Apportionment Commission October 27, 2021

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5	WAYNE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
6	Wednesday, October 27, 2021
7	10:00 a.m.
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11	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
12	Eric R. Sabree, Chair
13	Cathy M. Garrett, Vice-Chair
14	Kym L. Worthy, Member
15	Dillon E. Breen, Member
16	Ian Conyers, Member
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18	ALSO PRESENT:
19	Jennifer Redmond, Secretary
20	Matt Randall, Syscon Computing and Research Computing
21	Michael Vatter, Syscon Computing and Research Computing
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1	Wednesday, October 27, 2021
2	10:00 a.m.
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4	(Meeting begins.)
5	CHAIR SABREE: Commission to order.
6	You can please call roll?
7	SEC. REDMOND: Chair Sabree?
8	CHAIR SABREE: Here.
9	SEC. REDMOND: Vice Chair Garrett?
10	VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: Here.
11	SEC. REDMOND: Prosecutor Worthy?
12	PROS. WORTHY: Here.
13	SEC. REDMOND: Member Breen?
14	MEM. BREEN: Here.
15	SEC. REDMOND: And Member Conyers?
16	MEM. CONYERS: Here.
17	SEC. REDMOND: You have a quorum.
18	CHAIR SABREE: Thank you. I'd like to
19	entertain a motion at this time to adopt today's
20	agenda.
21	VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: So moved.
22	MULTIPLE: Support.
23	CHAIR SABREE: It has been moved and
24	supported. All those in favor, say aye.
25	FULL COMMISSION: Aye.

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               CHAIR SABREE: It has been adopted.
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     at this time, I'd like to also have a motion,
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     entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes
     of the October 20, 2021 meeting.
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               VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: So moved.
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               MEMBER BREEN:
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               CHAIR SABREE: It's been moved and
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     supported. All those in favor, signify by saying
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     aye.
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               FULL COMMISSION:
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               CHAIR SABREE: The minutes are approved.
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     And the next item on the agenda is to review the
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     proposed apportionment plans. We have several
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    plans. We have I think eight plans, proposals
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     briefly earlier. And I had -- I thought it would be
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     very helpful -- I just, after looking at them
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    myself, I thought it would be helpful, I don't know
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     the county itself where the city, the boundaries of
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     the different municipalities are. Because when I
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     look at the proposal maps, it's hard for me to
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     determine what community, what cities these
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     districts are in.
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          I don't know if anybody else has the same issue
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yeah, and I think the
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     record should reflect that we just received these
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     this morning, you know, not even a few hours ago.
               MEMBER CONYERS: Yeah.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Not even an hour ago.
               CHAIR SABREE: Right.
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               PROS. WORTHY: So, I have not had the
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     chance to study them as I would have liked. So, I
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     just want the record to reflect that we just
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     received these. We have not had them beyond this
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               VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: I second that.
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     that it was a motion, but.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Right.
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               PROS. WORTHY: I mean, I just would have
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     liked to have walked into this meeting prepared.
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     And that's what -- that's why I wanted the record to
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     reflect that we've just now seen these.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Yeah, thank you, Madam
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     Prosecutor for bringing that up. Because I looked
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     at them 10 minutes before the meeting, which I
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     received them about that time. And I just -- I just
     was a little bit -- it's a little difficult for me
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    to see what communities these districts are in
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    printed out a map of the county just so I could have
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    for us if we had something that would show the
    boundaries a little better, so we know which
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    communities. Because we're looking at seriously
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    considering communities in terms of what communities
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    are impacted by the district -- by the proposals.
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    So, that's -- I just wanted to bring that up.
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    Anyone else just chime right in, you know, let me
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    know what you're thinking about right now as we look
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    through this.
               PROS. WORTHY: No, I agree. I'm just a
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    little irked that, you know, I didn't have time to
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    prepare. That's just my feeling.
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              VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: I agree, also, Mr.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Yeah, because it is, you
    know, anytime you have a meeting, and we're going
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    through this for the first time together, it's gonna
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    take us twice as long or three times as long to do
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    this. And that's why -- how do we want to proceed
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    today? That's -- let me ask you that question.
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               PROS. WORTHY:
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started. Just -- and I think I agree with you about
a map of the county. Almost -- we almost need like
an overlay so we can see the differences. I don't
know how that can be done.
          CHAIR SABREE: I don't either.
          MEMBER BREEN: Well, my opinion, I think
we should at least go through each map, each one of
the proposals and, you know, no matter how long it
takes, and just get an understanding of what is
being proposed by the vendor.
          CHAIR SABREE: Well, let's get started.
We have to go through it. Let's get started.
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let's go to map.
          VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: Mr. Chair, how do --
how do we do that without, as you suggested, having
a map of the county to know? My thing would be to
give us time to actually look at the map, and then
let's go through the other items on the agenda.
that's just my dollar's worth.
          CHAIR SABREE: Let's, you know, let's get
a consensus here.
                  Because I can say I'm having a
little difficulty figuring it out.
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          VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: Yeah.
understood the other commissioner, regardless of how
long it takes, well, if we had the actual map, then
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    maybe it wouldn't take that long because we'd have
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     something to truly compare to.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yeah, I don't have a
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    problem with start, you know, having him talk about
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    them.
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    questions based on what he's presenting. I mean, at
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     least right now.
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               VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: I just -- I just have
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    received the relevant data to -- oh, this is the old
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    version, though. They didn't give it?
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               UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
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               VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: Okay, all right,
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     sorry. With the old maps, we had data that
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    referenced the map itself, but with these maps this
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    morning, we didn't get the data to make a
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    comparison. So, we would just be talking through
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    this versus having something to actually compare.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Matt, can you kind of walk
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    us through a little bit what you have here?
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               MR. RANDALL: Yeah. So, it's a pleasure
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    to speak to you all again. So, the proposal that we
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    sent you, the PowerPoint proposal, would you like me
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    to -- well, I'll start with addressing a couple of
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    questions first, and then we can talk about whether
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    you want me to dive in or not.
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               So, as the Chair said, there are eight
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    maps on here; each has like an actual, the
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    some of them. But the key thing to note is that the
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    different colors are the districts, and the kind of
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    the dark blue lines are the municipalities. So, it
    sounds like just labels for the municipalities might
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    be helpful. I think we'll have to figure out a way
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    to put those on. But like, for example, in almost
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    all of them, there's kind of this light brown color
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    in the middle, and that's Dearborn. And then
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    there's some areas appended to Dearborn, either
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    Melvindale or Allen Park. But, you know, so the
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    municipalities are outlined here; they're not
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     labeled, though. So, it sounds like a label would
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    be helpful. I saw (INAUDIBLE) nodding --
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               CHAIR SABREE: That would be helpful.
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    That would be very helpful. I have a map right now
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    that I just printed today, with the labels with the
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    names on them. And I'm able to look at that map,
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    but I have to look at two maps in order to see
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    what --
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               MR. RANDALL:
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    Chair. So yeah, we can append labels to these and
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    get them back to you. Do you want me to answer some
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    more questions, or do you want me to dive into the
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    presentation?
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               CHAIR SABREE: What's the pleasure of the
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               PROS. WORTHY: Well, we have a meeting
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    tomorrow. So, why don't we just dive in now, and we
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    could ask questions tomorrow, perhaps. And perhaps
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    tomorrow, he can have an overlay of what it looks
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     like now versus what is being proposed based on the
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    data.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Is that okay, everyone?
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               MR. RANDALL: Okay, I think --
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               CHAIR SABREE: Is that all right with
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    everyone?
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    anything?
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               MR. RANDALL: I think, Prosecutor Worthy,
    we'll want to dive a bit more into what exactly that
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    is you're requesting, like just compare, obviously,
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    not just like a pair, like just two pictures,
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PROS. WORTHY: The boundaries, what we've
been talking about, the boundaries, so I can see the
difference in the proposed boundaries as opposed to
how it is now.
          MR. RANDALL:
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          (Crosstalk.)
          PROS. WORTHY: Do you think we can have
that tomorrow?
          MR. RANDALL: Just literally a picture of
the two next to each other?
          PROS. WORTHY: Yeah, I want to -- yeah, I
kind of want to be able to -- well, that would be
helpful, but I kind of want to be able to see them
on top of each other. And if that's too much to
have by tomorrow, that's fine. I just want to find
out if that's possible. I'm ready to listen, like I
said right now, and then ask my questions tomorrow.
But I do want to see kind of a comparison, like the
Chair here brought up -- the Chair brought up
earlier.
          MR. RANDALL: Okay, let me -- I think
logistically speaking, should I be presenting my
screen, or should someone on your staff be
presenting the PowerPoint that I sent? I'm happy to
present if that's what you prefer.
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CHAIR SABREE: Go ahead, yep, go ahead and
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               SEC. REDMOND: Chair, Mr. Randall, I can
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               MR. RANDALL:
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     through. You're coming through.
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               MR. RANDALL: Okay, I am, wonderful,
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    wonderful. Okay, I'm just gonna make this a good
    size. Okay. So, we just wanted to go over briefly
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    what are the guidelines for apportionment. Again,
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    all districts shall be single-member districts of as
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    nearly equal population as is practicable. All
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    districts shall be contiquous. All districts shall
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    be as compact and as nearly square shape as is
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    county area involved.
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    combined with any city or part thereof for a single
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    district unless such accommodations are needed to
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    meet the population standard. Townships, villages,
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    and cities shall be divided only if necessary to
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    meet the population standard. Precincts shall
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the actual language of the Michigan act.
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included it here for reference. I don't think it's
probably necessary to go over it. I'm happy to do
so, though, if any commissioner wants to.
          Okay. So, the first -- so, as the Chair
said, this is a series of eight proposals. So, we
have map proposal one. This is, you know, this
is -- I'm going to jump more into the data. So,
there's this image here. This is what the actual
map looks like. As you can see, one of the things
that the law calls for and we've tried to do, is
minimize what we're calling breaks, which is
splitting up cities or townships as much as
possible. Just briefly, as you can see on this,
there are actually only two breaks. So, you can see
Livonia is broken, and then just (INAUDIBLE) there,
we also have that broken.
          So, but diving right into the data, you
can see here that there's a -- that the population
of all of them is pretty closely. So, the equal
number would be 119,570. So, the total population
for each needs to be with -- needs to be around
that, just around that. And as you can see, we've
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kept the deviation below. And I will say this for all of the maps, all the maps we're presenting here meet the legal requirement within deviation, and so that they all meet that legal requirement. One of the goals though, is also to limit the deviation as much as possible.

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And you can also see here that we list out the racial composition of each district. So, you can see the percentage of white for each of the proposed districts, the percentage of total minority for each of the proposed is six percentage Hispanic, Specifically in this one, you can see Black, Asian. that there are six districts that are majority black, the first, second, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh. There's also the fourth, which is majority minority. When I say majority minority, I don't mean in the sense of the Voting Rights Act, but it has a majority of voters of people who are a minority. You can also see that the percentage of Asian, which is another, obviously, community that is of interest, specifically the third with the Bangladeshi community in Hamtramck, is largely kept together. So, that is the first map.

Let me go to the second map. And I will just actually briefly go between the first and the

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second here. So, in this case, you can see, for example, to kind of get to Commissioner Worthy's or Prosecutor Worthy's questions. So, like one of the changes that we had to deal with is right here in the middle, 13. So, Dearborn, this large chunk here is Dearborn. Currently, Dearborn is attached with Allen Park. However, that has significantly too much population to remain as a single district under the rules about one person one vote and staying within the deviation. So, in this map, Dearborn is no longer attached to Allen Park, it is attached to Melvindale. So, here you can see though, it's also attaching Melvindale. But there are other differences, such as in this one, Wayne, the city of Wayne is still attached -- is attached to district 12, which is where it currently is. However, because of growth in the southwest part of Wayne County, you can see that here, the city of Wayne is now attached to district 14. Again, like trying to -- the boundaries need to change because of population growth in certain areas. And, you know, we will get together a more detailed analysis for Prosecutor Worthy on the changes between these, the current map and what

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    these maps look like. But I just want to point out
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    some of the noteworthy changes. In this one, again,
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    we have three population breaks. So, this is more
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    population or communities broken. So again, Livonia
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     is broken. And we also see, you know, so we see
    three breaks -- see three breaks here. The location
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    of breaks does vary between the maps. But I just
    want to call out that, you know, we have made a
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    point of trying to keep the breaks to a minimum.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Can I just interrupt you?
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               MR. RANDALL: Of course, please go ahead.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Are you still on Map 2?
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               MR. RANDALL:
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               PROS. WORTHY: Okay, thank you.
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               MR. RANDALL: Yes. We've tried to keep
    the breaks to a minimum, but also, you know, meeting
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    other criteria necessitates breaking in different
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    places. And that goes back to the question of, you
    have a lot of factors to consider as you're making
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    your decision. And I think you'll see that as you
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     look at these different maps, some of them
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    factors. So, Map 1 has an absolute minimum of
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    breaks. But we can see here, Map 2, we have more
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    black districts, we actually have seven here. So,
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    but you can see also, this minority percentage has
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    gone up substantial -- slightly in district four.
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    So, it's slightly less white in district four now
    than it had been previously.
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               Proposal three, this is four breaks. So,
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    again, Livonia, we have a break here, we have a
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    break just to the east and just south. And then
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    this, though, is six black, seven minority as well.
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     is still with the southwestern portion of the
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    district. But the break in Livonia happens at a
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    different place. We also see, you know, a break
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    at this kind of data can be fairly dense. But you
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    can see that the -- you can see the deviations. So,
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    one of the things that we're seeing if we have fewer
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    breaks, is we have slightly higher deviations.
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     you can see this summary down here, this 8.35
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     percent, is kind of the range from the smallest
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     district to the largest districts. And you can see
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     percent, you have slightly larger deviations.
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     likewise, this is only two breaks with six black --
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     can see we have likewise about 8.5 percent deviation
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     between the highest and the lowest.
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     proposal four [sic]. So, this is -- this is
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     actually slightly lower deviation, but more breaks.
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     So, yeah, you can see that we do have substantially
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     more, a larger number of breaks. Again, Livonia is
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     -- it's broken here just off --
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               CHAIR SABREE: That's number five.
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     that's number five, you have five.
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               MR. RANDALL:
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               CHAIR SABREE: Okay.
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               MR. RANDALL: Yeah, sorry, proposal number
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     have misspoken. We have substantially more breaks
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     the districts. And one thing I do want to point out
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1 is, so again, all of our maps fit the statutorily 2 required 5.95 plus or minus. But there's also, you 3 know, one of the factors that you could consider is, 4 so the law states, you want to minimize the 5 deviation as much as possible. You also want to minimize breakages as much as possible. So, as 6 you're -- as a commission, as you're looking at 8 different maps, you kind of have to weigh those 9 different factors. And that's one of the -- so 10 that's why we have different proposals. 11 Proposal six, so -- and, you know, one of 12 the things I mentioned is Dearborn. So, on the 13 previous maps, Dearborn had been combined with 14 Melvindale. On this map, Dearborn remains combined 15 with the northern part of Allen Park, kind of 16 continuity of the district. And I know one of the 17 questions that you had asked specifically in the 18 preceding meeting was about Arab American 19 populations. So, you know, there's some data issues

around Arab American populations, getting at the
Arab American population, data issues stemming from
census policies on differential privacy. I don't
want to go too much into the technical details of

differential privacy. But basically, what it means

25 | is the numbers that the census reports are not 100

percent accurate because they -- they slightly changed the numbers to ensure privacy. So, racial data, we have corrected for that, but we do not have Arab American data.

So, you know, one thing that we've done in this is, I believe all of our maps keep Dearborn whole because that is obviously the center of the population, of the Arab American population in the Wayne County area. A little bit more than 40 percent from kind of the population there is Arab American. There's obviously some population as well, Arab population, about 25 percent, I believe, in Dearborn Heights. So, you know, but then you start getting into different splits there, because the Arab population is more concentrated in the northern part of Dearborn Heights.

So, long story short, here you can see that Dearborn is combined with the northern part of Allendale instead of -- I'm sorry, the northern part of Allen Park instead of Melvindale. And here, you can see the population breakdown. Again, we have six majority black districts. The percentages, the majority black, vary somewhat. You can also see that the minority population here, so we have more breaks, and we have slightly lower deviation, but we

also have substantially higher minority. So, in district four, it's substantially less white than it was in some of our previous maps that had lower breaks. So, it was consequence that some of the other districts are slightly more white, but that's something, that's a difference to keep in mind.

Proposal six, this is actually very similar to the preceding one, slightly tweaked.

Again, you can see this is even higher, or this actually has lower minority percentage in district four, but still maintains six majority black districts and one additional district where minority populations are in the majority.

Proposal seven, so this is one that again has more breaks. But one thing I want to point out here is the district around Mexican town. So, one of the goals of this map is to create the largest — a district that would be most able to elect a member of the Hispanic community's choice. So, if you look at this, we still maintain six districts that are majority black. But in this case, we have the Hispanic district is — the Hispanic population is actually a plurality, so 39 percent. So, a larger Hispanic population than either white or black or other populations. So, that was kind of the goal of

this.

Again, this has a deviation. This has a somewhat larger deviation than the preceding two maps, kind of more in line with the previous maps we looked at. But again, this has more breaks than those kind of first four maps that we looked at. So, that's a consideration that you want to have. More breaks, more deviation, but you do achieve a plurality Hispanic district. You know, the first four maps, the fewest number of breaks possible. And the preceding, the fifth and sixth map have kind of minimized deviation.

Proposal eight, so this one is slight tweaks in the northwest, kind of different communities put together. And, you know, I believe that we heard testimony about the communities of interest, those municipalities together. But we also just wanted to present options on what they would look like differently, especially because just the nature of the population, of the Bangladeshi population being in Hamtramck, we wanted to see if it'd be possible to increase that. This map doesn't really accomplish that substantially. It looks like it's hard to get the Asian population in any district kind of above that 12 percent mark.

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But again, you see continued, this has a six majority black districts. It also has a seventh that is majority minority. And you actually, I think you have a little bit higher percentage in some. So, you see district, for example, districts eight, and districts 11 and 12 having slightly higher minority percentage. So, you know, there's basically, you have a little bit less -- I don't -- so I'm going to use the term packing.

If there's people who aren't familiar with the term packing, this packs the black population a little bit less. Obviously, you don't want to split communities of interest, and we don't want to split population boundaries. But this packs the black percentage a little bit less, kind of spreading out political power. And in some cases, packing can be a bad thing. It can -- the opposite of package is cracking. But in this case, we're obviously not diluting the population of blacks in a district because we're taking it -- well, we are diluting it. It's going from 70 to 60, but that still allows the black population in a district to elect a representative of their choice, but also gives black communities more power in other districts. So, that is kind of one consideration that we wanted to

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    we've presented here. I've laid out a number of
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    factors that you'll want to -- that you can
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    consider. You know, how many districts are majority
    black, plurality, Hispanic, minimizing breaks,
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    minimizing deviation. But as we laid out in our
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    proposal, these are certainly not, it's not that you
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    have to choose among one of these eight maps, we
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    obviously welcome input from you. And we'd love to
    hear your thoughts on the differences.
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     love to hear any questions you have. I will throw
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    it back to the Chair.
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               CHAIR SABREE:
                              Thank you, Matt. I have a
                I think -- well, just a suggestion.
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    question.
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    map proposals five through eight, if you can number
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    those as you numbered the one through four.
    you numbered the districts, you had the numbers on
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    the districts.
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               MR. RANDALL: Yes.
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               CHAIR SABREE: That was -- that would be
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    helpful if we have all the districts would be
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    numbered on all of the proposals. See, you have it
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     -- you have it on one through four.
               MR. RANDALL: Yeah, I did notice that as
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     we were going through.
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                              Okay, thanks.
               CHAIR SABREE:
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               PROS. WORTHY: Through the Chair, this is
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     Kym.
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               CHAIR SABREE:
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               PROS. WORTHY:
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     we made clear at the very beginning, we haven't had
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     a chance to study these. But I just have a couple
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     of just basic questions as you were going through
     these. All these plans, all eight of them, still
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     keep 15 separate districts?
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               MR. RANDALL: Yes, they all have 15
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     districts, 15 single-member districts.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Okay. So obviously we have
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     to go through and give a lot of study and talk, ask
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     a lot of questions about the different divisions
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     among these eight maps, which we, I don't think we
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     can do that today. But I just want to make sure
     that there still will be 15 districts.
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               (Crosstalk.)
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               MR. RANDALL:
                            (INAUDIBLE) yes.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Okay. The other just quick
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     question I have is more for Ms. Redmond.
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               (Inaudible background conversation.)
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               PROS. WORTHY: I know this is being --
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1	someone needs to mute.
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (INAUDIBLE)
3	outside, do you see in my black truck?
4	PROS. WORTHY: Somebody needs to mute. I
5	don't know who that is.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hold on. No, no.
7	CHAIR SABREE: Yeah, okay.
8	PROS. WORTHY: All right. A basic
9	question, I think for Ms. Redmond or somebody, this
10	is being recorded I know, but can we get a
11	transcript of this presentation transcribed, so we
12	can have it? Because I would like to
13	(Crosstalk.)
14	SEC. REDMOND: Yes, I can send it out.
15	PROS. WORTHY: Okay, great. I would like
16	a transcript of every word that he said, and the
17	questions as well. I'd like to have that to read
18	over, and then look at the maps when I have a chance
19	to study them. That would be very helpful if we can
20	get a transcript of this presentation.
21	SEC. REDMOND: Sure.
22	PROS. WORTHY: Okay, thank you very much.
23	CHAIR SABREE: Thank you.
24	MEMBER CONYERS: Just echoing through the
25	Chair, the statements of the Chair and Madam

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    Prosecutor, in terms of the need for the numbering
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    and the names of the communities. Just dialing it a
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    bit, and see if I'm reading it correctly, as I'm
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     looking at the lines in between map seven and eight.
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     In those two proposals, eight is one in which the
    current like central Detroit district includes the
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     two Grosse Pointe communities. Is that the
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    difference that I'm understanding between seven and
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    eight? Because it seems like that's the only map in
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    which it has a pretty different approach to those
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    communities. So, I can't hear you, Matt, you're on
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    mute.
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                             Sorry, yeah, that is
               MR. RANDALL:
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    correct, I believe. Yeah. The map eight is the
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    only one that doesn't have -- that kind of, it
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    doesn't have all the Grosse Pointes.
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               MEMBER CONYERS: Okay. And just for the
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    record, I dropped in the chat the current Wayne
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    County Commission meetings to just look at some of
    the differences in between where they are
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    historically, where they may be going. And that'd
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    be very helpful to have as we're reviewing some of
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    the changes with the population shifts. So, those
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    are my questions. Thank you.
               MEMBER BREEN:
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                              Through the Chair, Matt,
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     are you able to provide us links to these maps?
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     I assume these are made in Dave's.
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     further look at the analysis and be able to zoom in
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     on where some of these community breaks take place?
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               MR. RANDALL: Yeah, there are -- these are
     all -- there are all copies of these in Dave's.
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     Yes, and we can provide links to those.
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               MEMBER BREEN: Thank you.
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               PROS. WORTHY: I'm not that far advanced,
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     so I can't do that. But I just want to make sure
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     that you understood what I was asking for earlier.
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     I want -- what I would like to see, I don't want to
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     talk about what I want, what I'd like to see is an
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     overlay. Because we can look at another map, as the
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     Chair said, of the county, but to be able to see
     clearly what the differences may be on each of these
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     map proposals, if we could have an overlay the same
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     size. I don't know if I'm using the right word by
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     overlay.
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               MR. RANDALL: I think you -- I think I
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     understand. So, it would have the boundaries for
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     say, map eight that we're looking at now in red, and
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     the current boundaries in blue, or some way to
     differentiate the two.
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               PROS. WORTHY:
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1	MR. RANDALL: And so, you can see where
2	the lines are not the same?
3	PROS. WORTHY: Right. So, right. So, not
4	to make it confusing, that's why maybe overlays
5	we don't use anymore. I don't know, I may be
6	telling my age, but something you can lay on top of
7	it and see what the differences would be for each
8	proposal is what I'm asking for. And also, the
9	other I'm sorry, go ahead.
10	CHAIR SABREE: I was gonna say, Kym,
11	that's exactly what I would like to see, too.
12	PROS. WORTHY: Okay.
13	CHAIR SABREE: It makes sense, yeah.
14	PROS. WORTHY: Okay. And the black, the
15	dark black, maybe it's blue, those are the cities
16	that we have currently, correct? Or am I wrong
17	about that?
18	MR. RANDALL: Cities and townships, yes,
19	the municipalities.
20	PROS. WORTHY: Okay.
21	MR. RANDALL: Yeah.
22	PROS. WORTHY: So, those are the dark, the
23	bolded kind of areas are the municipalities?
24	MR. RANDALL: Yeah.
25	PROS. WORTHY: Okay.

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               MR. RANDALL: Yeah, and again, so the maps
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     do look a little bit different, one through four and
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     five through eight.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yes.
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               MR. RANDALL: They rendered a little bit
     differently when they were exported. But yeah, so
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     in five through eight, they're a little bit darker,
     but they are there on one through four as well.
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     They just, the lines look a little bit less dark.
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               PROS. WORTHY:
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               CHAIR SABREE:
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               VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: If I may, through the
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     Chair, also for the '20, the last census, there was,
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     for each map there were measurements of compactness,
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     can you provide that?
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               MR. RANDALL: Yes, we can do that.
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     are a number of measurements. I think -- I believe
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     we'll continue the conversation and just figure out
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     which ones are most suitable. But yes, we can.
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     one thing actually, going back to Commissioner
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     Breen's question, there are a number of those
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     measures in Dave's registering tool. So, as you
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    have access to them, there you'll be able to see
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     some of those measures.
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               CHAIR SABREE:
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               PROS. WORTHY: You mean questions as to
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     without --
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               CHAIR SABREE: As to --
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               PROS. WORTHY: -- without challenging?
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     Yeah, without challenging. We're not challenging
     the (INAUDIBLE) without delving into what they
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     should be.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Right, correct.
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               PROS. WORTHY: I don't have -- just
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    procedural questions, no.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Yeah --
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               PROS. WORTHY: I don't have any more.
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     Thank you.
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               CHAIR SABREE: (INAUDIBLE) we need to ask
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    before we can go into our study today to reconvene
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     tomorrow morning.
               MR. VATTER: Matt, this is --
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     Commissioner, this is Mike Vatter. I wanted to
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     clarify the overlays. So, we have eight map
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    proposals. And we can easily overlay the current
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     commission districts onto each of those eight maps.
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     But I want to make sure, if you overlay more than
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     three, it's sort of a mapping thing, you can't
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     overlay more than three different maps on top of
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confusion on the map. So, it'll be more difficult to show with overlays the difference, say, between maps, eight, seven, and six. I think that'll be best, provided, you know, we can have the current commission districts overlaid on those maps. But to show the difference between the two maps, we may just need to either verbally explain it, or you can have the maps, all the maps in front of you, and we can show you the differences. PROS. WORTHY: Through the Chair, that's not what I was talking about. What I was saying is having, and perhaps it's me not making myself clear. I was not asking for all the eight maps be laid on top of each other. What I was asking for is to have one single overlay as to the current districts that are being drawn. And you can use that same overlay for all eight proposals, because you know, there's only one way it is now. MR. RANDALL: Yep. PROS. WORTHY: And so, and overlaying that, if that's even the right word, on map one, then using that same -- proposal one, using that same overlay for proposal two, just so I can see visually what the differences are. I wasn't suggesting that we overlay all eight maps on top of

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     each other.
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               MR. RANDALL: Yep, that's easily done,
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     yep.
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               CHAIR SABREE: And I think also, we need
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     just to be able to see the boundaries for the
     municipalities.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yes.
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               CHAIR SABREE: As well as the districts,
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     yeah.
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               MR. RANDALL: Boundaries and names. Yes,
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    we can get those as well.
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               CHAIR SABREE: That's great, thank you,
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           Any other questions to them about the
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     procedures, about the maps or what we want to do and
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    how we want to proceed?
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.
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     I'm not rushing anybody. I just want -- I just kind
     of want an idea of when we could expect the
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     transcript. I'm not trying to rush anybody. I'm
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     just trying to see and plan to make sure. Are we
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     going to be able to get that today, or is that not a
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    possible thing?
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               MR. RANDALL: I'm sorry, could you repeat
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     that?
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               CHAIR SABREE: That's for Madam Secretary,
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     I believe, is that right?
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yes.
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               SEC. REDMOND: I'm sorry, could you repeat
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     your question?
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yes.
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     rush anybody by any means. But what I'm trying to
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     find out is when can we expect to have a
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     transcription of today's presentation?
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               SEC. REDMOND: I can request that they
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     expedite it. I can request before the meeting
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     tomorrow, but it's -- I can't speak for the person
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     that's doing the transcribing.
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               PROS. WORTHY: I understand.
               CHAIR SABREE: Okay, anything else?
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     other members, any comments or questions?
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               (No response.)
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               CHAIR SABREE: Okay, well, we're gonna
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     convene again, we all agreed tomorrow morning at
     10:00 reconvene?
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               MR. RANDALL: I'm sorry, Chair, can I real
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     quick?
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               CHAIR SABREE: Matt?
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               MR. RANDALL: One thing I just want to
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     say. So, going back to our discussion about the
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     Arab American community, and frankly, other
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     communities of interest, you know, talking about
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     Bangladeshi. If, you know, if you have input from
     members of the community, I know this is a public
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     session and we have -- we have a number of members
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     of the public, as well as elected officials on this
           But if they are members of the community who,
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     you know, feel that, for the integrity of the, for
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     Arab Americans to be able to best elect the
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     representative of their choice, northern Dearborn
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     Heights needs to be combined with Dearborn instead
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     of Allen Park or Melvindale; or, you know, these
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     particular areas around Hamtramck need to be
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     combined with Hamtramck in order to best, you know,
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     best include the communities of interest, the
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     Bangladesh community, or any other communities of
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     interest, frankly. Any of that input would be very
     helpful as, you know, we're asking for -- as you
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     your suggest -- as you're making, requesting changes
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     to these maps or as we're making changes
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    proactively. So, I just wanted to say that.
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               CHAIR SABREE:
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               MR. RANDALL: I apologize for
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     interrupting.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Also, Matt, how detailed
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     can we get with the streets? In other words, when
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    we look at a neighborhood, for instance, I wouldn't
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    know -- I wouldn't know about a neighborhood unless,
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    you know, I had a map of the streets. And so, how
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    do you -- what do we do, raise that issue with you,
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    and then you can show a blow-up of the --
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               MR. RANDALL: Yeah.
               CHAIR SABREE: -- area, something like
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    that?
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               MR. RANDALL: We can get incredibly
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    detailed. So, again, these maps -- so we're looking
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    at proposal eight right now. So, the dark blue
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     lines are the municipalities, so cities and
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     townships. The kind of the lighter red lines,
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    though, are precincts. So, one of the things, you
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    know, when we do have to split municipalities, we
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    split it by precinct, because again, the law calls
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    for splitting precincts as few as -- as low as
    possible. It is possible to split precincts. It is
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    possible to get on the census block level. We have
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    not done that in any these maps. But yeah, we can
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     zoom in on any area and we can make changes at a
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    fairly granular level as you need it. But yeah, we
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     just need to know what area you want to zoom in on,
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    and we can provide those images.
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               CHAIR SABREE:
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PROS. WORTHY: Mr. Chair, I have one more
          This is probably a dumb question, but I'm
going to ask it anyway. At the top, the northeast
top part of the map, where it's, the red line runs
under Grosse Ile, not Grosse Ile, but the section
        Is that Belle Isle? It's Belle Isle.
there.
Grosse Ile is in a completely different part of the
county. Okay, yeah, Belle Isle, yes. Why are those
red lines off of the map itself?
          MR. RANDALL: So, we cropped the map. So,
technically, the boundaries of all municipalities
and counties in Michigan extend into the bodies of
water surrounding them. So, if you were to look,
technically, like half of Lake Michigan is part of
one county in Michigan or another. And so, you
know, the precincts and municipal boundaries
actually extend into water. So, the reason that
this red line here that my cursor is going over, it
kind of disappears there, and then this blue line
here for the municipality disappears, is because
it's actually in most mapping softwares, it is
actually showing the parts of the body of water that
are technically part of that municipality, even
though obviously, people are not resident there.
          PROS. WORTHY:
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MEMBER BREEN: Mr. Chair, my question is
tomorrow, I don't want to get ahead of myself here,
but tomorrow are we expected to start nitpicking
some of the details of geography --
          CHAIR SABREE:
                        Yes.
          MEMBER BREEN: -- as per the particular
districts? Okay.
          CHAIR SABREE: Yeah.
                                I hope that we can
really dig into this tomorrow, and you know, go over
all of our concerns, as many as possible, anyway.
We also have reserved Friday as a day, too. So, do
our homework tonight and do as much as we can
tomorrow. Anything else before we can move forward
on the agenda? Okay. Okay, nothing else we have
planned tomorrow. And hopefully we'll get the
transcript and the overlay from Matt and your team.
So, as soon as we get that, it will help us out,
thank you.
          I want to go to the next item on the
        It's -- we have an invoice for from our
agenda.
October 6 meeting. And initially, when we wanted to
do a live, a presentation, and a Zoom combined, I
wanted to use our vendor that the treasurer's office
uses for other video activities. But the day before
the meeting, I was informed that this vendor that we
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have couldn't do it as we had described. So, we had to get someone else that we've used for special presentations who has multiple cameras and other equipment that will allow us to do a live meeting with the Zoom presentation and the PowerPoint. So, we have an invoice from that company. And they submitted it to me, and I think it's more appropriate that the Apportionment Commission pay it. So, I presented it to the -- I told them to present it to the commission, and that's what this invoice is for. So, I wanted to bring that before the board. Normally, I would have presented that earlier in advance. But because we found out at the last minute that our person that was going to do it couldn't do it, we had to get someone else. So, we didn't want to have a failed meeting. So, that's what happened. So, I'm presenting this invoice for approval. And if we have any discussion at this time, members feel free to comment. (No response.) CHAIR SABREE: So, I would like to make a motion that we approve the invoice for the RiseWorld Technologies for video coverage and streaming services on October 6. MEMBER CONYERS: So moved.

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               MEMBER BREEN: Support.
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               PROS. WORTHY: Okay.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Okay, it's been moved and
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    supported. All those in favor, signify by saying
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    aye.
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               ENTIRE COMMISSION:
                                   Aye.
               CHAIR SABREE: Any opposed?
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               PROS. WORTHY: (INAUDIBLE.) Can you hear
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    me?
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               CHAIR SABREE: Yes, I can hear you. Yes,
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    I can.
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               PROS. WORTHY: I did something to my
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    screen; I can't see anybody anymore. Just for the
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    record, since we do have a record, you're referring
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    to the last part of the packet that was emailed to
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    us yesterday? The amount would be $1,750?
               CHAIR SABREE: $1750 invoice for RiseWorld
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    Technologies --
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               PROS. WORTHY: Yeah.
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               CHAIR SABREE: -- for October 6, yes.
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               PROS. WORTHY:
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               CHAIR SABREE: That's correct. Okay,
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    thank you. We voted on it; it's approved.
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    you. And now, we go to new business. Madam Clerk,
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               SEC. REDMOND: This is the Secretary.
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    the cost of the expedited transcript, and I quess
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    any future transcripts, if the commission wants to
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    approve that for payment through the commission's
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    budget?
               PROS. WORTHY: I will so move.
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               MEMBER BREEN: Support.
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               CHAIR SABREE: It's been moved and
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    supported for the transcript services to be paid for
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    out of our budget. All those in favor, signify by
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    saying aye.
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               ENTIRE COMMISSION:
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               CHAIR SABREE: Okay, it's been approved.
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    Thank you, Madam Secretary. Now, we have an
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    opportunity for any other new business. Any new
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    business, Madam Secretary?
               SEC. REDMOND: Nothing else from the
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    department. I don't know if Corp Counsel has
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    anything to provide.
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               CHAIR SABREE: Anything from Corp counsel?
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               (No response.)
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               CHAIR SABREE: Okay, hearing none, now is
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    the opportunity for public comment. Anyone from the
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    public that would like to comment, here is your
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    opportunity. You have two minutes, please go right
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1	ahead.
2	MR. KINLOCH: Mr. Chair, Commissioner
3	Kinloch. My question is, are these proposed maps,
4	are they available for public distribution?
5	CHAIR SABREE: Well, I don't know. I
6	mean, this is a public meeting.
7	MR. KINLOCH: Yes, and you presented them
8	today. So, I would imagine
9	CHAIR SABREE: The public can see them and
10	access them, so.
11	SEC. REDMOND: We can post a link to the
12	presentation on the Apportionment Commission's web
13	page.
14	CHAIR SABREE: Okay, that will work.
15	MR. KINLOCH: Thank you.
16	CHAIR SABREE: All right. Thank you,
17	Commissioner. Any other public comments?
18	(No response.)
19	CHAIR SABREE: Okay. Hearing none, I'll
20	entertain a motion for adjournment of today's
21	meeting.
22	VICE-CHAIR GARRETT: I will so move.
23	MEMBER CONYERS: Support.
24	CHAIR SABREE: Moved and supported.
25	Meeting is adjourned. Thank you, everyone. See you

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                SEC. REDMOND: Thank you.
                PROS. WORTHY: Thank you.
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                SEC. REDMOND: It's 10:52 a.m.
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                (Meeting concluded.)
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