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17                   Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair  
                    Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner

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4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good afternoon.

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

7 Today is Sunday, October 9th, and the  
8 time is 1:10 p.m.

9 Let's begin with the Pledge of  
10 Allegiance.

11 (Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Let's begin with  
13 roll call.

14 Vice Chair Freeman.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera.

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner  
19 McNulty.

20 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Here.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz.

22 We have a quorum.

23 Other folks around the room today include  
24 our legal counsel, Joe Kanefield and Mary O'Grady,  
25 our mapping consultant, Willie Desmond.

1           We have a court reporter, Michelle,  
2 taking an accurate transcript of today's  
3 proceedings.

4           Eric is helping us out as chief  
5 technology officer.

6           Our deputy executive director, Kristina  
7 Gomez is in the room, too.

8           So with that, we'll go to item 2 on the  
9 agenda, review, discussion, and direction to mapping  
10 consultant regarding the development of legislative  
11 districts draft map based on constitutional  
12 criteria.

13           And if you were with us yesterday, you  
14 know that that's what we spent all day pretty much  
15 yesterday doing, other than public comment and  
16 probably expect the same thing today. But we made  
17 great progress and maybe Mr. Desmond can bring up  
18 what our latest map looks like.

19           WILLIE DESMOND: Here is the most recent  
20 map where we left yesterday. So I guess -- do you  
21 want me to just go through the whole map so we can  
22 kind of have a refresher?

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, go ahead and  
24 do a recap, if you would.

25           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

1           Just one second. I want to make sure  
2 people watching at home can see it.

3           Are you able to see me?

4           ERIC SHENEFIELD: Not yet.

5           Your network cable is in, right?

6           WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

7           It looks like we're having the same  
8 problem we did yesterday.

9           ERIC SHENEFIELD: You might have to  
10 reboot.

11          WILLIE DESMOND: I apologize.

12          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We appreciate your  
13 patience while we reboot the computer so that folks  
14 online can follow along, too.

15          WILLIE DESMOND: In the meantime, I do  
16 have some reports for the Commission.

17          So here is the splits report on the thing  
18 I said I would work on yesterday. I only have  
19 three.

20          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We can share.

21          WILLIE DESMOND: The rest are printing,  
22 so I'll have them in just a second.

23          And you also have the data table for the  
24 racial breakdown.

25          Again, there are districts that aren't

1 completed yet, so be cognizant of that. If they  
2 look a little funny, chances are they are the ones  
3 that we haven't touched yet, but it should give you  
4 a rough idea of where we are.

5 As my computer continues to shut down.

6 Also the data table that we've been  
7 providing that gives you the racial compositions of  
8 the different districts. Added to that,  
9 Commissioner Freeman had requested putting all of  
10 the competitiveness measures in one place to avoid  
11 some confusion.

12 Just so you know, you'll see on the  
13 second page that compactness is one set of columns.  
14 The old competitiveness measure is there, which is  
15 actually index 1. It also has index 2, index 3,  
16 registration percentages, the registration two-way  
17 percentages, and then 2010 mine inspector race for  
18 all of the districts that we have drawn. And also  
19 the districts that are yet to be drawn.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: When you say "index  
21 1," is that referring to the competitiveness  
22 section --

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: -- that first  
25 appears?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Now, is the  
5 competitiveness the index 1, is that the one that  
6 gives the 2010 more weight than 2008?

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, that's the one  
8 that gives every race an equal share of it. So the  
9 fact that there's more races in 2010 would indicate  
10 that a larger percentage of it comes from 2010  
11 races.

12 Does that make sense?

13 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Actually I saw the  
14 explanation down at the bottom. Thank you.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: And these files aren't  
16 available on the website yet because it's a Sunday  
17 and the web team isn't working today. So we'll have  
18 it up first thing tomorrow.

19 Am I on the TriCaster now?

20 ERIC SHENEFIELD: Yes.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. All right. So  
22 going back -- and we will start in Southern Arizona.

23 The first process along this was to adopt  
24 the gridline changes that came from both option 1  
25 and 2 to the various majority-minority districts.

1           If this opens up I'll show you.

2           All right. So starting in Southern  
3 Arizona, the Commission adopted Districts 2, 3, and  
4 4, District 2 being primarily Santa Cruz County  
5 going up into Tucson and some small border  
6 communities down in Cochise County.

7           District 3 is a Central Tucson district.

8           And then District 4, which runs through  
9 the Tohono O'odham Reservation lands in Pima County  
10 through Yuma and incorporated the southern part of  
11 the town of Yuma and going up a little bit into  
12 Maricopa County here in -- near Goodyear.

13           Then yesterday, maybe two days ago, some  
14 other districts were adopted, Districts 9 and 10  
15 were taken and -- created District 10. It comprises  
16 parts of Tucson and Tanque Verde.

17           District 9 has parts of Tucson and Casas  
18 Adobes and Catalina Foothills.

19           Following that, District 8 and 11 were  
20 created. District 8 has -- in Pima County, Oro  
21 Valley, Catalina, and then in Pinal County  
22 Saddlebrooke and goes north and takes in most of the  
23 eastern side of Pinal County.

24           It was adjusted yesterday to take in the  
25 communities of Coolidge and Florence entirely and

1 also has the San Tan Valley and goes up to the  
2 Maricopa County line.

3           District 11 has Marana, Picture Rocks,  
4 Avra Valley and goes up into Pinal County, including  
5 the communities of Eloy and Casa Grande and also  
6 contains the Gila River Reservation and Ak-Chin  
7 Reservation and Maricopa. It does go up into  
8 Maricopa County but only in the areas that the Gila  
9 River Reservation hits.

10           Continuing just kind of north, and what  
11 we did last yesterday was create districts in  
12 Southeast Maricopa County.

13           District 16 includes the eastern portion  
14 of Mesa, Apache Junction, and Gold Canyon.

15           District 12 has the majority of Gilbert  
16 along with Queen Creek.

17           District 17 is a large chunk of Chandler  
18 along with Sun Lakes.

19           District 18 is the Ahwatukee area of  
20 Phoenix along with the southern half of Tempe and  
21 then that remaining portion of Chandler.

22           District 25 is solely comprised of Mesa.

23           District 26 is the northern half of Tempe  
24 along with the most eastern portion -- most western  
25 portion of Mesa. And it is also one of our possible



1 coalition districts with a non-Hispanic white  
2 percentage of, I believe, 55.35.

3 Continuing along, going up we have  
4 District 24 right here, which includes the Fort  
5 McDowell and Salt River Reservations, portions of  
6 Scottsdale that are below Osborn Road, I believe,  
7 and then also some of Central Phoenix. This is  
8 another one of our coalition districts. It's a  
9 non-Hispanic white percentage of 53.83.

10 Continuing along with our voting rights'  
11 districts, we have District 27 with a non-Hispanic  
12 white percentage of 23.46. It has 53.71 percent  
13 Hispanic and I believe around 14.4 percent  
14 African-American.

15 District 19 is another voting rights'  
16 district along with District 29 and 30, which 19  
17 includes the northern part of Avondale, all of  
18 Tolleson, parts of Phoenix. District 29 and  
19 District 30 are combinations of Phoenix and the  
20 southern portion of Glendale.

21 Continuing --

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I think 19 got all  
23 of Avondale.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh, excuse me, yes, 19  
25 did include all of Avondale. Yes, but we did --

1 there is no split of Avondale.

2           Continuing in Maricopa, I guess working  
3 north a little bit, we have District 28, which  
4 includes Paradise Valley and the Arcadia section of  
5 Phoenix.

6           District 23, which includes everything in  
7 Scottsdale except for the southern portion, which is  
8 in the voting rights' district, Fountain Hills, Rio  
9 Verde, and then the noninhabited -- or very sparsely  
10 inhabited unincorporated lands of Northeast Maricopa  
11 County.

12           District 15 goes directly north from  
13 District 28. It includes Cave Creek and Carefree.  
14 The rest of it is comprised of Phoenix.

15           District 22 has the northern portion of  
16 Peoria, northwest portion of Phoenix, New River, and  
17 Anthem. It goes up to the county line, except for  
18 where it dips into Yavapai County just slightly so  
19 as to avoid a split with Peoria.

20           District 21 includes the southern portion  
21 of Peoria along with Sun City, El Mirage, and  
22 Youngstown (sic).

23           District 20, to its immediate east, is  
24 the northern portion of Glendale along with a  
25 portion of Phoenix.

1 I believe I've covered all of the  
2 Maricopa districts that we've touched.

3 We still need to figure out District 13,  
4 District 14, District 5. There's a large  
5 unincorporated area comprising the northern half of  
6 Yuma and all of La Paz County, and District 6, which  
7 is in various remnants kind of in Yavapai and parts  
8 of Coconino County.

9 The one other district we have created is  
10 the -- District 7, which includes the Hopi and  
11 Navajo Reservation lands, the Pai tribes in the Salt  
12 River -- Salt River and San Carlos at White Mountain  
13 Apache and all of Greenlee County.

14 And that's pretty much the state of where  
15 we are.

16 So I believe we have completed -- or have  
17 placeholder districts for 26 of the 30 races and  
18 that's it.

19 If you want, I could also go through and  
20 give you some of the districts that have some of the  
21 greatest population imbalances or any of those types  
22 of things.

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I got the right file

1 from you yesterday because I noticed some big -- we  
2 got some big population challenges.

3 By my count, we have about 40 percent of  
4 a district left over, which is about 85,000 people,  
5 which is a big chunk of changes. And it also looked  
6 like District 28 was underpopulated by about 11  
7 percent.

8 I don't know how we -- please nod yes or  
9 no if you're confirming that, because I thought we  
10 had -- I was surprised when I saw that last night.

11 And I think that was a big noncontinuous  
12 chunk of 20 that I think we forgot about on the west  
13 side of El Mirage, which was, like, 15,000 people,  
14 which is not an insignificant number of folks.

15 So we need to -- and I looked at this  
16 through the night and we need to sort of put about  
17 -- I was able to put about 69,000 more people into  
18 the Phoenix area which reduces that imbalance and  
19 maybe down to a manageable amount over the final  
20 districts.

21 Those will still be overpopulated, but if  
22 we did that evenly, we might be at least within  
23 striking distance of a 30-district map to look at.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. And I am seeing  
25 that population imbalance in 28. I don't remember

1 that being there yesterday.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Neither did I.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: That is very troubling.

4 So yes, 28, is very underpopulated, so is  
5 District 6, District -- it says District --

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: District 6 was not  
7 constructed.

8 District 1 I think was either -- this  
9 doesn't matter, but it was overpopulated or  
10 underpopulated by -- I think it was underpopulated  
11 by 2 percent, and that was something that doesn't  
12 affect the rest of the map because we could trim  
13 that down, I think, later. It's only going to  
14 borrow population from another Southern Arizona  
15 district, and that wouldn't change anything.

16 Putting more people in the Phoenix metro  
17 area is --

18 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm seeing where  
19 District 20 is very underpopulated also, and I don't  
20 remember that being the case yesterday either.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Ms. McNulty.

24 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I did sort of the  
25 same analysis that Mr. Freeman did last night and

1 came out in the same place.

2 I looked at the districts in terms of  
3 areas of the state, looked at the majority-minority  
4 districts in Phoenix as a group, those six in  
5 Central Phoenix, 27, 19 -- 27, which is South  
6 Phoenix; 19, which is Avondale/west Phoenix; 29,  
7 which is both Glendale and Maryvale; and 30, which  
8 is the Central Phoenix, west of 19th Avenue; 24 was  
9 Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, the Central Phoenix  
10 area; and the Tempe/West Mesa, District 26. And the  
11 population deviation of that group together is less  
12 than 1 percent.

13 Then looking at the Southern Arizona, the  
14 six districts down there in Cochise County area and  
15 also to Tucson -- Southwest Tucson/Yuma, the  
16 Catalina Foothills and Central Tucson area, the  
17 population deviation of those as a group is less  
18 than .5 percent.

19 Then the East Valley that Mr. Freeman  
20 worked on yesterday, Ahwatukee -- I guess we both  
21 did, Ahwatukee, Chandler; the Gilbert/Queen Creek  
22 district, which is 12; East Mesa, which is 25;  
23 Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, which is 16; and East  
24 Pinal, which is 8.

25 The deviation of those as a group is

1 .56 percent.

2           Then taking the two Pinal County  
3 districts together, the deviation there is  
4 1.37 percent, which brings us to North Phoenix and  
5 the West Valley. And those six districts, South  
6 Peoria, El Mirage, and Sun City, 21; Glendale and  
7 Phoenix, which is 20; Cave Creek, Carefree, and  
8 Northeast Phoenix, which is 15; Paradise Valley,  
9 Arcadia in Phoenix, which is 28; North Peoria, North  
10 Phoenix, Anthem, and New River, which is 22; and  
11 then Scottsdale -- this is the Scottsdale and  
12 Fountain Hills district that I spoke of earlier.

13           The total population deviation there is  
14 about minus 62,316, which is about exactly where  
15 Mr. Freeman came out, I think. And that's just  
16 under 5 percent.

17           So what that told me that was if we can  
18 move some population, as Mr. Freeman just said -- it  
19 sounds like he's done it, which is great, from the  
20 West Valley into the north and west portions of  
21 Phoenix and then kind of move over in to balance the  
22 populations out in 20 and 28, we should be in pretty  
23 good shape to balance out our last four districts.

24           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And, Madame Chair.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN:  What I looked at --  
2 maybe just zoom in a little bit and focus over in  
3 the West Valley -- is the -- maybe come out a little  
4 bit more.  Zoom out.  Yeah, a little more.

5           Okay.  The part of Surprise -- Surprise  
6 gets split.  The part that is now in 14, grid 14  
7 which grabs -- that was about 36,000 people.  Sun  
8 City West was about 25,000 people.  Wickenburg was  
9 another 6,000.  You add all of that up, that's about  
10 67,000.

11           I mean, there's some basis to think that  
12 it might good if we leave that population included  
13 in the West Valley area and that 67,000 is going to  
14 cut down significantly on that out of balance.  It  
15 might put us back into striking distance.

16           So looking at -- that was my goal, but I  
17 started over here at 28, which was -- and worked my  
18 way to the northwest sort of trying to fix those  
19 districts population-wise so that ultimately I ended  
20 up with a district that included Wickenburg, this  
21 part of Surprise, Sun City West, Peoria -- or north  
22 Peoria and north part of Phoenix here as a district.  
23 So that brought all of the population in that was  
24 the end result.

25           I didn't look at the rest of the map



1 because I needed a few hours of sleep. I'm happy to  
2 try to walk through --

3 WILLIE DESMOND: That seems like the most  
4 logical and the easiest way to do it, simplest way,  
5 certainly.

6 I do think everyone was pretty happy with  
7 how District 21 shaped up, including Sun City with  
8 parts of Peoria around it. So it makes sense to  
9 leave that kind where it is. You have 22, leaving  
10 those areas next to it.

11 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: 21 had to change a  
12 little bit, but Sun City is kept in whole, El  
13 Mirage, the parts of Peoria to its east are still  
14 with it, but that part of Glendale that we had put  
15 in 20 got shifted into the Sun City district, which  
16 is 21. Then likewise, 20 then had to shift a little  
17 bit to the east as well.

18 I mean, I can walk through it, I could  
19 put the layer on your drive and we could look at  
20 whatever we think is easiest.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: I think either of those  
22 options sound good. I mean, if you wanted to start  
23 with just having District 28 and District 20 taking  
24 population from 22 and 15 or --

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, I started with

1 28, right. That needs to add 11 percent.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: So should we just start  
3 there? Is that something you would rather describe  
4 to me or would you rather me put your line up?

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: It would be good  
6 if we walk through it so that we understand what  
7 we're doing.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: That's fine.

10 So going to District 28, I assume it  
11 grows to the north?

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah. Let's see I  
13 focused on this area right here and grabbed  
14 population down -- I added a chunk of population  
15 over here that in -- the line ended up being 7th  
16 Street, which I think is this vertical line here.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So that is 7th  
18 Street.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So then I to go to  
20 Greenway.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: So that adds 20,000 --  
22 20,298 people to District 28. Is that what you were  
23 -- did you bring up this other border a little bit?  
24 That looks like it would make it right about the  
25 right number. If you took --

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Is that Greenway  
2 that you went up to?

3           WILLIE DESMOND: This is Greenway, I  
4 believe, to the north here.

5           Yeah, that's Greenway. And then if  
6 you -- to the west of the 7th Street, if you brought  
7 that up to Thunderbird, that looks like that gets  
8 you the 23,000 you need.

9           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Can you pull  
10 out?

11          WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

12          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So this is 7th  
13 Street here?

14          WILLIE DESMOND: 7th Street is this line  
15 right here.

16          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

17          WILLIE DESMOND: So it goes -- this  
18 corner in kind of the middle upper left of -- this  
19 is 7th and Greenway. So you get the bulk of the  
20 population from this portion on the -- on the --  
21 right-hand side and then you take an additional  
22 about 3,000 by raising this border up to  
23 Thunderbird. I'm not sure -- I can tell you where  
24 it was before.

25          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I had this going

1 into a new --

2 WILLIE DESMOND: I see.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- another district.

4 I think Greenway actually -- it's not an  
5 east/west exactly road in here.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me take a look and  
7 make sure.

8 I see what you're saying.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So you got a chunk  
10 there following Greenway.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: So does it go a little  
12 bit above Greenway when it gets to 7th or did you go  
13 down to the block level?

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: No, I think I  
15 followed Greenway right to 7th Street.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: So that's about 23,0700  
17 people.

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So that balances it  
19 out?

20 WILLIE DESMOND: That balances, yes in  
21 this middle portion what follows Greenway. I  
22 believe that the bottom -- the top right-hand side  
23 also does.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: What's this little  
25 spur here? Because I think Greenway goes right

1 through there.

2 JAY CABOU: Yeah, I mean, I could have it  
3 grab this little area, it's just I have to go down  
4 to the census-block level. That's fine.

5 So now with that, it's about 4,615.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Is there anyway you  
7 could shave that off?

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I'll accept the  
9 change and then I'll give it back.

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Sure.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: So I kind of shaved it.  
12 So that will move 276 people. And now District 28  
13 is ideally populated at close to the other  
14 population at 213,915. It's 848 people  
15 overpopulated, or roughly .4 percent.

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. So then next  
17 is 20, which -- what's the population deviation of  
18 20 right now?

19 WILLIE DESMOND: 20 is currently -- let  
20 me just check one thing.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I can show you right  
22 where that area is. It has a little -- that square  
23 right there is 20.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: So I'll remove  
25 everything from 20 that's all the noncontiguous

1 areas so we have a better idea.

2 Okay. All of the noncontiguous areas of  
3 20 have been removed, and District 20 is  
4 underpopulated by 48,140.

5 COMMISSIONER FREEMAN: All right. Could  
6 you just pan out over 20?

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. So basically  
9 left the southern border of 20 the same, but  
10 basically when you just think about it conceptually  
11 being a district weighted to the west, I weighted it  
12 to the east and had it follow more the I-17  
13 corridor. So this border remains the same except I  
14 cut it at 59th Avenue going north. And what's  
15 getting cut out is going to go into the new 21,  
16 which is going to get a little reshaved as well.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So you moved it  
19 west; is that right? You moved that line west from  
20 51st to 59th?

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Did I misread it?

22 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: No, I think you  
23 read it right. I think it's at 51st Avenue now and  
24 one block west is 59th.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Right now I have the

1 west boundary of 20 at 67th Avenue. So now it's at  
2 59th.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So a portion of Glendale  
5 goes into District 21.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Going all the way up  
8 or --

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Just give me  
10 a second.

11 Going up to Shaw Butte Drive --

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- then it jogs --  
14 the line heads east to 51st Avenue.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Do you know exactly how  
16 -- so maybe I should take step back.

17 Which way would you recommend going  
18 through this? Would you recommend building 20 up  
19 right now or taking portions of it out to give to  
20 District 21?

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Maybe makes sense to  
22 build 20.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So 20 goes north  
24 in another direction.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Maybe just take what

1 you got there and give it to 21 for now.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Makes it easier to  
4 follow the east boundary of 20. Would that make it  
5 easier?

6 The southeast corner of 20 is going to be  
7 Dunlap and 19th Avenue --

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- which I think it  
10 is right there.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, yes.

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. 19th Avenue  
13 goes north, the line goes north to the edge of that  
14 mountain, which is --

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Just below Sweetwater?

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just north of  
17 Cactus. The tract sort of follows that preserve  
18 line.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I see.

20 So --

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Right there.

22 So that -- so this is going to now be 20.  
23 So 15 is going -- 15 got modified to -- that's the  
24 problem in balancing them out all. They all got  
25 changed, so it's kind of hard to walk through it.



1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So you follow that  
3 over to, looks like 6th street.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Probably 7th Street  
5 because that's where the --

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Oh, yeah, 7th  
7 Street.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. That's good.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. We got that.  
10 Okay. You follow 7th Street to Bell.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Then the line heads  
13 west on Bell to 7th Avenue.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Takes 7th Avenue  
16 north to the 101.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Follow the 101 west  
19 to 19th Avenue.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: North on 19th Avenue  
22 to Deer Valley. And some these jogs are a product  
23 of population balancing iterations.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. You take Deer

1 Valley Road to the 17.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Then you follow 17  
4 all the way up to I think it's the CAP canal or some  
5 canal. I'm not sure. I think it's the CAP. Right  
6 there.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: It's that one right  
8 here?

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It's that feature.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

11 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Then you  
12 follow the canal down to -- this will be difficult  
13 to describe, but it might be 49th Avenue, but I  
14 doubt it.

15 Can you put the census-tract layer up?  
16 It might be this one right here. I think it's 49th  
17 Avenue.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: But don't go too far  
20 down.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: You'll run into West  
23 Villa Linda.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: All right.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Do you see it?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Actually, no.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Because there's a  
3 little carve out I had to take for it to --

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So is it -- what's the  
5 name of the road?

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Villa Linda.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I think I see  
8 that.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Then you jog  
10 east to 43rd Avenue, then it's south again. Then  
11 jog back west to 51st Avenue.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I think I've got  
13 the bulk of that. There might be a little snippet  
14 there, but I'll fill the rest of this in.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, let's see how  
16 it looks.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. That works except  
18 District 20 is now overpopulated. It still has a  
19 large portion of Glendale.

20 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: How overpopulated?

21 WILLIE DESMOND: 72,000 people.

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just give me a  
23 second here.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. It's really

1 hard for me to see, given the color of Glendale  
2 where this line comes down.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me change the color  
4 of Glendale.

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Well, there's  
6 the problem. This line here -- let's see. Let's go  
7 back up here.

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I know that looks  
10 great on the record when you say "go here."

11 All right. So what road is this right  
12 here that you followed?

13 WILLIE DESMOND: I believe that right  
14 there is 47th Avenue.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. That should  
16 be 51st. I came down on 51st --

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- and took 51st  
19 south all the way down to Cactus.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Let me -- so that  
21 changes -- District 21 picks up a little more  
22 population, which we can give some back to 20. So  
23 it follows kind of the border of Glendale --

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Right down to  
25 Cactus.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So this is going to  
3 go into the new 21.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So that means that  
5 District 20 is now 8,000 people overpopulated.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. And then at  
7 Cactus it jogs over and what street is this down  
8 here? I think that's the old border.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: So at Cactus it jogs  
10 over I think to about 59th.

11 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: 59th.

12 So what --

13 WILLIE DESMOND: 20 is overpopulated by  
14 8,026 people.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, that's pretty  
16 close. That difference might be explained by we  
17 didn't exactly pick every tract that I had picked,  
18 but --

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Would you like to give  
20 just a little more to 21 or something or 15? If you  
21 want to try to get that a little closer now or we  
22 could do it later or just accept it. 3.77 percent  
23 deviation.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Can you pan north  
25 just a tad?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Uh-huh.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Where is  
3 Villa Linda here?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Maybe that's it.

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: There was a little  
6 carve out there.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: So is that the -- is  
8 that a north/south or east/west?

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It's an east/west.  
10 Oh, wait it's either Happy Valley Road or Villa  
11 Linda.

12 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think one turns  
13 into the other.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, that's  
15 exactly -- one turns into the other, it looks like  
16 at 43rd Avenue.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. It's Happy Valley  
18 right here.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Sorry about that.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: So this portion --

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, once it hits  
22 Happy Valley, there's a little jog to the east to  
23 42nd.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Then how far does  
25 it go down to 42nd?

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Then it goes down  
2 42nd to Pinnacle Peak Road, then it jogs back to the  
3 west to the Glendale line. See if that helps.

4           WILLIE DESMOND: And that goes into  
5 District 22?

6           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, it's going to  
7 end up in -- yeah, goes into 22, that far northwest  
8 valley district.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So now the north  
10 district looks like -- north boundary then in  
11 District 20 looks like that. District 20 is  
12 overpopulated by 5,583 people, which is 2.2 percent.

13          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Let's call that good  
14 for now.

15          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So now we have to  
16 pay attention to District 15, District 22 need to  
17 both make up some population. District 15 is shy  
18 54,921 people. District 22 is 102,000 people shy.

19          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Well, the  
20 west boundary of 15 now can move over to this line,  
21 I-17.

22          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

23          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And I got it up to  
24 just grab Anthem. It does split New River but it  
25 puts Anthem and Cave Creek and Carefree together. I

1 think it's pretty lightly populated up here.

2 So, yeah, let's do that.

3 Add up to Anthem. There's a little carve  
4 out down here that follows this tract line here up  
5 to the border there. I think that will get us  
6 pretty close.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Does it include the rest  
8 of Phoenix?

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: No. No. No.  
10 Follows I-17.

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I'll accept that  
12 and then I'll remove the chunk that goes across  
13 I-17.

14 That adds about 52,000 people.

15 I have to close this for one second. It  
16 won't let me move that census block.

17 Okay. District 15 is now populated at  
18 211,000. A deviation of 2,053, or .96 under.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Maybe grab these  
20 tracts.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: All of it.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: That adds about 4,000,  
24 so that would put it a little over. If you do that,  
25 that adds about 6,000. So it would be overpopulated



1 by 4500 people. Is that what you --

2 Should I accept that?

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: What percent over?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: That would put us at  
5 2.12 percent over.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. So now maybe  
7 let's go back down to the Sun City, District 21, and  
8 fix that.

9 Okay. So what population deviation does  
10 21 have?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: 21 is 82,000 people  
12 overpopulated. Almost 83,000.

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. So I cut it  
14 off at the top here, right at the line that divides  
15 the north boundary of Sun City.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And then take these  
18 two out and this one out, these blocks as well. So  
19 it stair-steps down, follows the Sun City boundary.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And this one?

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yes.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Then it  
24 follows the freeway up to Union Hills, which is this  
25 line here. So this -- I think Union Hills is south

1 of the freeway.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Is it north or south of  
3 Bell?

4 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It's south of the  
5 101 out there.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: North of Bell.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: There it is.

8 Okay. That would give you the 82,000  
9 that it's missing.

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. That  
11 balances.

12 All of these can be massaged, but I was  
13 just trying to get the population.

14 Go ahead and do that one.

15 Okay. So now what does our 22 look like?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: District 22 needs to  
17 make up 80,000 people, 79,448.

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Then put the  
19 rest of Surprise, Sun City West in there and  
20 Wickenburg -- up to Wickenburg.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: How far west -- I'm  
22 going to accept that for a second, then I'll move  
23 that part.

24 That adds 94,000 people in. This has  
25 part of Surprise --

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Can you just grab  
2 the census place?

3           WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. At this point,  
4 District 22 is overpopulated by about 5,840.

5           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Well, that  
6 would have fine-tuning in order, but right now I  
7 would be interested to know what's left, what  
8 population is left for us to -- that you're showing?

9           WILLIE DESMOND: So in Districts 14, 13,  
10 5, and 6.

11           Starting with 5, 5 has 205,984 people. 6  
12 has 91,101. 13 has 179,967, and 14 has 126,548.  
13 The unassigned area is 262,224.

14           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: My quick and dirty  
15 math is 4.6 districts.

16           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Good job.

17           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So maybe we can do  
18 it.

19           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. From my also  
20 relatively quick math, that means that the four  
21 districts, if they were all filled even, we would  
22 have 216,456 people, meaning they would all be 3,389  
23 people overpopulated, meaning they would be about  
24 1.59 percent above ideal district size.

25           Then there's also very likely to be some

1 other issues we're going to have to figure out once  
2 we get to the end with noncontiguous districts and  
3 things like that.

4 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Are you able to get  
5 an assessment of what's out there in the map that's  
6 not contiguous or unassigned so we can --

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Maybe the best thing  
8 would be if we just went through and cleaned up all  
9 of the noncontiguous areas right now so that we have  
10 a cleaner plan to start with. There's a list of  
11 them. It's pretty long, but I can go through this  
12 relatively quickly, I think.

13 So we won't deal with districts that we  
14 haven't touched yet. So 5 and 14.

15 Just starting at the top, District 11 is  
16 a noncontiguous area surround by 8. The vast  
17 majority of these I believe will be zero population  
18 areas. So nobody lives there.

19 I can do this during a break, if you guys  
20 wanted to take a break.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: You know what might  
22 help me is once we get it cleaned up, I would  
23 benefit from having it on my machine as a starting  
24 point.

25 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I would, too,

1 actually.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Do you guys want to  
4 take a quick break while he's doing that cleanup?

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I would.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. It's 2:32  
7 p.m., and we'll take a ten-minute recess.

8 (A recess was taken from 2:32 p.m. to  
9 3:01 p.m.)

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Recess is  
11 over. We'll enter back into public session. The  
12 time is 3:01 p.m.

13 Oh, we need -- our mapping consultant  
14 isn't here, though. He's kind of a key player.

15 Did anyone have anything they would like  
16 to say about anything?

17 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madame Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: The only thing that  
20 I would like to say, and I think we're going to be  
21 getting to that eventually, is the issue of  
22 competitiveness.

23 Right now the way the maps look, based on  
24 the information that Mr. Desmond gave us, there's  
25 not many competitive maps -- excuse me, districts.

1 So I hope that eventually we'll be getting to that  
2 because I think we can -- at least that's one of the  
3 criteria. So I want to make sure that we get to  
4 that.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We'll ensure that's  
6 balanced and weighed equally with the other  
7 criteria.

8 MARY O'GRADY: Madame Chair, on that  
9 point, I think to some extent we started this  
10 process where we've been -- we've built the  
11 districts starting with the voting rights' districts  
12 and moving from there. And I think Commissioners  
13 McNulty and Freeman have been working off, to some  
14 extent as a starting place, their options that they  
15 developed that included competitiveness scale.

16 So I think some of that has been going  
17 on, but I agree with Commissioner Herrera, the  
18 more -- you know, that we do need to accommodate  
19 that goal before a draft map is approved.

20 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And Madame Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Indeed, in  
23 developing the legislative map that I developed,  
24 which was known as option 1, competitiveness was a  
25 factor. And I know there's different ways of

1 looking at that, but there were a number of  
2 districts that I deemed that were -- would be  
3 considered competitive.

4 And also in building in those districts,  
5 I was looking at trying to keep communities of  
6 interest together and the other constitutional  
7 criteria as well, respecting -- minimizing splits.  
8 That option 1 draft had very few splits.

9 What happened in that, as we further  
10 refined the voting rights' districts, obviously,  
11 that had an impact on my map. So really I sort of  
12 reconstructed with the help of the other  
13 commissioners, parts of Maricopa County.

14 I did draw upon my map, on Commissioner  
15 McNulty's map, I know she took a similar approach in  
16 terms of keeping communities together and looking at  
17 competitiveness as well.

18 So all of those factors we tried to  
19 consider and certainly when we further refine and --  
20 complete the map and further refine it, I think  
21 we'll have a lot more to say on the constitutional  
22 criteria.

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair, I  
24 would just like to echo those comments. When I  
25 prepared the draft that I prepared, which we've come

1 to call version 2, I spent a great deal of time  
2 building it based on communities that -- you know,  
3 municipal county boundaries. Took competitiveness  
4 very heavily into account in putting together that  
5 map.

6 It was really a compilation map that  
7 resulted from a study and consideration of all six  
8 constitutional criteria.

9 And what we've done over the last three  
10 or four days is try to merge together the two maps,  
11 taking into account the work that I had done and the  
12 work that Mr. Freeman had done to come up with --  
13 and the work that all of us have done here together  
14 this week to come up with a final product that we  
15 can use as very -- final product, meaning very  
16 preliminary draft that we can then look at more  
17 closely.

18 And when we do that, I'm sure one of the  
19 things I'll be looking at also is competitiveness  
20 and how we can enhance that.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Were you able  
22 to clean up the noncontiguous areas, Mr. Desmond?

23 WILLIE DESMOND: I was.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Excellent.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: So --



1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That list is shorter  
2 now?

3           WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

4           So now if we look, we have, I believe,  
5 only two noncontiguous areas. District 6 -- one  
6 chunk in District 6 and another, but it's surrounded  
7 by unassigned areas. They were two remnants from  
8 the grid, but everything else is good.

9           So at this point, I think you have two  
10 options. Maybe we could try to set in on the last  
11 four districts or there are a few districts that I  
12 think we might want to look at first just to improve  
13 a few other population imbalances, specifically  
14 District 16 is 9100 people underpopulated. That's  
15 4.3 percent. So I think it might be worthwhile to  
16 try to bring that up a little bit before going to  
17 other areas.

18           Next district that's farthest off would  
19 be District 23. It's 6,375 people underpopulated,  
20 or 2.99 percent. You know, that is only 3 percent  
21 but that might be something you want to consider at  
22 this point.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sure.

24           Maybe we should pull up 16, if you all  
25 agree.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: All right. So District  
2 16 -- this is kind of where we left off yesterday --  
3 is the district in Eastern Mesa that includes parts  
4 of Apache Junction and Gold Canyon.

5 So again, it currently has 203,896  
6 people. I think part of the reason that we left it  
7 where it was is because there is some assumption  
8 that in the next ten years this district will grow  
9 at probably a faster rate than many other areas of  
10 the state. So it is all right to leave it a little  
11 underpopulated.

12 Additionally, District 8 being part of  
13 Pinal County, with the higher prison population, we  
14 thought it might make sense to leave some of those a  
15 little overpopulated, with the understanding that a  
16 larger percentage than other areas is going to be  
17 comprised of prisoners.

18 That's just to remind you what the  
19 situation is. Feel free to do with that as you  
20 please.

21 I just noticed this one here. There's a  
22 little chunk here that's unassigned. I'm just going  
23 to add that to 24, if that's okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah.

25 Are there people in it?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Unassigned areas don't  
2 show up on the contiguity report itself. So we  
3 might find a few more areas like this. It is only  
4 four people. Not a major discrepancy, but one less  
5 thing to worry about.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Did we conclude  
7 there was no one in the unincorporated areas south  
8 of 16 and north of San Tan Valley that could be  
9 pulled into 16?

10 WILLIE DESMOND: I don't recall if there  
11 were any or not.

12 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Looks like there's  
13 a couple subdivisions probably part of San Tan  
14 Valley.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: So that's only 60 people  
16 but there is this area over here that had some  
17 population. That would add --

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Those look like  
19 housing lots.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Something like this  
21 would add about 1500 people. Not enough to solve  
22 the problem, but it would certainly make it better.

23 Also just going west, looking -- so that  
24 red selection gets you 1539 people. It does not go  
25 into San Tan. It's possible you could also dip

1 alongside this portion of San Tan Valley to pick up  
2 a few more people.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So if we did that,  
4 what would the population deviation be in terms of  
5 percent? Would that bring it under 3 percent?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: No, it would bring it  
7 under 4. It would be 7,625 people, or 3.58 percent  
8 underpopulated.

9 You know, I can -- also looking at some  
10 of the other districts, surrounding District 16,  
11 District 12 is overpopulated by 3600 people.

12 District 25 is also underpopulated by  
13 quite a bit, 8,427. So this would make District 25  
14 a worse district as far as population deviation, the  
15 farthest from --

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So if 12 is going to  
17 give up anything, it's going to be to 25, probably?

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Probably. It would make  
19 more sense especially since I believe these areas of  
20 Apache Junction and Gold Canyon, we heard, are  
21 likely to grow.

22 The other option would be to take a small  
23 portion of San Tan Valley and then give a small  
24 portion of the Mesa section of 16 to 25 and that  
25 would improve -- that would improve both 16 and 25.

1           Again -- then you're taking some from 8  
2 and 8 would need to make up that population  
3 somewhere else.

4           So currently 8 is the entire eastern  
5 portion of Pinal County, although there is that one  
6 section that's left. I think that's in an effort to  
7 try to keep the copper mining areas together. I  
8 could be mistaken about that, though.

9           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think we should  
10 finish the map before we do this. I think we could  
11 spend the afternoon trying to balance this  
12 population and then find out we need to balance  
13 other things.

14          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

15          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: That's just my  
16 perspective.

17          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Any other thoughts?

18          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, where is a  
19 good place to start? Should we start Southwest  
20 Arizona and work up around?

21          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: That makes sense.

22                 As I looked at this, what I see left is  
23 kind of a river district, kind of the Yavapai --  
24 largely Yavapai County district, we have a far West  
25 Valley district and then a forest -- forest. I

1 think that makes sense.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So start down in  
3 Yuma County?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So the area of  
5 Yuma County and La Paz County that's left is  
6 unassigned right now.

7 District 5 to its north needs to make up  
8 roughly 7,000 people. District 14 to its east needs  
9 to make up 86,000 people.

10 I guess what I would recommend doing is  
11 making the La Paz/Yuma portion 14, making that part  
12 of 14 that's in Maricopa and Yavapai County  
13 unassigned, so you could adjust the lines that way.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: We would still have  
15 to contend with 13.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Also, yes. Thank you.  
17 13 also is farther in there.

18 Are there any -- maybe it would be  
19 helpful if I just told you the population of that  
20 unassigned area to start with.

21 Okay. That is 87,000 -- or 83,784  
22 people -- 747 -- I can't talk today. 83,747.

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I guess one  
24 question is whether it makes more sense for north  
25 Yuma to tie into the -- in with Maricopa County and

1 then keep La Paz and Mohave Counties along the river  
2 together.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I think La Paz and  
4 the remnant of Mohave County just about make a  
5 district.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Should we look at that?

7 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think that's a  
8 good idea.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. This is another  
10 example of these chunks right here are reservation  
11 lands that would be separate from the --

12 Okay. So all of La Paz and the remainder  
13 of Mohave County equals 208,495 people.

14 It might be a few more because there are  
15 some little pockets there, those reservations so  
16 there could be some small population.

17 Once that's added in, that would be --  
18 that would add few more. If you want I'll just do  
19 that.

20 Is this something I should start  
21 building?

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, go ahead.

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: We probably should  
25 keep in mind we don't want to be short in these

1 districts.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: So I'm going to, as a  
3 first step, unassign all of District 5 so that this  
4 can become District 5. Unless, of course, you would  
5 rather have this be called District 14 or 13.

6 I think this section is mostly  
7 compromised of grid 5, so it makes sense to keep  
8 adjusting it as grid 5.

9 This unassigning is just kind of  
10 procedural.

11 Okay. District 5 now has a population  
12 208,536 people. It is short 4,531 people.

13 Again, using the balance of what's left,  
14 all of the districts need to be about 3,000  
15 overpopulated in order to spread that out or some of  
16 the districts that have already been created need to  
17 pick up a little more population so that we can  
18 leave these district closer to the ideal value or a  
19 little under.

20 Should we start building Districts 13 and  
21 14 using the remainder of Yuma and see what that  
22 leaves us?

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's  
24 approximately the population in and around 13, the  
25 metro -- unassigned metro population?



1 WILLIE DESMOND: Well -- so the  
2 unassigned area of Maricopa or -- there is no  
3 unassigned, I don't think, in Maricopa County.

4 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: By that I mean  
5 what we haven't worked on yet. The area in 13 and  
6 in 14 around 13.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me check.

8 District 14 has 14,665 people in Maricopa  
9 County. District 13 has 179,967.

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's the  
11 population of the balance of Yuma County and the  
12 portions of Maricopa County that are outside the  
13 metro areas we just looked at?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: So what's in Gila County  
15 basically and what's in --

16 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: All of those --  
17 the agricultural areas in the western part of  
18 Maricopa.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think she said  
20 Yuma.

21 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: The balance of  
22 Yuma County.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Sorry. I thought  
24 I heard -- Yuma County has 63,258 people left. Gila  
25 County has -- did you want -- okay.

1           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I was trying to  
2 get a sense of what's the balance of Maricopa County  
3 outside of the metro areas.

4           WILLIE DESMOND: So outside of --

5           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Kind of everything  
6 west of 13 and north of 4 and south of 14.

7           WILLIE DESMOND: So that selection right  
8 there is 4,413 people. If you add this other chunk,  
9 that is 5,915 people. And that little piece of 13  
10 that goes up to 8,406 people, although it looks like  
11 a small portion of that would come from 4, but it's  
12 zero population.

13           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And what do we  
14 have in Yavapai County?

15           WILLIE DESMOND: We basically have all of  
16 Yavapai County except for that small portion of  
17 Peoria.

18           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And what's the  
19 population?

20           WILLIE DESMOND: Yavapai has a population  
21 of 211,033. A portion of it that you have in  
22 District 22 is 7 people.

23           Let me just double-check something. Let  
24 me make sure I'm giving you correct information.

25           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So it looks like

1 we may need to take what we have left of Yuma and  
2 build it into Maricopa and build in some of the  
3 areas in or around 13.

4 Can we work on that?

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, let's try  
6 that.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So we'll be  
8 incorporating areas by 13.

9 I'm going to unassign those areas so that  
10 we can keep the same as it's mentioned on the grid.

11 Okay. So starting with Yuma County, that  
12 would add 63,208 people to District 13.

13 Should I start growing it towards the old  
14 13?

15 So that would add 4,413 people. So  
16 District 13 now has a population 67,671.

17 Should we go in and grab everything up  
18 until the border of 21 and 29 or do you want to go  
19 north?

20 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, I think we  
21 want to stay out of Goodyear and in the more  
22 agricultural -- or formerly agricultural areas if we  
23 can.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: The issue, then, is that  
25 14 would have to go into Goodyear and that would

1 go --

2 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Right, okay.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: -- that's putting that  
4 with areas farther to the north.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. All right.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And another problem  
7 I see with 5 is that it has a deficit of about 4500  
8 people and there's no real good place to populate it  
9 without being -- well, there's no good place.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Nothing around it.

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I've looked at  
13 various options, and I don't like what I'm seeing.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: One thing -- I'm not  
15 exactly sure how big the area is of the -- kind of  
16 the copper areas of Gila County there. Maybe you  
17 could populate District 8 a lot higher to go past  
18 the county line even, and then bring some of that  
19 in.

20 That allows you to leave some of these  
21 rural districts a little underpopulated and allows  
22 you to keep whole counties maximized.

23 Again, we could deal with that later, but  
24 I see what you're saying about District 5, there not  
25 being any population centers anywhere near those.

1 All of the population there is on the border to the  
2 west. So you'd have to build with the east. It's  
3 tougher.

4 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's the  
5 population of Northwest Mohave County over to  
6 Colorado City?

7 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm sorry, I'm not  
8 familiar with Colorado City.

9 Right there.

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: If you go -- you  
11 got it.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: It's about 10,500  
13 people.

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Don't have any  
15 Indian reservations in that selection?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: No. Although District 7  
17 is already underpopulated by 2700 people. That  
18 would be coming from District 7.

19 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. Let's hold  
20 that thought.

21 I wonder if it would be helpful just to  
22 recap the population we have in our different  
23 regions that we haven't assigned yet. The Coconino  
24 area, the Gila County area.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Why don't we do

1 that by county, then, I guess.

2 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: So for each county --  
4 and I'll tell what you portions of the population  
5 you have everywhere.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Would that help?

7 WILLIE DESMOND: So to do that, let me  
8 clear this off a little bit and make it a little  
9 easier to see.

10 So starting with Mohave County.

11 Okay. There is currently 4,000 -- or  
12 14,000 -- scratch that.

13 198,175 people. No, I'm sorry. I am  
14 really -- in District 5 there is 188,047.

15 In District 7, there is 12,139.

16 Continuing on to Coconino County, all  
17 right.

18 In District 7 is 43,210.

19 In I guess 6 and unassigned are roughly  
20 the same, so that would be 91,211.

21 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: That's the total  
22 of both?

23 WILLIE DESMOND: That's the total of  
24 both.

25 And Navajo in District 7, there is

1 63,264. The unassigned area, there is 44,185.

2 I believe Apache County is wholly  
3 contained in District 7, so we don't need to worry  
4 about that.

5 Gila County, District 7, has 6,966  
6 people. The unassigned portion is 46,631.

7 In Yavapai -- just one second.

8 In Yavapai County, District 7 is in  
9 Yavapai County, although it's zero people.

10 The only other district that we've looked  
11 at that we have a placeholder for is District 22,  
12 and that little portion of Peoria that goes north of  
13 Yavapai is 7 people.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: 7.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: 7.

16 So basically Yavapai is 211,026.  
17 Unassigned in District 14 or District 6 that are  
18 grid districts that need to be adjusted.

19 Is that helpful?

20 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: It will be.

21 Might be break time.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Arizona should consider  
23 electing its state legislature at large.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Another option would  
25 be to move north from Yuma along the river and just

1 get as many communities as you can.

2           It looks like, my quick and dirty look,  
3 you could go all the way up to Bullhead City and get  
4 the Golden Valley next to Kingman, but you don't --  
5 Kingman puts you over if you tried to get Kingman.

6           So the question would be, you know, what  
7 happens to the rest of Mohave County? Where does it  
8 fit?

9           WILLIE DESMOND: You know, just building  
10 District 13 as it's currently constituted going into  
11 the portions of Maricopa County, would it be helpful  
12 just to see what it would take to fully populate  
13 that?

14           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: We don't have --  
15 let's see. Have you just given us the numbers for  
16 Maricopa?

17           WILLIE DESMOND: I have. I can give you  
18 those --

19           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Why don't you give  
20 those to us again so we have a full list here of  
21 everything we're working with.

22           WILLIE DESMOND: That will take just a  
23 minute to generate.

24           All right. So Maricopa, districts that  
25 we're concerned about right now, District 13 has



1 4,413 people. In the unassigned area is 179,967.

2 In District 14 is 10,252 people.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Thank you.

4 The numbers you just gave us don't  
5 include 5; is that right?

6 WILLIE DESMOND: None of those numbers  
7 include 5.

8 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, I think the Mohave  
10 County had 5, but --

11 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So portions of  
12 Maricopa County that are either unassigned in 13 or  
13 14 are within 20,000 people of the district  
14 basically.

15 Am I right there?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: I think -- yeah, about  
17 194,000 people.

18 Is that what you're showing?

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: You know, to keep 5 the  
21 way it is, though, you need to link the population  
22 of 13 somewhere.

23 So, I mean, maybe it would be helpful to  
24 think about where you want to split counties. Is it  
25 better to split Maricopa once, try to keep

1 everything else as whole as possible or is it better  
2 to, you know, start in Maricopa and work your way  
3 out for the last four?

4 Both are options, it's just they are two  
5 separate approaches. You kind of have to take one  
6 or the other.

7 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: If we put  
8 Coconino, Navajo, Gila, and part of Yavapai into one  
9 district, I think that would make a district.

10 Can we just see what that would add up  
11 to?

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

13 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: If you want to  
14 take Sedona, some of the Verde Valley area, put it  
15 with Flagstaff.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: The other number you  
17 don't have also is there's that portion in Pinal  
18 County.

19 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Would you give  
20 that to us?

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Because we would  
23 want those communities to be together with the Gila  
24 County communities. Those are the copper towns.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: So that slice in Pinal

1 is 6,390.

2           Okay. So this -- actually this is not  
3 perfect because it does dip into 7, which I wouldn't  
4 do on the natural thing, but just to give you an  
5 indication of what that district would look like,  
6 taking the parts of Coconino, Navajo, Gila, and  
7 Pinal Counties that are left over and put them  
8 together, it's 189,930 people.

9           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Do we have Sedona  
10 and Yavapai County?

11           WILLIE DESMOND: No, I haven't done that  
12 yet. Hopefully I can do that.

13           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So let's go down  
14 into Yavapai County and pull in the Verde Valley and  
15 the Sedona areas.

16           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Oak Creek.

18           WILLIE DESMOND: Is it better to go --

19           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Let's take  
20 Cornville, Lake Montezuma.

21           WILLIE DESMOND: Something like that  
22 would be 215,638.

23           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Can you zoom in on  
24 this area, please?

25           WILLIE DESMOND: Just one second.

1 Changing microphones.

2           So the portion that this selection grabs  
3 is Sedona, Oak Creek, Lake Montezuma, Cornville, it  
4 looks like a little portion of Verde -- and some of  
5 Camp Verde. And also that's where it dips into  
6 Yavapai.

7           If this is something you would like me to  
8 do, I'll start over so as not to grab any parts of  
9 7, but it just happened because -- taking the whole  
10 census tract.

11           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So the other -- go  
12 ahead.

13           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So it intrudes into  
14 Yavapai County where? Just on the Sedona area?

15           WILLIE DESMOND: Again, Yavapai County  
16 right here, including the communities of Sedona, Oak  
17 Creek, Lake Montezuma, Cornville, parts of Camp  
18 Verde, and parts of Cottonwood.

19           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I would be curious  
20 to know the remainder -- what the population of the  
21 remainder of Yavapai County was and what the deficit  
22 would be.

23           WILLIE DESMOND: I believe this is just  
24 -- I think it was -- we needed to make up about  
25 25,000 people.

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So now we've taken a  
2 little bit more out of Yavapai County?

3           WILLIE DESMOND: Yavapai County was at,  
4 like, 211,000. So it probably would need to make up  
5 27, 28,000.

6           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Can you run -- or  
7 index 2 on that selection?

8           WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, but I have to make  
9 a new district to do that.

10          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: We can do that  
11 later.

12          WILLIE DESMOND: Well, actually --

13          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: That's all right.  
14 We can do that later.

15                 Is there any way to kind of save it and  
16 just set it aside so we can just see whether -- what  
17 that would leave us with without actually --

18          WILLIE DESMOND: What I could actually do  
19 is create a version of it. I mean, like, do it,  
20 accept the change and then create a new version of  
21 an older file. Again, we can go back to any point.  
22 So, yes.

23          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So the alternative  
24 with regard to the Gila County and Pinal County  
25 areas would be to pull them into either 12 or 23 and

1 kind of work our way -- do the same exercise we did  
2 this morning, work our way around to the west side?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, Gila County and  
4 Pinal County -- I'm not sure if you can pull them in  
5 -- District 12 --

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think we can't  
7 because we run into the majority-minority district.  
8 So you couldn't go that way.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. I mean, what you  
10 could possibly do is -- I mean, if it's helpful, we  
11 can look and see what the areas of Southern Gila  
12 County, how much population there is there?

13 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think we did  
14 that. It's about 46,000 people. And then when you  
15 add the Pinal County, it's a little over 50.

16 So maybe -- what do you think? Should we  
17 accept this and see if we can work around this?

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Just going  
19 back -- what was the population of the copper  
20 corridor communities put together?

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me cancel this  
22 because I wouldn't want to accept this one with the  
23 shortages to 7.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Sure.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: I can redo it in a

1 second.

2 I mean, is the copper corridor all of  
3 Gila County or just portions of southern, I guess is  
4 my question.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, it's --

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, I guess I  
7 would consider it sort of Southern Gila County,  
8 which would be Globe, Miami, and then south of there  
9 picking up the communities that fall over in Pinal  
10 County. So it's sort of that chunk.

11 So there's roughly 6 or 7,000 from Pinal  
12 County, but I guess really the question is what's  
13 the population of Globe and Miami?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: This is, again, just a  
15 rough selection. That population -- that's roughly  
16 25,000 people. And that includes Queenfield, Copper  
17 Hill, Globe, Six Shooter Canyon, Central Heights,  
18 Midland City, and then portions of Pinal County,  
19 Superior, Top of the World, Kearny. And it does  
20 include Roosevelt. I don't know that -- I might be  
21 able to trim this northern border a little bit to  
22 remove some people if that's too many people. It  
23 could, obviously, grow up north. It's not enough  
24 for one.

25 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's the

1 population now of Gila County north of Globe?

2 WILLIE DESMOND: So using that same  
3 border, that's about 27,157. And we're just using  
4 the census block border that goes in there. There's  
5 probably some tweaking on the edges, but I doubt  
6 it's more than a few hundred people.

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just --

8 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Do you want to  
9 pull it from the East Valley?

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, it looks like  
11 we got a couple of pretty underpopulated districts  
12 in the Southeast Valley. And if we assumed we would  
13 overpopulate them all by a hair, I hadn't finished,  
14 but we could put 30,000 more people in there.

15 What was the figure for Globe, Miami, and  
16 parts south of the copper corridor?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: I think that was roughly  
18 25,000.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, it could be  
20 done.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Then again, Districts 16  
22 and 25 are the two underpopulated ones.

23 Just looking at those, 16 is 9100 people  
24 underpopulated; 25 is 8400 people underpopulated.  
25 So about 17,500 to get to ideal.



1           And also, as we mentioned before,  
2 District 8 and 11 it's probably safe to make a  
3 little bigger, necessary, although they already are  
4 a little bigger than necessary.

5           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Before we  
6 undertake that, I think I would like to run index 2  
7 on it the way that we had it configured.

8           What I want to be careful of is that  
9 everyone from Flagstaff had told us they wanted a  
10 competitive district. We want to make sure that's  
11 what we wind up with.

12          WILLIE DESMOND: So index 2 on the -- let  
13 me see if I can do it.

14          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: If you select back  
15 in those areas of Gila County the way we originally  
16 had it.

17          WILLIE DESMOND: I think I can do that.

18          Okay. I'm not going to be able to show  
19 you index 2 for, like, the red areas. We could, you  
20 know, do it by creating a district, and that is  
21 available on the data table right here.

22          You have index 2 available to you, it's  
23 just not for a pending selection. It's only for  
24 once a selection has been made. If that makes  
25 sense.

1           So if you wanted to, I guess, create a  
2 new district those areas north of -- north of Globe  
3 going up, you can show me where else you wanted to  
4 select from and we could look at the index 2 of  
5 that.

6           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I want to look at  
7 the index 2 of what we originally configured so that  
8 we can compare it to what we are about to do.

9           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So you want to  
10 look at taking all of Gila County, remaining portion  
11 of Pinal --

12           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yeah.

13           WILLIE DESMOND: -- all of Coconino?

14           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yeah.

15           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Let's do that.

16           District 31 is back.

17           So 31, using -- again, needs to make up  
18 from Yavapai County about 24,000 people.

19           Let's go through and do that.

20           Starting with the whole census places,  
21 Sedona, Cornville, Oak Creek, Montezuma, that would  
22 add in 13,596 people. I'm selecting block groups  
23 around those areas.

24           Again, this cuts off a little chunk of  
25 Camp Verde right there.

1           That adds about another -- so now  
2 District -- if we took unassigned --

3           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Verde Village,  
4 that whole area there.

5           WILLIE DESMOND: All right. So right now  
6 it needs 1200. Going into the Verde Village, let's  
7 see where that census place is.

8           That adds about 6,000. So that's a  
9 little too much. We could take a portion of it.

10          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think we want to  
11 take in that whole area there. That's what we had  
12 done earlier.

13          WILLIE DESMOND: Right now we're almost  
14 to the ideal district size. It will add too many  
15 people, I think.

16          I can do it both ways, but if you add  
17 Verde Village, you're going to be -- that would add  
18 11,000 people.

19          So is that something you want me to do?  
20 You can shed that population somewhere else  
21 potentially.

22          I can tell you --

23          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, let's run it  
24 at close to the ideal population because then the  
25 other view is going to be backing Globe and Miami

1 out, in which case we'll need to pull more of those  
2 communities from the Verde Valley in.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: That makes sense.

4 All right. I'm looking at index 2,  
5 District 31.

6 Okay. This District 31, as it's  
7 currently drawn, has an index 2 Republican  
8 percentage of 54.32 and index 2 Democratic percentage  
9 of 45.68.

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay. So now  
11 should we do it the other way, backing out Globe,  
12 Miami, Superior and pulling in Clarkdale and Verde  
13 Village --

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: -- Jerome.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: I guess the best way to  
17 do that would be to just leave this district as it  
18 is and just remove those areas.

19 I am going to add those to a new  
20 district. So we won't be able to go back to that  
21 old line easier.

22 There is this one, I think it's  
23 Roosevelt, that's split. We could probably remove  
24 that split.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Let's do that.

2 Okay. So now District 31, having done  
3 that, is overpopulated by 25,935 people.

4 Because you did take those 25,000, 24,000  
5 people out of the mix for these last four districts,  
6 these last four districts now probably need to be  
7 populated somewhere just below the ideal value,  
8 which would help with District 5, if you wanted to  
9 keep that the way it was.

10 Just something to consider.

11 So growing this District 31 here to pick  
12 up the whole census places of Verde Village --

13 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: So that area there  
14 is about 50,000 people; is that right?

15 WILLIE DESMOND: I'm not sure. That red  
16 selection is about 11,000 people. Would you rather  
17 I take Clarkdale or Camp Verde?

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, just trying  
19 to figure out how we got to be 25,000 people  
20 overpopulated when we took out Globe/Miami and --

21 WILLIE DESMOND: 25 under.

22 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Oh, under.

23 WILLIE DESMOND: 25 under. You need to  
24 make up 25,000 more -- oh, about 26 actually.  
25 25,935.

1 All of these areas equal about 18,000 --  
2 or about 19,000.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: If you take some of the  
5 census blocks, we have to take --

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: That keeps it  
8 contiguous, relatively compact.

9 This area does not do well on the Reock  
10 because of all of the natural features.

11 Okay. So that selection will add about  
12 19,716 people. You probably still need to take a  
13 little more.

14 Would you like to go get, like, Jerome  
15 right here?

16 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Jerome, yep.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll probably grab this,  
18 too, just because that -- now it's saying District  
19 31 is overpopulated. Took too many people. I'll  
20 undo that and just see.

21 Sometime in the near future it might be a  
22 good idea -- after we look at this -- let me just  
23 verify this and make sure nothing is getting skewed  
24 up.

25 Okay. I was looking -- this is my

1 fault -- at the wrong column. I apologize.

2 That population is about 38,000. So  
3 about 13,000 over. So we don't need to take that  
4 much.

5 That being said, would you rather go with  
6 this area to the north or the Camp Verde area to the  
7 south to add?

8 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think we should  
9 grab Jerome because that's part of that area.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: So -- sorry.

11 I don't know if we're going to be able to  
12 grab Jerome without going over. Again, we need to  
13 be a little under at this point.

14 So right now we're 2500 over. I can see  
15 what it would take to bring it in. Just one second.

16 Not many people. Zero.

17 All right. So just doing that, that  
18 district is now overpopulated by 2,506 people.

19 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: The --

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Is there anyone  
22 living in that area of Camp Verde that's being  
23 split?

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me check. That's  
25 good idea.

1           45 people.

2           The index 2 Dem percentage on this,  
3 District 31, is for the Republican percentage is  
4 55.31. Dem percentage is 44.769. So that last one  
5 was -- so it's about a point less competitive.

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So we'll take break  
7 right now.

8           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: It's 4:28 p.m., and  
10 we'll be back in 15 minutes.

11           Thanks.

12           (A recess was taken from 4:28 p.m. to  
13 4:51 p.m.)

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. We'll enter  
15 back into public section. Recess is over. The time  
16 is 4:51 p.m.

17           We thought we would start with public  
18 comment and those folks who have submitted request  
19 to speak forms. We'll go through those now. And if  
20 there's still some at the end of our meeting, too,  
21 we'll do some more public comment at that time.

22           So our first speaker is Connie Woodbrey,  
23 representing self from Green Valley.

24           CONNIE WOODBREY: My name is Connie  
25 Woodbrey, C-o-n-n-i-e, W-o-o-d-b-r-e-y, a 12-year



1 resident of Green Valley.

2 Commissioner McNulty, last Wednesday on  
3 the 5th, you said that Green Valley is like  
4 Saddlebrooke, and I say that is wrong.

5 Voting habits show that minorities have  
6 an enormously better ability to elect in Green  
7 Valley than in Saddlebrooke.

8 Indeed voting habits show that minorities  
9 even have a very much better ability to elect in  
10 Green Valley than in Sahuarita.

11 If the Commission wants to maintain the  
12 District 2 of the minority option 2 map as the  
13 minority-majority district, it will move Green  
14 Valley into District 2.

15 Voting habits also show there's no  
16 minority ability to elect in the communities of  
17 Quail Creek and Madera Highlands, just east of Old  
18 Nogales Highway.

19 Those communities should be moved into  
20 the District 1 where they share a community of  
21 interest with Corona de Tucson and Vail.

22 Everything south of Sahuarita Road and  
23 east of the railroad line all the way south to Mt.  
24 Hopkins Road should be moved into District 1.

25 And some of the South Cochise County area

1 should be moved from District 2 into District 1  
2 where it should be anyway.

3           These changes will make the communities  
4 of interest better satisfied for all areas and would  
5 make significant improvements in the compactness and  
6 contiguous aspects of the Districts 1 and 2.

7           Tucson, Sahuarita, Green Valley, and the  
8 Santa Cruz Valley to the south share a very strong  
9 community of interest in the most intense illegal  
10 cross border activities in the nation.

11           And in the Santa Cruz Valley aquifer west  
12 of the Santa Rita Range, Green Valley was the  
13 epicenter of the recent raging controversy over  
14 Border Patrol checkpoints on I-19, a controversy  
15 involving many meetings of the Border Patrol and  
16 Congresswoman Giffords, Tubac, Green Valley,  
17 Sahuarita community work group.

18           The community of interest in the aquifer  
19 is very important to the communities right now and  
20 will become vitally important in the decade ahead.

21           Already the aquifer is at risk. See the  
22 long article in yesterday's Arizona Daily Star.

23           To the largest extent possible,  
24 communities within the aquifer area warrant unified  
25 representation in the legislature.

1           The strong community of interest that  
2 Green Valley has with Sahuarita and Tucson to the  
3 north and with the west of the Santa Cruz Valley to  
4 the south should be respected.

5           Green Valley is separated from east and  
6 parts of Arizona bound by mountain ranges and rivers  
7 and it shares little or no community of interest  
8 with the vast area east of the Santa Rita Range, an  
9 area stretching all the way east to New Mexico.

10           That large eastern area is largely rural  
11 and ranching communities whereas Green Valley is  
12 strictly a residential community populated by  
13 retired and working education, veteran, military,  
14 and other professional people.

15           Moreover, the overwhelming majority of  
16 Green Valley and Sahuarita residents share with  
17 Tucson a multitude of things important to daily  
18 life. These include employment and jobs, education,  
19 parks and recreation, arts, museum, theaters,  
20 hospitals and physicians, veteran and military  
21 services, and major highways, and tourism.

22           To underscore this community of interest,  
23 one can say that if Green Valley and Sahuarita were  
24 60 to 70 miles distance from Tucson, then our  
25 populations would be very small indeed.

1           Oh, a footnote is the proposed pipeline  
2 to aid Ross Rosemont facing obstacles, the Arizona  
3 Daily Star.

4           And I have a letter here from a long-time  
5 resident of Green Valley who makes mostly the same  
6 points.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I'll take that.

8           Thank you very much.

9           CONNIE WOODBREY: I wasn't critical of  
10 you. I just had to say you were wrong about Green  
11 Valley.

12          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: You said it very  
13 well.

14          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15          Our next speaker is Virginia Simpson,  
16 former town council from Paradise Valley area.

17          VIRGINIA SIMPSON: Thank you,  
18 commissioners, and thank you for the work that you  
19 are doing, evidenced by your long hours on Sunday.  
20 You all are putting a lot of due diligence into this  
21 project.

22          I would like to speak on behalf of my  
23 community because looking at the differences in the  
24 congressional district versus the legislative  
25 district, there are some glaring differences that

1 seem to occur.

2           Looking, of course, at communities of  
3 interest as one of the concerns and one of the  
4 things that we're always looking at, sometimes  
5 people aren't aware of some of the unique aspects of  
6 a small community like Paradise Valley.

7           If you look at the two main arteries that  
8 run through Paradise Valley, Lincoln and Tatum, if  
9 you look at Lincoln as our east/west and if you're  
10 looking at Lincoln as you go from east to west,  
11 you're going right down the corridor that is  
12 directly into the Biltmore area.

13           Now, our tie into Phoenix is a little bit  
14 more than the fact that it's a contiguous community  
15 that shares not only social ties and is contiguous,  
16 that it's seamless, but we also with Phoenix there  
17 have some infrastructure ties.

18           Our people that are on that west end of  
19 our town are also -- have Phoenix water, Phoenix  
20 sewer. It's a rather intimate tie into that  
21 Biltmore area.

22           If you look at the Tatum, which is our  
23 north/south arterial, again, we are going to --  
24 these people are going to be involved with Phoenix  
25 in the water and sewer also.

1           So there's a lot closer tie than you  
2 realize to that Phoenix community.

3           As a matter of fact, when Phoenix was  
4 unable to supply and adequately serve their  
5 community north of Tatum with fire, the Paradise  
6 Valley council, which I was then on, agreed when we  
7 built a new fire station in our town on Tatum, that  
8 we have an agreement to serve their community for  
9 fire service.

10           So we're very intimately tied.

11           We share the actual cost of that fire  
12 station. It's not just a mutual aid agreement.  
13 It's that we have a contract where we actually pay  
14 half of the costs and share costs -- have a cost  
15 sharing on the fire station and the firemen.

16           So that's a very intimate tie that the  
17 town has with Phoenix.

18           So when we start looking at that north  
19 corridor north of Tatum and into the Biltmore area,  
20 those ties are not just casual ties.

21           So I think when we look at our  
22 congressional area, we're looking at people that we  
23 have a very -- we have concerns with that are --  
24 that bind us together a lot more tightly than maybe  
25 people might realize.

1 I think that's why logic demands that we  
2 look at these people as having a community of  
3 interest that goes beyond simply being neighbors.

4 Also, when I looked at the map and  
5 realized that the line actually looked like it was  
6 on top of the mountain and severing Camelback  
7 Mountain, that was sort of affronting. I hope that  
8 we would not want to cut our beautiful mountain that  
9 we share. And that the logic of where we would draw  
10 any of our boundaries would be on major arterials.  
11 So I hope that you will look at the south boundary  
12 as Camelback Mountain.

13 Part of our own residents are not just on  
14 the mountain but on some of our streets both  
15 slightly south of that. So I would hope that you  
16 would be looking at a major arterial rather than  
17 severing part of that mountain.

18 But I'm hoping that you will look back at  
19 this and say there are some reasons that we work  
20 together.

21 I also have served on the Phoenix Board  
22 for American Cancer Society and certainly the social  
23 ties.

24 I have been the chairman for the American  
25 Cancer Relay For Life in Paradise Valley for ten

1 years and we look towards that for our corporate  
2 sponsorships and for similar people in the Biltmore  
3 area.

4 I would hate to see any severance from  
5 that community kind of a tie.

6 And just wanted to bring a few things to  
7 your attention, and, again, thank you for time and  
8 all of the effort that you all are putting in.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10 Our next speaker is Kevin Burke, city  
11 manager from the City of Flagstaff.

12 MATTHEW CAPALBY: I am, of course, not  
13 Kevin Burke. We're both from Flagstaff.

14 My is Matthew Capalby, and I would like  
15 to read a statement on behalf of Kevin Burke,  
16 B-u-r-k-e, city manager, City of Flagstaff.

17 He had a tragedy just a few hours ago.  
18 The police chief of Flagstaff had a heart attack and  
19 passed away. Kevin had to depart immediately.

20 So on his behalf, he asked me to read the  
21 following.

22 The City of Flagstaff prefers option 2  
23 version a for the legislative map as most closely  
24 reflects the City of Flagstaff's value statement,  
25 which includes no regressivity for Native



1 populations in District 7. A competitive district  
2 with communities of interest in District 6 and the  
3 inclusion of the Greater Flagstaff area in one  
4 district.

5 The mapping today includes Flagstaff with  
6 communities in Gila County. Flagstaff has little,  
7 if any, community of interest with this area in  
8 regard to transportation, economic, governance, or  
9 natural resource perspectives.

10 We kindly ask that you consider  
11 exchanging population with more of the Verde Valley  
12 to include communities of Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and  
13 Camp Verde.

14 Thank you, Kevin Burke, city manager of  
15 Flagstaff.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

18 Our next speaker is Gene Pizzatto,  
19 representing self from Maricopa County.

20 Okay. Our next speaker is Shirley Dye,  
21 representing self from Northern Arizona.

22 SHIRLEY DYE: Shirley Dye, D-y-e.

23 I live in Payson, and like the city  
24 manager of Flagstaff just said, we really do not  
25 have any community of interest with Flagstaff or

1 Sedona areas. They have a different kind of  
2 lifestyle than we do.

3 We are more closely akin to Showlow,  
4 Heber-Overgaard, Pinetop, and the people in Greenlee  
5 County. We're more rural. We're more -- very much  
6 more interested, like he said, in our natural  
7 resources.

8 You're talking now about chopping off  
9 from Roosevelt south, and Gila County would be in  
10 three different districts again. I mean, our -- San  
11 Carlos and White Mountain Apaches are part of our  
12 county, but we would be in with Flagstaff. We would  
13 be in with Pinal, it looks like.

14 And so I'm feeling very much like the  
15 whole -- the people up there in the White Mountains  
16 south of the Navajo tribal lands are just being --  
17 and Springerville, Eagar, all of those people are  
18 just kind of being tossed aside.

19 So I came here with a lot of really good  
20 hope, because I had read something that -- in Prop  
21 106 that I was looking at that said that you all  
22 could decide to put in another district, and I was  
23 going, oh, yeah, we can split that huge big district  
24 in two and have two congressmen and then split it  
25 with two legislatures and senators for two different

1 districts, but I was told now that, no, that what I  
2 read was not true. So I got all excited about it  
3 then here is the bust.

4           If there was any way that -- I do not  
5 know why you've cut this area here and don't go all  
6 the way over. I don't understand why we can't have,  
7 you know, a gerrymandered Gila County that comes on  
8 over and then picks up these areas and goes into  
9 Greenlee, you know, and then a little gerrymander --  
10 remember the way the Hopis were pulled out of the  
11 Navajo Nation and put over here before.

12           So I'm just real unhappy about the whole  
13 White Mountains that are akin to us and where we  
14 recreate, where we have our natural resources and  
15 all of that. If the Apaches -- the White Mountain  
16 and the San Carlos Apaches, which I understand you  
17 still have yet to hear from, what happens if they  
18 decide they don't want to go with people up in the  
19 north, you know, with the Navajos?

20           I just think that there's got to be  
21 another way that there's a possibility that it could  
22 work out so that we could be with our community of  
23 interest.

24           That's it.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1           Our next speaker is Martha Jo Billy,  
2 representing self from Gilbert.

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She left.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. And, Matthew  
5 Capalby, did you have another --

6           MATTHEW CAPALBY: Good afternoon,  
7 commissioners.

8           Matthew Capalby, C-a-p-a-l-b-y. I reside  
9 in Flagstaff, Arizona, and I'm with the citizens  
10 group called Greater Arizona Success for Rural  
11 Arizona.

12           Again, just to reemphasize some previous  
13 points made at some of the earlier hearings, being a  
14 Republican or Democrat, there is general agreement  
15 that we would prefer -- or like to see eight solely  
16 rural legislative districts as well as the already  
17 well-defined two rural congressional districts. We  
18 do hope that you meet that objective.

19           And in regard to Northern Arizona, we had  
20 a conference call with a number of different  
21 constituents throughout Greater Arizona on Friday  
22 morning, and again, one area where we could draw at  
23 least one competitive district out of the five in  
24 Northern Arizona was the Flagstaff region, the Verde  
25 Valley, and White Mountain region.

1           We were able to get that from a  
2 performance standpoint within 2 percent. We think  
3 that's, of course, ideally competitive and we hope  
4 that does continue down that path aside from some  
5 partisan interests that have been expressed  
6 previously.

7           And also I heard from a number of people  
8 in Winslow, and just for your edification, they  
9 would prefer to be with Flag, understanding they  
10 have a significant tribal population within their  
11 community.

12           But there is that hope that they would be  
13 added into the Flagstaff, Verde Valley, White  
14 Mountain legislative district for the sake of  
15 competitiveness.

16           So we do appreciate your time and we see  
17 the light at the end of the tunnel. Appreciate all  
18 your efforts.

19           Thank you.

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

21           And we extend our sympathies to the  
22 citizens of Flagstaff and, obviously, the family of  
23 the police chief.

24           MATTHEW CAPALBY: Thank you, Madame  
25 Chair. I appreciate that. I'll make sure those

1 sentiments are conveyed.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3 Our next speaker is David Cantelme,  
4 representing FAIR Trust from Cave Creek.

5 DAVID CANTELME: Good afternoon, Madame  
6 Chair, members of the Commission. Thank you again  
7 for the privilege and honor of being able to speak  
8 to you on matters that are on my mind.

9 I have three main points I want to make  
10 to you today.

11 The first one is, again, I echo Mr.  
12 Capalby's point that we should have two wholly rural  
13 districts, unfortunately, we do not. We have one,  
14 the eastern district is rural. The western  
15 district, where it comes into Maricopa County, that  
16 is not rural. There's no way anybody can say that  
17 it is. Maricopa County, particularly coming to the  
18 urban area, that is not rural. In fact, it's the  
19 exact opposite.

20 The second point, the Voting Rights Act.  
21 As you all know, our Constitution has adopted by  
22 reference the Voting Rights Act, and, of course, it  
23 applies its force as a matter of federal law.

24 There's two main sections that we deal  
25 with. First is Section 2 and the other is Section

1 5.

2 Section 5 seems to have gotten the lion's  
3 share of interest by the Commission, but Section 2  
4 cannot be forgotten nor can it be ignored. It's  
5 just as much a part of the Voting Rights Act and the  
6 state Constitution as is Section 5.

7 We know that Latinos make up 29.6 percent  
8 of Arizona's population. That's what the census  
9 told us. That comes to nine districts when you have  
10 a total of 30.

11 If you are not going to create nine  
12 majority Latino districts, then it's incumbent upon  
13 this Commission to give the analysis as to why not.

14 And it may not be possible. It depends.  
15 I mean, the analysis must be done under the Jingles  
16 test to determine whether nine are feasible. If  
17 they are feasible, if it can be done, it must be  
18 done.

19 So my question to the Commission is, has  
20 Dr. King actually done the analysis under Section 2  
21 that would justify departure from nine Latino  
22 districts?

23 If he has done the analysis, it should be  
24 made available to the public. I have not seen it  
25 nor have I seen any reference to it, nor have I seen

1 any posted. And my suspicion is that, in fact,  
2 Dr. King has not done the analysis under Section 2.

3 I suppose he probably has under Section  
4 5, but he should be doing it under Section 2 as  
5 well.

6 There is no one in this room capable of  
7 doing Section 2 analysis with the rigor that  
8 Dr. King could do.

9 Third point, the Voting Rights Act,  
10 Section 5 -- under Section 5, the point I would make  
11 is that you should not force any tribe -- federally  
12 recognized tribal into a district it does not want  
13 to go into.

14 I heard it said that we have not heard  
15 from the two Apache tribes, and that may be the case  
16 in a formal sense, but we know that Chairman Lupe of  
17 the White Mountain Tribe delivered a letter to this  
18 Commission when it met in Hon-Dah. That is a fact.  
19 You have the letter. It's nothing that's not part  
20 of the public record.

21 And in that letter Chairman Lupe said  
22 plainly, the White Mountain Tribe was quite  
23 satisfied where it is.

24 Now, if that's been rescinded, it's not a  
25 matter of public record, and I am led to believe he



1 has not rescinded that letter.

2           So the question would be, if the  
3 Commission is not going to honor the wishes of the  
4 White Mountain Tribe, the question would be why not?

5           On the other hand, if it is going to  
6 adhere to those wishes, I would commend that because  
7 the one thing that you learned from studying  
8 redistricting and particularly in Arizona, and that  
9 is first you should not ever split a tribe. And I  
10 commend this district -- this Commission never has  
11 done that. But second, the wishes of the individual  
12 tribes should be observed to the extent it's  
13 possible.

14           Thank you so much.

15           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16           Our next speaker is Steve Muratore,  
17 publisher Arizona Eagletarian.

18           STEVE MURATORE: Thank you, Madame  
19 Chairman, commissioners.

20           My name is Steve Muratore,  
21 M-u-r-a-t-o-r-e. I publish the Arizona Eagletarian.

22           I come before you today because I've been  
23 trying to get some information from Tony Sissons.  
24 You know I'm interested in competitive districts and  
25 I know he knows more about it than I do.

1           So -- because before you were even  
2 constituted as the Commission, he was writing about  
3 the situation and suggesting that there were quite a  
4 few competitive districts possible. I asked him for  
5 some background to those claims. And here is a  
6 little bit of what he told me.

7           He believes right now that with ten  
8 voting rights districts, it's still possible to draw  
9 up to 12 legitimate competitive legislative  
10 districts.

11           He bases this assertion on the full  
12 analysis of the half-truth that the first Commission  
13 promoted and that current components of competition  
14 still cling to, and I've heard it from reporters  
15 even recently.

16           They contend that creating voting rights  
17 districts uses up so many Democrats that there are  
18 not many left over to make more than three or four  
19 competitive districts.

20           It's believable until you look at where  
21 the concentrations of the Republicans live. He  
22 provided me with some figures, some maps, and I will  
23 provide that to you, one of which is Maricopa County  
24 where he drew some hypothetical districts and he  
25 says he labels each of the districts A through G, as

1 opposed to corresponding numbers.

2           And within each of these, he came up with  
3 a 1-percent deviation from the ideal legislative  
4 district size to illustrate a broad sweep of  
5 Maricopa County that is safely Republican and cannot  
6 be made competitive because most of the surrounding  
7 precincts also have Republican majority.

8           These districts counterbalance the  
9 heavily Democratic voting rights districts leaving  
10 14 to 16 districts worth of Arizona outside of  
11 Maricopa County with almost equal Democratic and  
12 Republican registrations in which territory -- in  
13 which territory at least 12 competitive districts  
14 can be drawn.

15           So I wanted to give this to you, and I  
16 can provide also the files because my printer ran  
17 out of ink.

18           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you.

19           STEVE MURATORE: Thank you.

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And I think that  
21 concludes public comment, unless I missed anyone's  
22 opportunity here.

23           Okay. Thank you all for coming and  
24 sharing your thoughts with us.

25           Our next item on the agenda is the one we

1 were working on, which is agenda item 2. Back to  
2 the salt mines.

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So I think where  
4 we left off was we were trying to decide how to best  
5 draw the district that includes Coconino and Navajo  
6 Counties, along with either all or portions of Gila  
7 County and also parts of Yavapai County.

8 So that's where we were.

9 Is there anything --

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madame Chair, I  
11 think we heard the comments from Flagstaff that they  
12 would -- their preference would be to include the  
13 Verde Valley and Sedona in District 6 and to exclude  
14 the Globe, Miami, Superior area. Gila County is not  
15 part of the Northern Arizona county of government  
16 organization -- organizations of governments. They  
17 don't work with them on a regular basis.

18 Unless I think about it -- as Phoenix  
19 continues to grow on the east side, the resolution  
20 mine comes online. There's going to be much more  
21 alignment of those areas with East Phoenix than with  
22 Flagstaff.

23 So I think it makes sense to proceed  
24 along the lines that Mr. Freeman was suggesting, to  
25 work with our 15,000-person population deficit in

1 East Phoenix and to build in the Globe, Miami,  
2 Superior area into East Phoenix and create District  
3 6, at least for draft purposes, to include the areas  
4 that we had designated in Verde Valley.

5 So, Mr. Desmond, do we still have that  
6 drawn?

7 WILLIE DESMOND: We do. What we have is  
8 District -- it's not really a district. It's being  
9 called 32, inside portion of South Gila County. I  
10 guess would have that go into District 8.

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And then 31 is --

12 WILLIE DESMOND: 31 is the area of  
13 Coconino, Navajo, and Yavapai County that we looked  
14 at.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, I would  
16 suggest that we call that 6 --

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: -- and we then  
19 work on pulling 32 into 16 and surrounding areas.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: The other comment  
22 I would make is that when we looked at the  
23 competitiveness analysis just before we went on  
24 break, even though there appeared to be a point  
25 difference, as Phoenix grows, continues to grow into

1 that Superior area and resolution comes online, that  
2 district could very quickly grow out of that point  
3 of competitiveness. So that's kind of the trade-off  
4 there.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: This new district,  
6 District 6, has a population of 214,748.

7 Okay. Did you want to go right down to  
8 this portion of 32 or did you want to try to deal  
9 with the last two districts?

10 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Pick your poison.

11 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think  
12 Mr. Freeman has been studying this area so well it's  
13 all fresh in his --

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, I don't know  
15 if I have the answer. I have been trying to look at  
16 it.

17 Why don't we just go ahead and put 32  
18 into 8.

19 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: And the last thing we do  
21 should be -- still a portion of 31. I missed it  
22 before, so I'll see what that does to our total  
23 population in 31. It's only 644 people.

24 District 8 is now district -- all right.

25 So now District 8 is overpopulated by

1 28,776 people. Immediately next to it is District  
2 16, which is right next to District 25.

3 District 16 is 9,171 people  
4 underpopulated.

5 District 25 is 8,427 people  
6 overpopulated.

7 Also District 11 is underpopulated by  
8 2,287 people.

9 If you'll allow me to run a prison report  
10 quickly, District 11 has a prison population of  
11 7,001 people.

12 District 8 has a prison population of  
13 11,390 people.

14 Just so you have that information going  
15 forward.

16 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Could you give me  
17 two figures, Willie, I'm sorry.

18 District 16 is under by 16,000 --

19 WILLIE DESMOND: No, District 16 is under  
20 by 9,171.

21 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: 9,171.

22 And then the district that's under by  
23 8,200 -- 8,427 2.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: That is District 25.

25 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: 25. Okay.

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Those are the two Mesa  
2 districts.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And it seems the  
4 only place where there's population to give back is  
5 the San Tan Valley, which probably gets split and  
6 that population is then distributed to 12, 16, and  
7 25. It means reconfiguring them in some logical way  
8 to spread out that population. Then all of those  
9 districts will probably be close to balanced.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And I just have  
11 to fix this change. It's a very large census tract  
12 there, so I'll put in census tract.

13 So you think District 16 should drop down  
14 into San Tan or District 12?

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, we've got to  
16 give up 28,000?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And this deficit of  
19 16 is how many?

20 WILLIE DESMOND: 16 is under by 9100,  
21 9200, roughly and 25 is under by 8400.

22 District 12 is slightly overpopulated.  
23 It's 3600 over. And I think the reason for that is  
24 that you guys made every effort to not split Gilbert  
25 a second time.



1           One thing you may want to address right  
2 away is there is that small portion of Queen Creek  
3 that's split off of District 12. That would take a  
4 couple hundred from 8.

5           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And then 25 is  
6 missing --

7           WILLIE DESMOND: 8400.

8           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- 8400. So we got  
9 to get population into 16 and 25 and it has to --  
10 might have to go through 12 a little bit?

11          WILLIE DESMOND: You may have to go  
12 through 12.

13          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I guess 16 -- I'm  
14 trying to minimize the splits to San Tan as well.  
15 So if we're going split it, let's do it just once.

16          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Well, I guess  
17 what would make the most sense to me would be just  
18 to have 16 come down. That allows you to not have a  
19 split in Gilbert. In District 12, if you look, I  
20 think that northern border is all Gilbert. Let me  
21 see. Yeah, so if you want to go through 12, 25, and  
22 16 would have to --

23          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I guess what you're  
24 suggesting is if we did it that way, we wouldn't  
25 have to mess with 12?

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, I would say that  
2 12 could maybe go down. There's a small portion of  
3 Queen Creek here. I don't know if there's many  
4 people here. And it's across the county line, but  
5 it's there.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: But 12 is already  
7 slightly overpopulated --

8 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. So --

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- by 1.69 percent.  
10 Maybe just see what the population is  
11 there in Queen Creek.

12 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me do it with block  
13 groups.

14 So that's about 3600 people, 3700 people,  
15 which would take 12 to almost 7200 people  
16 overpopulated. That's tough.

17 It's possible, you know, if we look at  
18 it, might be able to reduce that slightly taking all  
19 of that area.

20 So we could do something like this at the  
21 block level and then that would be only 15 --  
22 there's really not many people that live in this  
23 area. If you just start with that, you'll see it's  
24 443 people in that portion of Queen Creek that is in  
25 Pinal County.

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN:  What's the  
2 population of just this unincorporated cutout?

3           WILLIE DESMOND:  3200 people.

4           I mean, to do it with the smallest impact  
5 on 12's population, you could do something like  
6 this.  This would then be contiguous.

7           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN:  Yeah, it's almost --  
8 we're getting -- this unincorporated area is  
9 probably more like Queen Creek than this area.  I'm  
10 sorry, I don't know the area better, but --

11          WILLIE DESMOND:  Again, this isn't the  
12 real issue right now.

13          So I guess getting back to it, I can give  
14 you -- maybe it would be helpful if we looked at  
15 different ways of approaching San Tan, both from the  
16 area of 12 and from the north.

17          So one way would be -- and I don't know  
18 -- that right there is about 20,000 people, roughly  
19 what it would take to bring 15 and -- or, I'm sorry,  
20 16 and 25 up and have a little extra in each, but I  
21 don't know if it's better to split San Tan --

22          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN:  Well, the first way  
23 you suggested was perhaps the way that minimizes the  
24 number of splits.  If we could just see how it  
25 looked, which was to bring this border of 16 down

1 and grab -- it's going to have to grab more than  
2 28,000. Well, it's going to grab 28,000 and then  
3 we're going to shift the line between 25 and 16.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: And, again, District 8  
5 you can leave it a little overpopulated. So it  
6 doesn't need to grab all 28. You can leave, like,  
7 5,000 or something.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: This selection right  
10 here takes 22,379. If we wanted to kind of minimize  
11 -- I mean, you could also do that same selection  
12 essentially like this.

13 That would take 26,000 and add it into  
14 District 16.

15 And if you're -- if you didn't want to  
16 take as much, I think there was some areas here that  
17 might make sense to grab at the census-block level.  
18 I'm not sure how populated these all are, but --

19 So that's about 26,300. More than enough  
20 for 16 and 25.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: You got this little  
22 arm here that's hanging out. I wish I knew. It's  
23 been a long time since I've driven down that  
24 highway, and I'm sure it's changed a lot.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

1           Some of the major roads and streets. See  
2 if that's helpful at all. I don't know.

3           So this would be everything north of  
4 Combs Road, essentially.

5           That's 33,000 people, so that's a little  
6 too many, but just to give you an indication it's  
7 more of a north/south type split, I guess.

8           The other thing is -- I'm not sure what  
9 the population of Queen Valley is or any of those  
10 areas, if that makes more sense to bring that in.

11           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: There's, like, a  
12 thousand people there, if that. And it's -- it  
13 doesn't -- looking on Google Earth, it doesn't even  
14 look like it's really on the 60 here. It looks like  
15 it's up in the hills a little bit.

16           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

17           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So I don't think it  
18 would be worth it.

19           If there's good way to configure that  
20 split --

21           WILLIE DESMOND: Why don't we just pull  
22 down and then we can play with other options.

23           So I'll just do this right here.

24           So that moves 1500 people. I would say  
25 just kind of thinking about it -- sorry, you

1 probably want to -- so you have 28,000 and you need  
2 to make up, like, 17, 18,000, you'd probably want to  
3 split that all three ways, maybe. So it would be  
4 17,500 plus 6,000 is about twenty-three fifty,  
5 23,500. That gives you a deviation of roughly 3,500  
6 in each one of those three districts above to kind  
7 of minimize then.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: 16, 25, and 8?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. So right now, 16  
10 needs to take about another 10 -- or 20,000 people,  
11 22,000, something like that from San Tan.

12 So just going at this census-block group  
13 level and trying to work our way kind of north/south  
14 makes the most sense. That's 32, so that's too  
15 many.

16 Just this area, that's 58.

17 Do you want to keep taking these chunk by  
18 chunk?

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, just work  
20 across.

21 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. That's 16.  
22 That's 24. Let's see what that would do, if that's  
23 all right.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So at this point,

1 District 8 is overpopulated by 3,263.

2 District 16 is overpopulated by 16,504.

3 District 25 is underpopulated by 8,427.

4 If it took that 8,427 plus an additional,  
5 say, 3,000, that's roughly eleven and a half  
6 thousand, which will leave 16 with about 5,000  
7 extra. So it could split that difference down to  
8 maybe 4,250 something like that.

9 I'm looking -- I think that's about a  
10 deviation of about 2 percent. So that's probably  
11 not -- that's much better than the four and a half  
12 that we started at.

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Right.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: So then do you want to  
15 look then at the --

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So that's our goal?

17 WILLIE DESMOND: So that's our goal.

18 And now we're done with 8, kind of, if  
19 this line in San Tan works with everybody. So speak  
20 now or we're moving up.

21 So now the question becomes where does  
22 the split between 16 and 25 come. Is it better to  
23 follow more north/south or would you want to try to  
24 see what the 202 has there going with some of the  
25 roads? However you want to try to pull District 25

1 -- how to grab for District 25.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I'm sorry, what's  
3 the population we're shifting?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: So 25 needs to make up,  
5 I would say, about eleven and a half thousand.

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Maybe 12,000. That  
8 would put it about 3500 over and make 16 about 4500  
9 over. So 12 to 13,000 people, essentially.

10 I guess also what it might be helpful to  
11 think about is -- let me change the color of Apache  
12 Junction so we can just make this solely -- solely a  
13 Mesa district, is what we looked at before. I think  
14 that made sense, didn't go into Pinal County.

15 Okay. So I guess two ways for this  
16 district to grow would be for it to take north down  
17 or to continue in the west/east.

18 And it may be helpful to look at how  
19 District 16 looks to see to understand how those  
20 changes would be.

21 If it's all right, I'll show you just  
22 some quick selections to give you an understanding  
23 of what that would do.

24 So 25 took from 16. And I guess what I'm  
25 saying is you would go like this, and I don't know



1 the population here. That's about 23 sets way too  
2 many, or you could come like this direction and go  
3 at it that way.

4 That's closer. It might make sense just  
5 to start with that so then you have, like, a  
6 completely straight line.

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. That's 2700  
8 people?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: That's 2700, yeah.  
10 So you have 10,000 more.

11 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: So what if you  
12 follow the freeway for a ways, how far would you  
13 have to go? We'll have to do it at the block level.

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Just some of the big --  
15 well, that's already too many people. It's not  
16 even --

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Oh, yeah.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, that might be a  
19 canal, that feature there. Looks like it would be.  
20 It says LN 5600 -- 2600.

21 And the other thing we could do is if you  
22 were interested in following -- well, never mind. I  
23 was going to say if you wanted to pick up this  
24 population here, the 202, you could lose some up  
25 here, but I don't think that would work out just

1 population-wise.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: You didn't take this  
3 population over here?

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Oh, no. I was just --

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That seems like a  
6 good starting point.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. I will do that.

8 Okay. So now District 24 -- I'm sorry,  
9 District 25 is underpopulated by 5700. Probably  
10 needs to grab roughly a thousand -- or 10,000  
11 people, though.

12 I can show you some different ways that  
13 would look.

14 That's 10,000. Might be a few too many.  
15 Might be slightly shy, but also build up something  
16 like that. That gives you about 9700. That would  
17 be about right.

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's the  
19 population -- is that unincorporated area fully --  
20 is it all built out in there?

21 WILLIE DESMOND: So this selection is  
22 2400 people.

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What if you just  
24 took what's northwest of the unincorporated area?

25 WILLIE DESMOND: So this area right here?

1 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Uh-huh.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: So that's a start.  
3 That's 7900 people. And then if you go and grab at  
4 the block level -- that's a very large block.

5 Something like that adds about 83.

6 If you just wanted to keep that, it looks  
7 like a neighborhood.

8 That's about 9,000 people. That would  
9 give you a deviation in District 25 of 3200 people  
10 and a deviation in District 16 of 4800 people. So  
11 1.53 percent to 2.26 percent.

12 And just to give you an indication of  
13 what the districts would look like --

14 So District 25 and 26 would be shaped  
15 something like that.

16 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Is there --  
17 instead of coming over the top of that  
18 unincorporated area, can you leave that -- try --  
19 what happens if you just leave that unincorporated  
20 area in 16 and kind of hug the edge of it and then  
21 come down along the 202?

22 WILLIE DESMOND: So you mean just come  
23 right down the border here?

24 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Yes.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. That's, like,

1 9,000 people.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: This does look like  
3 it's built out, though. There's lot of little  
4 tracts in there.

5 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: It is?

6 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: There's 1400 people  
7 in this area right here. I don't know if this got  
8 squared off, how much would that be?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me show you.

10 96.

11 So they both would have a deviation under  
12 2 percent if you did that.

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: 2 percent?

14 WILLIE DESMOND: Under 2 percent.

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Under 2 percent?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Under 2 percent.

17 District 25 would be 3935, with a  
18 deviation of 1.85 percent.

19 District 16 would be 4,142, a deviation  
20 of 1.94 percent.

21 Is that good or is there another place  
22 you guys want to look?

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: All right. Okay. We  
25 are so close.

1           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I think the -- it  
2 should be easy.

3           WILLIE DESMOND: So what you have left --

4           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: We got two left,  
5 right?

6           WILLIE DESMOND: -- Yuma, Maricopa, and  
7 Yavapai County.

8           I can tell you quickly what's in Yavapai  
9 County, what's in Yuma, and what's in Maricopa, if  
10 that's helpful.

11           In Yavapai -- sorry, I just want to  
12 look -- you might want to clean up this right here  
13 in a minute for District 6.

14           All right. So Yuma has -- or Yavapai in  
15 District 14 has a population of 111,883. The  
16 unassigned area is 47,390. So 140 -- or 158,000,  
17 give or take in Yavapai.

18           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And if you just work  
19 south in Maricopa --

20           WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

21           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- you split the --

22           WILLIE DESMOND: Placeholder District 31.

23           Just really quickly, if it's okay, I'm  
24 just going to grab this -- well, I'll see how many  
25 people are there. Just trying to think of

1 compactness. Okay. That moves 33 people. Is that  
2 okay if I go ahead and do that to try to get a  
3 cleaner line?

4 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yes, for the sake of  
5 compactness.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: We consider all six  
7 criteria.

8 Okay. Great. That's just the type of  
9 thing that will bug me.

10 That's my mark on this map.

11 Okay. So, sorry. I pushed the wrong  
12 button. Just give me a second.

13 Okay. So District 31 needs to make up  
14 53,840 people. I think it would also be good right  
15 now to figure out how much District -- so we have  
16 left, we have District 14, District 13, and District  
17 31 plus the unassigned.

18 I just want to add those four numbers up  
19 quickly so we can know what the deviation needs to  
20 be.

21 So in District 31, we've got 159,227.

22 District, unassigned we've got 179,967.

23 District 14, you have 10,252.

24 In District 13 you have 67,671.

25 Grand total of 417,117, meaning each

1 district needs to be about 4500 people shy to -- so  
2 I think it's within our range. We can read those  
3 again, but we should go at this point until it gets  
4 to about 209,000 people.

5 Okay. So Yavapai into Maricopa, does it  
6 make sense to start more rural and work our way in?  
7 Again, this -- none of this line, I don't think  
8 is --

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Is that line a  
10 product of our grid?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: That is a product of our  
12 grid.

13 So this area of 14 that is this northern  
14 portion is, again, I think 10,000 people. So to  
15 take that, you would still need to make up about 38,  
16 39,000 people.

17 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's north of  
18 the interstate?

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me check.

20 I'm just going to start with this because  
21 it does need to come south, really. With two  
22 districts, there's nowhere else to go. Stop me if  
23 I'm making a huge mistake.

24 All right. Looking at what's north of  
25 the interstate, let's see what -- that's 76,000

1 right there. I'm not all the way done.

2 Too many people.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Remind me what we  
4 need.

5 WILLIE DESMOND: We need about 39,000  
6 people.

7 Should we start with just these areas in  
8 Buckeye and then we can see if we need to go into  
9 Goodyear at all, Litchfield Park, and some of those  
10 areas?

11 So what I'm saying is if you just took  
12 this and this, Buckeye north of the interstate, that  
13 gives you about 16,000.

14 So then you have the option of going down  
15 a little bit further or going into some of these  
16 areas.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, we can't  
18 because this little --

19 WILLIE DESMOND: That's right. District  
20 4 is a hard line.

21 One thing you could do is start with the  
22 rest of Surprise. So to make sure that stays only  
23 one split, then build your way kind of west and see  
24 what that gives you.

25 If you took all of --



1 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: What's that  
2 population?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: Sorry, just one second.  
4 Too many. 90,000. Maybe it's easier at  
5 this point to build District 13 up. But you can see  
6 where they are both closing in on the area there.  
7 That's the last thing.

8 So District 13, again, is all up here  
9 with a northern portion of Yuma. District 31 is  
10 right here. And all we're talking about right now  
11 is this right here.

12 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Let's do it.

13 WILLIE DESMOND: So should we -- I don't  
14 know. I mean, we could take -- we could use 19 as  
15 the dividing line. That would both come in a little  
16 bit and over 19?

17 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: The 10? Yes.

18 WILLIE DESMOND: Or 10.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: The sliver under 10  
20 and get that portion of Goodyear and maybe get the  
21 rest of Goodyear and Citrus Park.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So with that --  
23 all right. Now District 13 needs to make up 12,000.  
24 Going back out to this district.

25 Okay. Oh, shoot. I'm sorry.

1           So now District 31 needs to make up  
2 30,000 more people. Whatever is left essentially is  
3 what will go to District 13.

4           Makes sense to take this whole portion  
5 here next to 4? I don't think there's any change  
6 that 31 goes down and grabs that.

7           VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Isn't that the line  
8 for 4 right there? Doesn't it take Goodyear?

9           WILLIE DESMOND: No, that looks like the  
10 line --

11          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Oh, it's the  
12 highway. Okay. Then, yes.

13          WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. Should we see  
14 what's in, like, Citrus Park or something like that  
15 so that potentially that could be --

16          COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Sounds good.

17          WILLIE DESMOND: That adds 4,000 to  
18 District 31. 31 still needs to make up another 21  
19 or so.

20          If you look at maybe some of the  
21 unincorporated areas around there to see -- see what  
22 that would take. Again, you would have to leave --

23          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Well, to get there  
24 don't we have to take --

25          WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, you have to

1 leave --

2 I don't know. It's either that or it  
3 takes -- the other option, obviously, is to take  
4 part of 22 and have 22 go further into Surprise.  
5 That keeps Surprise split one time. I don't know if  
6 there's enough population up here to get more here.  
7 That seems to be the other choice.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That's an idea.

9 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll tell you what that  
10 would do.

11 If you grabbed District 22, something  
12 like this gets you about 7800 people that District  
13 22 would then have to make up in Surprise.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, and that chunk  
15 there is 75,000 people. That's a lot.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. But I'm -- if  
17 we're trying to find a way that both 13 and 31 don't  
18 have to go into Surprise, this is one to go a little  
19 closer to that. Because this is obviously too much  
20 for 13 to take in all by itself.

21 So if you did that and you also did this,  
22 I think you get to about 12,000. We have to clean  
23 that up so it won't go that far over.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah, it just looks  
25 like that part of Surprise is going get spliced and

1 diced.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, there's too many  
3 people.

4 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Let's figure out  
5 another way.

6 WILLIE DESMOND: Well, is there any other  
7 portions of this part of Maricopa that would make  
8 sense to go with Yavapai County?

9 I mean, you're going to have to create a  
10 split probably somewhere else, but you can always  
11 move 22 down in Surprise to take back anything that  
12 22 loses.

13 So I guess the question is, is it better  
14 to split Surprise, is it better to split Goodyear?  
15 I mean, not better. It's never good, but does it  
16 make more sense? Is there a logical place in one of  
17 those cities to do it?

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Surprise is already  
19 split right now.

20 WILLIE DESMOND: Surprise is already  
21 split once.

22 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It would be three  
23 legislative districts rather than two.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. Goodyear is also  
25 already at two, though. So as it is, it comes down

1 to one of those two. Or else another -- maybe  
2 another portion of Peoria or something.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What do you have  
4 highlighted there?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: That's incorporated  
6 Surprise.

7 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: What's in the west  
8 arm of it? What's the population?

9 WILLIE DESMOND: We just lost the  
10 TriCaster, so they can't see at home. Do you want  
11 me to restart or -- let me see if I can try to exit  
12 and pull it back up.

13 I think I'm going to have to restart my  
14 computer to get that back on.

15 I'll answer your question quickly, or you  
16 guys can tell me that -- if you think you're close.

17 So this portion of Surprise is 3600  
18 people.

19 Do you want me to restart?

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yeah, don't forget  
21 to save it.

22 WILLIE DESMOND: Why don't I just copy it  
23 really quick to make sure.

24 If anyone was wondering, the Packers are  
25 losing.

1 ERIC SHENEFIELD: There we go.

2 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay.

3 ERIC SHENEFIELD: Thank you, Willie.

4 WILLIE DESMOND: Sure.

5 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I guess the people  
6 in Surprise are on the edge of their seats.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. And we're back.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Have we explored  
9 geographic boundaries or any, like, school  
10 district-type lines that would allow us to sensibly  
11 split anything over there?

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: No. I think 22 is a  
13 little overpopulated. It could give up -- it could  
14 shed, I think, about 5,000, I want to say.

15 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: If we -- I don't  
17 think it solves any problem if you pull this back to  
18 this line, which I forget if that's the canal or  
19 what that is there, if it still means splitting  
20 Surprise three ways, unless we find where to put  
21 75,000 people.

22 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, where could  
23 we split it to get the population? Let's try it  
24 that way.

25 WILLIE DESMOND: Okay. So it needs to

1 make up roughly 26, 2700 people -- or 26, 27,000  
2 people.

3 That's too many. That's about 14,000 and  
4 then take Citrus Park. Almost up to 19,000.

5 Makes sense to do kind of an east/west  
6 divide.

7 That gives you about 26. If you cleaned  
8 that line up a little better.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Where are you saying  
10 this is going into?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: Into 31. So it does  
12 have three splits Surprise.

13 District 31 would be underpopulated by  
14 4300 people, or about 2.04 percent. I think  
15 everything left would go into District Number 13.

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Can you pull back  
17 just a little bit?

18 So 13 comes in and slips in there?

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. It does only  
20 give, you know, one split to Goodyear. Buckeye is  
21 split three times.

22 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Buckeye is about a  
23 thousand square miles.

24 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah, it's hard not to.

25 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: And Surprise is a

1 huge area. It's spread all over the place.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Seems like we would  
3 do it the other way around, and it grabs the top of  
4 Goodyear and hugs this boundary and then grabs the  
5 piece of Surprise right there.

6 But maybe it's six of one, half dozen the  
7 other. It doesn't matter. Maybe it's just because  
8 you haven't accepted the change it's looking funny  
9 to me right now.

10 WILLIE DESMOND: I'll show you what it  
11 looks like.

12 Okay. There is still some unassigned  
13 population, 6800 people. Let me take a quick look  
14 and show you where it is.

15 One area right here that needs to go with  
16 district -- it looks like -- so that would go to  
17 District 28. It's zero people.

18 And this area, which looks like power  
19 lines, again, zero people.

20 Okay. So there is the map. Looking  
21 specifically at District 13 and 31, that's how it's  
22 shaped out right now.

23 One thing you could do is, you know, this  
24 is going out to the town right here. You could chop  
25 off that arm and have it come into Surprise a little



1 more or something else to improve that compactness.  
2 Might make it look a little cleaner.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It might allow us to  
4 withdraw a little bit from Surprise, right? And  
5 actually 22 might be able to shed that without a  
6 problem.

7 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah. Do you want to  
8 look at doing that?

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: No, I don't. I  
11 just changed my mind.

12 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. It's fine,  
13 too.

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: For tonight it  
15 will be the Cape Cod district.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: The what?

17 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: The Cape Cod  
18 district.

19 WILLIE DESMOND: Let me show you.

20 If we did that, now District 31 is -- so  
21 it's too big. It's 10,000 people too big.

22 District 22 is only 2900 people too  
23 small. So it's within the margin, 1.4 percent, and  
24 it might allow, at least right here to remove 10,000  
25 people from Surprise.

1           Or if I remove Citrus Park, if that made  
2 more sense to go to 13, or it could make this line  
3 go up a little bit more to make that -- this link a  
4 little stronger.

5           Any thoughts? Should I undo that change  
6 or do you want to quickly try to have 13 --

7           MARY O'GRADY: Is Luke Air Force Base in  
8 13 or where did Luke end up?

9           WILLIE DESMOND: I believe it is in 29.

10          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Are you sure? It  
11 might be in 13.

12          WILLIE DESMOND: I'll turn on the  
13 streets. It's kind of easier to see it.

14          It might be in -- maybe in this 13.

15          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: District 30 is  
16 light. Is District 30 one of our minority-majority  
17 districts?

18          WILLIE DESMOND: No.

19          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It's light 5,000.

20          Oh, wait, it's not a border. Strike  
21 that.

22          WILLIE DESMOND: I was trying to see  
23 Luke.

24          Well, you know, you could split the  
25 difference between those two because right now

1 District 13 is short 4700. District 31 is over --  
2 is over 10,000. They could both be about 5,000,  
3 which would put them into two-and-a-quarter range.

4 The question is, would Citrus Park make  
5 more sense in District 13 or District 31, which is  
6 soon to become 14?

7 You could do that or you could minimize  
8 the split? You can split it like this. That would  
9 make this arm come across a little better.

10 You still have portions of Buckeye in  
11 both. There's nothing you could do about that. Or  
12 else you can remove some of these people in Surprise  
13 like that.

14 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Why don't you just  
15 make it look better and then see if we like it.

16 WILLIE DESMOND: You got it. You should  
17 have said that the first day.

18 I personally like something like this, I  
19 think, because it makes the -- this part going in  
20 seem a little less severe but also not crazy, but  
21 it's worth a try.

22 How about that just the way it is?  
23 District 13 is now overpopulated by 2500 people,  
24 1.18 percent.

25 District 31 is overpopulated by 3400

1 people, 1.6 percent.

2 And District 22 is underpopulated by 2900  
3 people, or 1.4 percent.

4 Looking at the map, just in the shades, I  
5 think the area that -- 22 that doesn't spike up  
6 looks a little better. Makes a little more sense.

7 No unassigned areas.

8 Some noncontiguous areas.

9 Okay. This one is, there's nothing we  
10 can do about it. It's a glitch in Maptitude from  
11 the census files. It claims that this area has zero  
12 area and it is not contiguous any time you use I  
13 think it's Yavapai County's county line as border.

14 Zero population now.

15 Did you say turn on point contiguity?

16 Yeah, that will make it allowed.

17 WILLIE DESMOND: Did you guys want to try  
18 again? Start from scratch?

19 Any questions? Is there anything you  
20 want to adjust on any of these districts?

21 Just kind of looking at it, it looks like  
22 our greatest deviations are probably 23 is 6300  
23 people underpopulated, 2.99 percent, which is good.

24 Everything is under 3 percent. This map  
25 right now, most overpopulated district is District

1 20 with 5,583 people too many or ideal of -- ideal  
2 size, 2.62 percent.

3 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Can you do all of  
4 the metrics on it so we can go over them tomorrow?

5 WILLIE DESMOND: Yes, I can.

6 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Do you want to  
7 redo a few districts?

8 Should we call it a night?

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I'm beat. Maybe  
10 Jose will start drawing districts now.

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: You're doing a great  
12 job.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think the map is  
14 quite beautiful, frankly.

15 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I do, too.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Because it's an  
17 exemplary display of bipartisanship. And as an  
18 Independent, that's what I value. And I am super  
19 impressed with Commissioners McNulty and Freeman for  
20 being able to come together with their two tracts  
21 and figure out a way to at least put placeholder  
22 districts into a map that, you know, we can work  
23 from. I think it was pretty remarkable.

24 So do we get -- you'll run analysis on  
25 these 30 districts --

1 WILLIE DESMOND: Yeah.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: -- for us?

3 WILLIE DESMOND: I know you guys are  
4 exhausted. If you want to wait around maybe 10, 15  
5 minutes, I don't know how much paper and ink I have  
6 left, but I'll run what I can for you and you can  
7 take those home. But I don't think we have to do  
8 that in session, if you wanted to take a --

9 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: You can load them  
10 for us?

11 WILLIE DESMOND: I can load them also,  
12 yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Were you thinking  
14 we would adjourn and you would do this after we  
15 adjourned?

16 WILLIE DESMOND: If you want to adjourn,  
17 if you want to take a break, whatever you guys want  
18 to do. I'm going to get started right now.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Was there anything  
20 -- no. She's shaking her head no.

21 What time does our meeting start tomorrow  
22 in Tucson?

23 KRISTINA GOMEZ: 9:30.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: 9:30.

25 At that's at that Four Points Sheraton on

1 Speedway at Campbell.

2           Okay. So nothing on the executive  
3 director's report.

4           We discussed future meetings and future  
5 agenda items, which are the same tomorrow.

6           Nothing on the Attorney General inquiry?

7           And we did our public comment.

8           Thank you all for coming and giving your  
9 input and participating in the process.

10          And that leaves adjournment.

11          So the time is 6:44 p.m. and this meeting  
12 is adjourned.

13          Thank you.

14          (The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.)

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