you.

7 Two or three things that I think is really
8 paramount is Pinal County to be as whole as possible being a
9 rural county in the redistricting and not cut into pieces
10 where they really don't have the influence they should
11 congressionally. I think there's at least two or three
12 rural areas that need that in your districts as you look at
13 the ones.

14 The second one is on the legislative part in the
15 state of Arizona. We went through -- in Casa Grande years
16 ago we were gerrymandered and basically were disenfranchised
17 for a number of years.

18 We had people in the legislature, and all of a
19 sudden having two districts run right down through the
20 middle of town left us unable to do that and be represented.

21 And I think that you need to look at your
22 population centers, where the people are in these rural
23 areas, and make sure that the community gets to speak,
24 because when you divide one of them, you basically have
25 wiped out that ability, and there's a number in Pinal

1 County, and so hopefully they can be included together as
2 much as possible to make sure and don't split up major
3 communities if possible.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

6 Tom Miller?

7 TOM MILLER: Members of the Arizona Independent
8 Redistricting Commission, I want to thank you for allowing
9 me a few minutes to express some of my thoughts.

10 My name is Tom Miller. I'm a registered voter and
11 resident of Casa Grande.

12 I moved to Pinal County in 1969. I was engaged in
13 agriculture in Maricopa until 1990 when I moved to
14 Casa Grande.

15 Both of my sons graduated from Casa Grande Union
16 High School, which at that time this building was part of
17 that campus.

18 In these past 42 years there's been many changes
19 in the makeup of Pinal County. This is especially true in
20 the past decade with a dramatic increase in our county's
21 population.

22 Members of your commission have a very difficult
23 task, and an important one as you go about the job of laying
24 out our new congressional district boundaries.

25 Your efforts are to be commended and appreciated.

1 As you're aware, Pinal County lies right in the
2 middle between our two most populated counties, Maricopa and
3 Pima.

4 I have always thought about -- thought of
5 Pinal County as being an agriculture hub.

6 When I first moved here, as I mentioned earlier,
7 the slogan was Pinal County, cotton, copper, and cattle.

8 Today it has become cotton and copper.

9 When I moved to Maricopa, agriculture was the
10 common thread between which was then the town of Maricopa
11 and Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Eloy, Florence, and on up
12 into the mountains with San Manuel and Mammoth.

13 To me that thread remains in place today.

14 Your commission is not above the law if you have
15 to follow the language of the U.S. and Arizona constitutions
16 and the Voting Rights Act.

17 To complicate your job, you have to try to make
18 sure all the voters are happy as well.

19 That is no easy task to be sure.

20 Article 4, Section 2, Line 14A of the Arizona
21 Constitution states, quote: To the extent practical,
22 district lines shall be visible geographic features, city,
23 town, and county boundaries and undivided census tracts.

24 Line 14F in the same section says: To the extent
25 possible, competitive districts should be favored where, and

1 I emphasize this, to do so would create no significant
2 detriment to the other goals.

3 And I want to stress those last few words, to
4 do so would create no significant detriment to the other
5 goals.

6 That is why I urge you to consider allowing
7 Pinal County to stay together in the new district.

8 It was sad to see Maricopa placed in a different
9 congressional district from the rest of the county in the
10 first redistricting process.

11 These cities in rural counties like Pinal have
12 citizens with common wants and needs. To leave the citizens
13 with the feeling their votes mean more, these cities and
14 towns and the county as a whole would be better served to be
15 in a single district.

16 I know there will have to be other communities
17 included in our district to fulfill population requirements.
18 The cities of Miami, Globe, Safford, and others in the
19 Graham, Greenlee, and possibly Cochise counties will seem to
20 be a good fit for consideration in the new district.

21 The same concept holds true for the Native
22 Americans on the reservations.

23 Their community should never be split by putting
24 CD or LD boundaries through a reservation.

25 They do have similar interests and want their

1 votes as effective as possible, and they therefore should
2 enjoy the same privileges as everyone else.

3 In conclusion, I believe the needs of all voters,
4 Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, will be well
5 served if whole communities are placed into districts as
6 opposed to being split up.

7 I believe that in rural areas, priority should be
8 given to establish CD and LD boundaries that follow county
9 lines wherever possible.

10 Again, I want to thank you for allowing me to
11 speak and for the work you're about to do.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

14 Stefanie Mach.

15 And I'll just remind everyone to please spell your
16 name for our court reporter.

17 She'll be followed by Shirley Andreatta. I
18 apologize for mispronouncing it.

19 And Mohur Sidhwa.

20 STEFANIE MACH: Hi. My name is Stefanie Mach.

21 It's S-T-E-F-A-N-I-E, and Mach is M-A-C-H.

22 Thank you, again, as was said we really appreciate
23 your time and your thoughtful consideration for this
24 monumental task which you're about -- or actually currently
25 undertaking.

1 I'm here to talk about competitiveness.

2 I know that you have six criteria from which to
3 choose.

4 And I would argue that competitiveness is of the
5 most importance.

6 You know, I work with young kids and also through
7 college age young adults, and I try to encourage them as
8 much as possible to be civically engaged and to really be a
9 part of their community.

10 And I tell them, their voice is important.

11 They need to express it. They need to act on
12 their beliefs and whatever they think is important for their
13 communities.

14 With noncompetitive districts, I feel that
15 oftentimes they come back to me and say, my voice isn't
16 heard, I don't see that, beyond a primary, I have any chance
17 of ever really getting a person who represents me and my
18 views.

19 And then on top of that I feel like it encourages
20 a system where oftentimes you have representatives who feel
21 that because of extreme partisanship they don't even have to
22 listen to you or respect other people once they even get
23 into office.

24 So not only can you not get people who represent
25 us, but then the ones who are supposed to represent the

1 entire community do not.

2 And I just really want to encourage you to really
3 consider that.

4 And I want to assure you that although you may not
5 hear from many moderates, and you may not get to hear that
6 opinion, there are a lot of reasonable people out there who
7 may not have extreme views on either side and really want to
8 encourage competitiveness, an American value I believe, that
9 actually encourages us to be better, to be better as
10 representatives, to be better as citizens, and to be better
11 at creating the best system that we can.

12 So I appreciate, again, what you're doing.

13 I also appreciate everyone who's come here today,
14 because, as I've stated, civic engagement is really
15 important.

16 So thank you for your voice.

17 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

18 Shirley Andreatta.

19 SHIRLEY ANDREATTA: Okay. Commissioners, my name
20 is spelled A-N-D-R-E-A-T-T-A.

21 I'm here today to urge the Commission to give due
22 consideration to competitive districts.

23 I feel they're very important.

24 I want to feel when I vote that I have a choice.

25 And I want to feel that my voice will count.

1 And to me that's one of the most important things
2 that I think redistricting can do, is to bring us to a point
3 where we have more competitive districts.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

6 Mohur Sidhwa.

7 MOHUR SIDHWA: Good evening.

8 Thank you once again for taking the time out. And
9 I know you're all volunteers.

10 I recently heard somebody complain that there was
11 only one commission member present at one of the hearings
12 that took place.

13 I had to remind them that you all have day jobs,
14 and you're taking time out from your lives to do this, and
15 you can't be hopping all over the state all the time.

16 But I would like to thank whoever is here and
17 those who are listening elsewhere. I'm sure they're
18 following along.

19 Thank you also for showing consistent grace even
20 when under fire, as we had been in the past, and for
21 insisting on the independence from the legislature of
22 special interest or pressures.

23 My name is Mohur Sidhwa, M-O-H-U-R, S-I-D-H-W-A.

24 Competitiveness is a human compulsion almost.

25 When we don't compete with others, we wind up

1 competing with ourselves very often.

2 It is also a uniquely American value in that it is
3 really valued in the classroom, in the sports field, in
4 business, or in the arena of political ideas and policies.

5 By removing competitiveness, you remove that which
6 is the foundation of a functioning democracy.

7 I really urge you not to do that, because this
8 kind of removes the citizens' rights to a viable choice.

9 Yes, we always have choices, even in the most
10 noncompetitive district. But citizens would prefer a viable
11 choice where both sides of the aisles can speak to the
12 common interest.

13 So just wanted to bring that up.

14 And I thank you very much.

15 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

16 Next we'll have Warren Young, followed by Geri
17 Ottoboni, and Brian Martin.

18 WARREN YOUNG: I'm Warren Young, Y-O-U-N-G.

19 I'd like to thank you for the -- for this huge
20 undertaking here that you're doing.

21 I would just like -- I remember, when was it,
22 about '93, my son was in the process of getting into the
23 Air Force Academy. And the congressman that we went through
24 was Jim Kolby in Tucson.

25 And I thought, gee, that's really -- that's crazy,

1 isn't it.

2 I mean, I know he cared about Casa Grande, but I
3 think he was probably a little more affiliated with Tucson.

4 So I think it's -- to me it's kind of important
5 that we don't have things split, you know, different streets
6 going to different districts, and that sort of thing.

7 Thank you very much.

8 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Young.

9 Geri Ottoboni.

10 GERI OTTOBONI: Commissioners, my name is Geri
11 Ottoboni.

12 Before I start -- oh, by the way, it's G-E-R-I,
13 O-T-T-O-B-O-N-I.

14 And before I start, I was so delighted to see you
15 have an interpreter here for the Spanish speaking
16 individuals.

17 My question is: Do you also provide one for the
18 deaf community?

19 There's a very large deaf people in Phoenix, and I
20 don't see that they're being represented at all.

21 And also on your videos, I haven't seen any
22 captioning, so you might want to consider captioning the
23 video so the deaf community can have an opportunity to know
24 what's going on in this process.

25 Anyway, I want to set the record straight about

1 the Mesa meeting.

2 I worked on fiscally conservative Democrat and
3 Republican campaigns in the 2010 election.

4 What I care most about is being fiscally
5 responsible.

6 And with my money.

7 Since the government is taking my money from me, I
8 expect my elected representatives to be careful and prudent
9 with how they spend it.

10 Proposition 106, instituting the Arizona
11 Redistricting Commission, took redistricting out of the
12 hands of 90 legislators and put it in the hands of
13 five unelected commissioners who have total authority and
14 are accountable to no one.

15 Before Proposition 106, we the people paid our
16 legislators an annual salary which included the cost of
17 redistricting.

18 Our legislators still receive the same salary, but
19 now they don't do the redistricting.

20 I stand corrected in the amount of money the
21 Commission spends.

22 Proposition 106 required, No. 18B, the treasurer
23 of the state shall make \$6 million available for the work of
24 the Independent Redistricting Commission pursuant to the
25 year 2000 census.

1 However, it actually cost the taxpayers 9,554,100,
2 according to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee document
3 Page 186, that I'm submitting into public record.

4 That budget committee was of the 2000 -- 2010
5 Redistricting Commission actually spent.

6 The JLBC had recommended that the current
7 commission receive 10,203,000 for this ten-year cycle, for
8 we were supposed to get public input into lines and look
9 into all the dealings of the process.

10 Now documents have been shredded so that no one
11 can tell how the Commission chose the mapping company.

12 The company the Commission has hired is a campaign
13 company that only works on progressive candidate campaigns
14 and was hired by the DNC to map lines in every state to get
15 the most Democratic districts possible to counter the huge
16 Democratic losses in the 2010 election.

17 Over 50 percent of the Commission's time has been
18 spent behind closed doors and in early meetings in the
19 morning, because I've been there.

20 Now, the -- let's see.

21 Sorry.

22 And the documents supporting what transpired
23 behind these closed doors are mysteriously missing.

24 In addition, there were cell phone conversations
25 where voter trading was discussed, which is a violation of

1 the open meeting law.

2 So three commissioners are corrupt, and we have a
3 corrupt process.

4 With the 47 -- with the legislature, 47 elected
5 people would have to be corrupt to get the same result.

6 And this is what we have acquired for \$10 million,
7 not \$6 million that I mentioned before.

8 I doubt the public had any idea.

9 Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

11 Next will be Brian Martin.

12 BRIAN MARTIN: I'm Brian Martin, B-R-I-A-N,
13 M-A-R-T-I-N.

14 I do sit on the Board of Supervisors for Pinal
15 County, but I'm representing myself.

16 A brief background on Pinal County.

17 I support Pinal County staying as a single
18 congressional district. Pinal County is almost 5700 square
19 miles. We're the size of Connecticut.

20 There are 3,147 counties in America. We're the
21 second fastest growing county. 109 percent.

22 Over the last ten years, we've built a home every
23 hour of every day for ten years.

24 Our growth pattern is unprecedented in Arizona.

25 It's imperative that we have the ability to have a

1 single representative in Washington to represent our
2 interests.

3 Right now we share four congressmen.

4 Those congressmen are beholden to a number of
5 communities.

6 They do their best to represent Pinal County, God
7 bless them all.

8 Our growth pattern remains consistent. We will
9 grow. We are in the sun corridor.

10 There will be over three million people estimated
11 in this county within the next 20 years.

12 It is imperative we have the ability to get the
13 federal programs that we need to meet our needs, so we have
14 a voice in Washington.

15 And although the district is not Pinal County
16 inclusive, I think it's imperative that we look at Pinal
17 County and then try to match our interests with those
18 interests throughout the state of Arizona.

19 Thank you for your time and your consideration.

20 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

21 Next we'll have Paula Maniszko, followed by
22 Weymouth Fogelberg, and Frank Oliveri.

23 PAULA MANISZKO: Good evening. I'm Paula
24 Maniszko, M-A-N-I-S-Z-K-O.

25 I'm a Casa Grande resident, retired teacher, and

1 I've lived in Arizona since 1979.

2 I'm a -- I have a very healthy respect for all the
3 guidelines you must follow in making your decision.

4 I'm a big fan of the Voter Rights Act.

5 I would like to see two greater Arizona districts.
6 Casa Grande needs to have their interest be matched with the
7 small towns of Pinal County.

8 I really believe in competitive districts.

9 I would like to encourage people -- I'd like to
10 tell people that their vote counts, that it matters when
11 they go to the polls.

12 I want to thank the Commission for the task that
13 lays ahead of you.

14 Please don't let the noise distract you from the
15 important task that lays before you.

16 Arizona needs statesmen and stateswomen now more
17 than ever, and I believe that you're in a good position to
18 give that back to Arizona.

19 Thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

21 Weymouth Fogelberg?

22 WEYMOUTH FOGELBERG: Good evening. Thank you very
23 much for what you are doing, and thank you for doing it well
24 and appropriately.

25 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Could you spell your name?

1 WEYMOUTH FOGELBERG: Yeah. Weymouth,
2 W-E-Y-M-O-U-T-H. Fogelberg, F-O-G-E-L-B-E-R-G.

3 When I go to Florence, I still feel at home.

4 When I go around the county and the repetition
5 here of how we like to be homogenous is not something that's
6 boring. It is something that's really being emphasized.
7 It's almost like a pleading.

8 I don't feel quite as at home in Scottsdale in
9 terms of the common interest that we have together.

10 And so I'd like you to pay attention to that, and
11 at the same time I'd like to tell you I trust that you will
12 do it well.

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thanks.

14 Frank Olivieri.

15 FRANK OLIVIERI: Thank you for letting me speak
16 today, commissioners.

17 O-L-I-V-I-E-R-I.

18 I am from the unincorporated area of Pima County.

19 I talk about the -- presenting a map of LD 26 and
20 its relevance to Pinal County.

21 The -- this map of LD 26 I present of
22 redistricting is favorable to the Voting Rights Act, equal
23 population, contiguous, and considers the communities of
24 interest, and competitiveness that everyone likes, as
25 mentioned today.

1 This map considers next major economic growth area
2 of Arizona for the next ten years.

3 The map is, boundaries would be from River Road to
4 Oracle Road to Ina Road boundaries of southern borders of
5 Pima County incorporating Oro Valley, Marana east and west
6 of I-10, the southwest -- as the southwest border, eastern
7 boundary, Coronado National Forest and Rancho Vistoso and
8 east of Arizona State Route 79.

9 Northern boundary is south of Florence and
10 includes Casa Grande.

11 Finally, this is a major transportation corridor
12 for rail and air transportation cargo in a free trade zone.

13 From Oro Valley, unincorporated Pima County,
14 Marana, past Eloy, Picacho, and Casa Grande. These
15 communities all have a common economic interest in growth
16 for the community as stated earlier by many other speakers.
17 Thank you -- participants.

18 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Next we'll have Steven Kohut,
19 followed by Vince Leach and Rose Robertson.

20 STEVEN KOHUT: Members of the Commission, my name
21 is Steve Kohut. That is K-O-H-U-T.

22 Tonight I'm speaking on my own behalf and not on
23 behalf of any organization.

24 The first requirement for this Commission under
25 Prop 106 of the state constitution is of fairness.

1 Before we get into mapping or anything else, it's
2 a requirement of fairness.

3 And I have major problems with the Commissions,
4 its makeup, and the mapping consultants being able to do
5 that.

6 So let's talk about fairness.

7 Is it fair that the chairwoman of the Commission
8 would not be eligible for the position that she holds if she
9 had disclosed that her husband was a paid staffer for
10 Democratic campaign.

11 Is that fair?

12 Is it fair that when we're picking counsel, the
13 Democratic portion gets what they want for their counsel.
14 Two Democratic members and the chairwoman vote for their
15 counsel.

16 The Republicans don't get their choice. The two
17 Democrats and the chairwoman vote for and pick the
18 Republican's counsel.

19 Is that fair?

20 Our state today is much more populace than it was
21 in 2000.

22 The Commission is holding a third less hearings,
23 stifling public input.

24 Is that fair?

25 Half of the meetings that have been held have been

1 in executive session where the public has no input.

2 And decisions have been made in those sessions.

3 That's an issue with the open meetings law, and
4 it's not fair either.

5 I think the most gross unfairness that we're
6 dealing with now that we have that Commission is the mapping
7 consultants.

8 As the previous speaker noted, they were the
9 mapping consultants for Barrack Obama's 2008 campaign.

10 Is that fair?

11 What's even worse, they are currently under
12 contract for the DNC to tell them how to redistrict the
13 nation state by state to deal with legislative losses and CD
14 losses.

15 How is that not a conflict of interest?

16 How can you have a company doing work for the DNC
17 nationwide and supposed to be nonpartisan here?

18 How is that remotely fair?

19 And now how do we pick them?

20 We have one council committee member who openly
21 admitted, Mr. Herrera, that he gave them a perfect score
22 because he was afraid that they wouldn't get in if he didn't
23 do that.

24 Now three people voted to pick ST.

25 And they got three perfect scores. ST doesn't

1 meet the requirements for the request of proposal.

2 Their cost is twice as high, they have no
3 experience in this process, and yet somehow Barrack Obama's
4 and Eric Holder's company is here redistricting Arizona in a
5 nonpartisan fashion.

6 How is that remotely fair for the citizens of this
7 state who under Prop 106 demanded fairness and openness of
8 the Commission?

9 It just boggles my mind.

10 And as they were getting elected, the chairwoman
11 is on her cell phone brokering votes.

12 It's, you know, an issue with open meetings law,
13 and there's an affidavit filed to that effect.

14 How is that fair?

15 You know, and, lastly, the best part is the score
16 cards in this process hit the shredder.

17 Your own executive director admits that's the
18 case. They're gone. I can't request them under open
19 meeting law requirements for documents.

20 How is that fair?

21 So we're being asked today to talk about maps and
22 push map lines around.

23 The grid lines, the starting points, haven't been
24 created yet, and we're talking about pushing lines around.

25 When the process itself and the starting point

1 isn't fair.

2 I think the sad point for the people of Arizona,
3 people like me, I live in unincorporated Pinal County is
4 where I live, what we're going to have to do to get fairness
5 is we're going to have to raise money and we're going to end
6 up in court.

7 Ultimately that is going to be the requirement for
8 fairness.

9 Because the other option is ST will call Eric
10 Holder and the DNC, and say, what would you like, if they
11 haven't already. And that's going to be the map.

12 Because that's how the process stands today based
13 upon the votes that were taken, the choices that were made,
14 and the company that was selected.

15 I can't see any way under God's green earth that
16 we're going to have fairness.

17 And I thank you for your time.

18 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, sir.

19 (Applause.)

20 VINCE LEACH: Thank you, Vice Chairman, members of
21 the Commission.

22 Last name is Leach, L-E-A-C-H.

23 I'm a Saddlebrooke resident, Pinal County,
24 southernmost I can -- from my driveway I can see the Pima
25 County line.

1 I will be speaking, hopefully within the
2 four-minute time frame, I will be speaking to community of
3 interest this evening and how we view ourself.

4 I'm not speaking for the community. I'm speaking
5 for myself. But how we engage our daily lives and where we
6 engage and do business and our everyday living.

7 Well, we are in Pinal County, and many of us focus
8 and spend a lot of time in Florence. Our everyday lives, if
9 you will, our trading zone is that of Marana and Oro Valley.

10 Our TVs come out of Tucson.

11 Most of us use the Tucson airport, even though the
12 Phoenix airport is a viable alternative and cost effective
13 alternative.

14 We use the restaurants. Our shopping is done in
15 Pima County, which Pima County supervisors enjoy our tax
16 money.

17 Our newspapers, both are supported out of the
18 Arizona Daily Star and the Northwest Explorer.

19 We recreate, movies, bowling alleys, the like.

20 We buy our cars, that the closest dealership
21 outside of Saddlebrooke, there's one dealership to the north
22 of us at Oracle, but for all the major dealerships you're
23 going at least 15 miles, 20 miles into Tucson.

24 Our doctors are located within -- all through.
25 We utilize doctors and medical facilities all through Pima

1 County.

2 That's where we go.

3 That's, in fact, when we fill out your
4 insurance -- I'm not of Medicare age. When you fill out
5 your insurance, they ask you what market are you in. Are
6 you in rural Pinal County or are you in the Tucson market?

7 I pay Tucson market rates.

8 So I would ask you to consider that.

9 Many of us utilize and go to houses of worship
10 within Pima County, some of which are literally right on the
11 line.

12 And most importantly, in a recent development, is
13 the development and the coordination between Oro Valley and
14 Marana along with our Pinal County economic development, Tim
15 Kanavel.

16 As Oro Valley and Marana continue to expand and
17 grow and look for growth areas, they have plenty -- a lot of
18 room to grow to the north and into Pinal County and up the
19 I-10 corridor.

20 An earlier speaker talked about the transportation
21 hub that's going to come. And it will come. And I would
22 remind you that, not that you need reminding, but just to
23 reiterate, you are redistricting for a period of ten years.

24 So while we sit here on July 27th of 2011, you're
25 making decisions for elections way down the road and

1 population booms that are absolutely going to expand if the
2 right conditions are set.

3 We are working hard, county supervisors,
4 development people, to make Pinal County that growth area
5 off that corridor.

6 So I would ask you to not only look at that growth
7 corridor, but I would ask you to look at that -- those two
8 precincts that sit called Saddlebrooke and look where our
9 trade zone is, look where our spear of influence is, and
10 look to the utilities, Tucson Electric Power, Southwest Gas,
11 all of that comes from that market.

12 That is our focus.

13 To take us from that market and push us into
14 something else would be -- it just doesn't fit the community
15 of interest.

16 I thank you for your time and for the opportunity
17 to speak before you.

18 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Leach.

19 Next we'll have Rose Robertson, and then we'll
20 we're going to -- I understand we have a speaker in
21 Maricopa, Julia Gusse, from the City Council.

22 ROSE ROBERTSON: Good evening.

23 My name is Rose Robertson, R-O-S-E,
24 R-O-B-E-R-T-S-O-N.

25 I'm a local farmer here.

1 I've been in Coolidge for my whole life. I'm 23.
2 I'm a third generation farmer.

3 And the importance of keeping Pinal County rural
4 right now is really important to me and several other young
5 farmers.

6 We're still small. And until we start to grow,
7 I'd like to see it stay rural.

8 That's pretty much all I have to say.

9 Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

11 All right. Next we'll go to Maricopa.

12 (Whereupon, Councilwoman Julia Gusse spoke via
13 videoconference.)

14 JULIA GUSSE: Good evening. My name is Julia
15 Gusse. I'm a council member for the city of Maricopa.

16 And, yes, the pronunciation was correct.

17 I am here representing myself.

18 (Whereupon, Councilwoman Gusse made a brief
19 statement in Spanish.)

20 JULIA GUSSE: I was present when Mr. Lynch
21 presented to the Pinal County Government Alliance, and
22 during his presentation I asked him a question if there
23 would be equal Latino representation within the proposed
24 maps.

25 And his answer, his response, was that he believed

1 that there was.

2 Now, what I failed to ask him was whether or
3 not those populations -- how those populations were
4 determined.

5 So my concern is the proper Latino representation.

6 The census includes prisoners in Eloy and
7 Florence, but yet they cannot vote, and therefore they skew
8 that count.

9 So my question to the IRC, more like my comments,
10 is let's take into consideration the true and the proper,
11 the real population for equal representation in Pinal
12 County.

13 And what I mean by that is Latino representation
14 in Pinal County.

15 As Mr. Tom Ramsdell -- greetings. He was one of
16 my coworkers.

17 Pointed out that the population, the Latino
18 population is 29.5 percent.

19 So I ask the IRC tonight to please take into
20 consideration the Latino population, and don't have those
21 numbers skewed by the current prison count in Eloy and
22 Florence.

23 Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

25 Next we'll have Jere Hansen, followed by Onita

1 Davis, and Matthew Capalby -- or Capalby.

2 JERE HANSEN: Good evening. My name is Jere,
3 J-E-R-E, Hansen, H-A-N-S-E-N.

4 I'm a CPA in Casa Grande, and I also serve on the
5 elementary school board.

6 And I appreciate your efforts and a job that
7 others have said that probably garners very few friends.

8 I've been a resident of Casa Grande since 1978.

9 I've seen the town grow, especially in the last
10 few years.

11 And, but it has remained a rural district. The
12 mind set here is separate and apart from Maricopa County or
13 Pima County.

14 Most of the people here I think would agree that
15 we think of ourselves as rural.

16 And I would propose that it would be best that the
17 Casa Grande area remain in a congressional district that is
18 made up of the what they're calling the greater Arizona
19 rural districts.

20 I would also hope that we can fulfill some efforts
21 to make the legislative districts more competitive.

22 Thank you for your time.

23 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

24 Onita Davis.

25 ONITA DAVIS: Mr. Vice Chair, and members of the

1 Commission, my name is Onita, O-N-I-T-A, Davis, D-A-V-I-S.

2 As an Independent, I'm not here because I favor
3 one political party over another. But rather because I
4 deserve a fair and objective redistricting process.

5 A process that respects my wishes to be in a
6 district with communities of like interest, not districts
7 that are drawn for purely political reason, such as to make
8 them politically competitive.

9 When I chose to live in Oro Valley, I did not
10 consult voter registration data or ask potential neighbors
11 how they voted in the last election.

12 I looked at the ability of the city to deliver
13 vital services, the location of the closest hospital, the
14 nearest Lutheran church, grocery stores, parks, distance
15 from the highway, and airport.

16 I looked at the economic health of the community
17 and the aesthetic beauty of the area.

18 None of these factors related in the least to
19 political competitiveness of my district.

20 I chose to live with like-minded people, some of
21 them Democrats and some of them Republicans.

22 The boundaries of my neighborhood, I'm not
23 restricted by political labels, but rather include
24 Saddlebrooke, Catalina, Marana, and unincorporated Pima
25 County.

1 It should be noted that LD 26 is one of the most
2 competitive LDs in the state.

3 And CD 8 is also.

4 I'm assuming when we are defining competitive,
5 we're talking about the ability for either Democrats or
6 Republicans to be elected in any given time.

7 And the group that holds the greatest leverage is
8 the Independent.

9 I have maps here for you of LD Districts 25, 26,
10 27, 28, and 29. That's southern Arizona, Tucson area. And
11 the maps that I present maintain competitiveness. Over the
12 past ten years these districts have been equally represented
13 by Republicans and Democrats, meet the criteria for
14 contiguous and compactness, and it does not affect minority
15 influence.

16 Yet, a process that was superficially designed to
17 ensure fair and impartial, i.e., independent framework for a
18 very political task has morphed into something very
19 partisan.

20 I do not require a partisan process. That's why
21 I'm an Independent.

22 I like the flexibility of being able to look at
23 all sides and choose what is best for me without being
24 indebted to any party or political agenda.

25 Today we have a redistricting process, sad to say,

1 that clearly leans to the left.

2 It would be remiss of me not to stand up and speak
3 out.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Ms. Davis.

6 Matthew Capalby.

7 MATTHEW CAPALBY: Good evening, commissioners,
8 staff, Ray.

9 I'm sorry you have to hear from me again.

10 My name is Matthew Capalby, C-A-P-A-L-B-Y. And I
11 am actually with a group called Greater Arizona Success. We
12 are a group of like-minded people throughout greater
13 Arizona, outside of the two metropolitan areas.

14 And to reflect many of the comments you've heard
15 here tonight -- and, again, good evening,
16 Commissioner McNulty, we visited last night in Bullhead.

17 But, just to reflect on many of the comments that
18 have been stated here tonight, there is a strong consensus
19 throughout greater Arizona to create ten Arizona
20 congressional districts. There's enough population now
21 because of the growth here in Pinal, as well as in Yavapai
22 and Mohave, for the creation of those two districts, one
23 predominantly on the west side of the state and one
24 predominantly on the east side.

25 And, again, we'd like to, so far, the consensus up

1 north is to keep as much of eastern Pinal, if not further
2 west, in within that configuration, because they share a
3 community-wide interest due to the fact that they're not
4 part of either the Tucson or Phoenix metropolitan area.

5 Also, there is, I think, broad-based stakeholder
6 consensus on the fact that there needs to be eight strictly
7 greater Arizona legislative districts.

8 And especially with the opportunity to make them
9 as competitive as possible.

10 Certain areas, of course, that's not going to be
11 practical.

12 But for the most part, greater Arizona believes
13 that we have to maintain at least that number of eight
14 legislative districts and make them as competitive as
15 possible when and where possible.

16 And certainly appreciate the time, and I'm not
17 sure if you can comment or ask any questions, but I'm
18 available.

19 Thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

21 Next we'll have Jim Hartdegen, followed by Michael
22 Liburdi.

23 JIM HARTDEGEN: Thank you very much. My name is
24 Jim Hartdegen, H-A-R-T-D-E-G-E-N.

25 I have a Casa Grande address, but I do live in the

1 county.

2 Thank you for coming to not only Casa Grande but
3 western Pinal County.

4 I do feel for you, because I've been fortunate --
5 I'm not actually as old as I'm going to sound, but I've been
6 part of redistricting since 1970 in one form or another
7 through the legislative process and through a paid
8 consultant on the last go-around.

9 And I know that your task is really hard.

10 The old-fashioned way of doing things, we had
11 reams and reams of paper, and stayed up late nights, and
12 trying to figure out stuff.

13 It's much easier now.

14 But you have more pressure on you as a Commission
15 because of Internet communication.

16 It's not easy, and I feel for you, and I'm sure
17 that most of you will have gray hair in the next year or so.

18 But, I support the Pinal County Government
19 Alliance map.

20 At least for a starting point.

21 I think Mr. Lynch and his associates have done a
22 fine job on trying to create a starting point for Pinal
23 County.

24 If I may, what I would do if I were you to save a
25 lot of time, I would take that map and use Pinal County as

1 the starting point, and then just work yourself out. Go
2 north, go south, go east, go west.

3 It would save the consultant over here a lot of
4 time after he makes his grid. But just use that map as a
5 starting point, and then just go all directions, and you'll
6 save a lot of time, and make us happy as heck.

7 Thank you very much.

8 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Michael Liburdi.

9 MICHAEL LIBURDI: Good evening, Mr. Chairman,
10 members of the Commission.

11 My name is Michael Liburdi. That's spelled
12 L-I-B-U-R-D-I.

13 And I'm an attorney. I represent the Fair Trust.
14 And the Fair Trust is a group of voters who are committed to
15 following the process and ensuring that the redistricting
16 process is done in a fair and impartial manner.

17 Just wanted to respond a little bit to the Pinal
18 County Government Alliance's proposal.

19 We support the general concept of keeping Pinal
20 County in one congressional district, subtracting the
21 reservations areas that should be joined in one minority
22 majority district.

23 We also support the concept of placing Pinal in no
24 more than two legislative districts. Again, placing the
25 reservation areas in a separate majority minority district

1 or districts.

2 We'd like to reserve the right to comment further
3 on the Alliance's proposal once we got a chance to consider
4 the specific lines, you know, and comment further.

5 Thank you.

6 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

7 Well, since I'm not aware of any other speakers in
8 Maricopa, that concludes our public comment session tonight.

9 But before we adjourn, I want to offer my fellow
10 commissioners a chance to impress you and say a few words.

11 So I'll ask Commissioner McNulty if she has
12 anything to say.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you for -- thank you
14 for coming and spending the evening with us.

15 This is a hard and complex process, and it's
16 critical to us that we receive thoughtful input from folks
17 like you.

18 And the more specific, the better.

19 We are -- I guess I should speak only for myself,
20 although I believe this applies to all of us.

21 We are doing this because we love the state. We
22 love every part of this state.

23 Not just Tucson where I'm from, Phoenix where some
24 five million of us are from, but, but the rural counties,
25 the remote counties.

1 And our job is to try and satisfy federal law and
2 state law and to mesh all these criteria in a way that is as
3 fair as possible to each and every one of us.

4 I'm committed to doing that. It's the only thing
5 I'm committed to doing.

6 And I hope that you will follow the process along.
7 And if you have questions about what we're doing or why
8 we're doing it, please come to our meetings, please contact
9 our staff.

10 We put a great team together. We truly have.

11 Mr. Bladine, our executive director, and his staff
12 will -- are available to provide you information, to answer
13 questions.

14 We have a website, at which we have quite a bit of
15 information, and we'll have more information as this
16 proceeds.

17 Once we do have draft maps, we will be doing more
18 hearings.

19 If you think about things that you wish you had
20 said today but didn't as the process goes on, send us
21 written comments or call us.

22 Send us draft maps.

23 They don't have to be fancy. They can just be a
24 neighborhood, can just be on a napkin. Just tell us what's
25 important to you, and we'll appreciate that.

1 Thank you very much for spending the evening with
2 us, and we hope that we'll be hearing from you and talking
3 to you.

4 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you,
5 Commissioner McNulty.

6 Commissioner Stertz?

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you,
8 Commissioner Freeman.

9 I want to, again, reiterate Commissioner McNulty's
10 thanks to everybody for coming out. There are some of you
11 that have been following us from the very beginning that
12 have been traveling with us.

13 And hello to Chairman Mathis and
14 Commissioner Herrera who are watching online, as I've been
15 doing in the meetings that I've not been attending in
16 person.

17 Just as a reminder that tomorrow is -- will be in
18 the city of Prescott, followed by the town of Window Rock,
19 and up at Hon-Dah.

20 And Commissioner Freeman, I think, is going to be
21 traveling to those.

22 There has been a lot of discussion regarding
23 competitiveness, and competitiveness is going to be a large
24 challenge.

25 The Arizona Constitution requires that the IRC

1 follow federal law.

2 And as the state is sort of concurrently
3 comprised -- we've got just slightly under a million active
4 Democrats registered, a little over 1,050,000 registered
5 Independents, and a little over 1,138,000 active registered
6 Republicans.

7 So it's fairly close to a third, a third, and a
8 third.

9 The question is what we're required to do as
10 commissioners is to first follow the Voters Rights Act,
11 Section 5.

12 So as we look at competitiveness, what we're going
13 to be looking for too is getting input from you on what you
14 believe makes up a competitive district.

15 What do you see competition being?

16 Is a competitive district a district that is
17 evenly split, where there was an equal amount of
18 Republicans, Democrats, and Independents?

19 Or is it something else?

20 We're looking for that sort of input as well,
21 because we've heard these words competitive, but we haven't
22 really heard the underlying meaning other than the fact
23 that, and I truly agree with several comments that were
24 made, it is truly a part of our American fabric for
25 competitiveness.

1 So if you can give us that sort of input as well,
2 it's going to be -- it's going to help us as we move down
3 the road.

4 Again, thank you very much for the -- it is an
5 honor, it is a challenge, and so far it's been quite a bit
6 of fun moving around the state and meeting a bunch of new
7 folks and friends.

8 So thank you very much for coming out tonight and
9 joining us.

10 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you,
11 Commissioner Stertz.

12 (Applause.)

13 VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: I just want to endorse what
14 my fellow commissioners have said, and I really want to
15 thank you all for coming. It's a real honor and privilege
16 to sit on this Commission. And I know when I applied, I
17 thought one of the best things about it was going to be
18 getting out on the road and meeting different people in
19 different parts of the state and some -- traveling some
20 roads rarely traveled.

21 I was born and raised in Phoenix, and I've spent
22 some considerable years down in Tucson attending the
23 University of Arizona with my father, who was born in Bisbee
24 by the way, and my brother both attended, so I've been up
25 and down that stretch of I-10 a lot of times since the '70s,

1 and I've seen a lot of changes.

2 And I can tell you I know every roadside and wrong
3 turn on that road, and it's been interesting watching the
4 change, so it's good to get out here.

5 I occasionally come down to Pinal County to do a
6 little dove hunting, so I really enjoy the rural areas.

7 So thank you, thank you for having us.

8 And like Commissioner Stertz said, the Commission
9 we will be in Prescott tomorrow and Window Rock followed by
10 Pinetop after that.

11 And I really encourage everyone to come out,
12 because it's so important to hear from you because you're
13 helping us.

14 You're helping us. You're giving us ideas.
15 You're giving us options. And you're telling us what your
16 needs and wants are.

17 And that's our job, to give you a fair and
18 balanced and independent redistricting.

19 And that's what we're going to do.

20 So, with that, it is 7:47 p.m., and the meeting is
21 adjourned.

22 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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