

Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Listening Tour for Eastern Shore Public Meeting (virtual)
June 9, 2021

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Good evening everyone, I am Kate Hetherington, I am one of the co-commissioners, and welcome to tonight's listening session, we're going to begin with some ground rules and Kristen Fleckenstein will be providing those rules with us, and then I'll ask

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the co chairs and the other commissioners to introduce themselves so Kristen will begin with you.

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Good evening everyone and welcome to the first regional public meeting of the Maryland citizens redistricting commission. This meeting is being recorded.

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As we begin there are a few matters to share regarding the rules and policies for this evening's meeting, as well as some tips about the platform that will assist our speakers in understanding how the zoom platform will work.

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First of all, there's a three minute allotment for each speaker, so that everyone who wants to speak, and speak when there are 20 seconds left of your speaking time, a screen share will come on, with a countdown timer inappropriate speaking time behavior

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or background will result in removal from the meeting, without the ability to rejoin to avoid any confusion as to how to communicate a request to speak.

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We will not be answering any raised hands during this meeting. Rather, we ask that you ask to speak in the chat box well which we will get to in a moment.

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Anyone who registered to speak after 5pm today should ask to join as a speaker in the chat section as your name will not be on the list of pre registered speakers.

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Speakers should ensure that the name listed in the attendees section of those of those participants that your name is listed properly. If not, please change it, change it to reflect your correct name.

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This is important because as a speaker is called to speak, we will move you from the attendee status to a panelist, and that is important so that we know who to select to move over pre registered speakers will be called upon first, and then the chat request

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Speakers providing testimony should be aware that they will be made a panelist, which will enable them to unmute and turn on your camera. There may be a short delay.

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The speaker will see a screen message indicating that the host would like to promote them to the host would like to promote you to be a panelist, you will need to accept by clicking the join as a panelist button.

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We will wait five seconds for the speaker to go live. If the speaker is unable to do that by

that point, we will move to this next speaker, and come back and call upon those who missed their chance to speak at the end.

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Once speakers are finished, we must move them back from a panelist to an attendee.

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This may result in the speaker seeing a spinning wheel or message on their screen indicate they are rejoining the meeting. The speaker is not being removed from the meeting.

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The Zoom platform is simply changing screens, so don't worry that you're being kicked out or don't click a bunch of different buttons, you're just being moved back to an attendee.

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We know that this is a lot of information for you all to understand how things work but we wanted to make sure that this run as smoothly as possible.

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On a final note, we are offering Spanish translation for this evening's meeting. You will know on your bottom of the bottom of your control bar that there is a lot that there is an interpretation box.

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Because of that, we also ask that our speakers remember that there are cc live transcripts, at the bottom for anyone who is joining us, who may be hearing impaired.

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And so, they will be the ones who will need those English subtitles, but if you need this event, translated into Spanish, please click on that button at the bottom for interpretation and select Spanish.

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And with that, I'd like to reintroduce you to Dr. Kate Hetherington, who was one of our co chairs of the Maryland citizens redistricting commission. And with that, Dr Hetherington.

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Thank you so much, Kristen and thank you for covering the myriad of details that it takes to put together the hearing so thank you so much to you and your team.

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I am Kate Hetherington I am president of power Community College and serving as one of the CO chairs of the Maryland citizens redistricting commission.

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And I like the members of the commission to introduce themselves. And we'll start with the CO chairs, and then we'll follow with the members and will, I'm going to ask you to go in alphabetical order.

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And tell us your what you do Walter I'm sorry, not just your name but what you do. Okay, Thank you.

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My name is Walter awesome.

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My day job is writing about law, I'm with a Washington Think Tank, and I live in Frederick County, and I've been on a couple of earlier redistricting commissions in Maryland.

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Right, thank you judge.

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Yes. So, Good evening, everyone. I'm Alex Williams, a retired judge from Prince George's County.

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I'm from Prince George's County. And like, Walter roles and said he and I both served on two previous redistricting issues and commissions. So glad to have all of you here today and I look forward to hearing your comments and observations.

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Right, thank you judge I didn't mention that I'm from Howard County so thanks for that reminder when you mentioned your counties. We'll talk. We'll ask now the members introduce themselves beginning with Jay.

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Cheryl Brooks, I'm an elementary school principal in Baltimore County. And I'm also a resident and.

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I'm Mary Clawson. I'm retired from the federal government, and I live in Toronto County. Thank you.

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Thank you, Kim.

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Hi, I'm Kim Cummings, longtime resident of the eastern shore in Dorchester County.

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Currently I'm with the Dorchester County Circuit Court supervisor in the Land Records in life, department.

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Thank you, and William.

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Good evening. My name is William Thomas I'm a senior system safety engineer working for the Department of Defense, and I'm the resident of Baltimore City.

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All right, thank you to all the commissioners and thank you for your commitment to this work that we have ahead of us. I just wanted to remind the audience that.

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This is the first round of the listening sessions. This is our listening tour or virtual listening tour.

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We have a schedule of upcoming meetings, which is available on the website, pretty much it's every Wednesday night for the next seven Wednesday's with the exception of July, 12 which is on a Monday, and that is for Baltimore County, so feel free to check

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the website for information, which is that redistricting commission, and maryland.gov, and you can find a wealth of information on that website.

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So after we go through the listing tours, we will schedule two more rounds of tours, listening to and sharing information. One will happen when the data is received, and that can generate the public submitting maps.

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Once the data is finalized with prisoner reallocation, which at this point looks like October.

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And then, once maps are drawn. We develop these regions based on just having a sufficient number of people, represented in each and making it manageable for us to listen to the constituents state constituents that may change with, you know, going forward

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to the next two rounds that we have, and any changes that we make, of course would be available on the redistricting website.

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We probably going forward, depending on how things happen with the coven 19 will have hearings that are in a hybrid fashion. So, again, stay tuned as conditions improve hopefully we'll be able to provide that opportunity for in person.

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But we also know that many people prefer hybrid or online, I should say, and virtual, and so we want to make it as convenient for the public as possible.

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So with that I think we are ready to listen.

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And so I'm going to ask Christy to please introduce our first speaker.

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Alright, we are going to be calling those who have pre registered first. I am noticing that in the attendees list that the first year registered speakers that we have are not showing up.

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I'm afraid that I'm not sure if it's missing so SOE, but if that person could raise their hand, hit the raise hand option. That way, one of our assistants can identify who you are in that list.

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The next person is our Nola Dixon, who I also don't see in the attendees list, to be able to promote you to a panelist. Therefore, I need to move to Bill Satterfield from like coma, like comic co county to be our first speaker tonight, Mr Satterfield

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I can hear you. I'm your video is not displaying a video camera as well if you'd like. Well, probably you only need to hear me saying they won't be any advantage.

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All right, go ahead. All right. I am a resident why comical county I've been a resident of Maryland and my comic book county since 1987.

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Each about five miles from the other.

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And during some of those years I was in legislative district 38.

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I think the system of having this hybrid three member districts to member districts with a sub district one member district is illegal, until the gentleman who served on the redistricting commissions.

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In the past, it's a wonder I'm baffled how that's allowed to happen because of the two Supreme Court cases I'm a little bit familiar with 1962 US Supreme Court Baker vs car, or the Supreme Court held that each vote should carry equal weight, regardless

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of the voters place of residence. And then the 1964 Supreme Court ruling Reynolds versus Sims that said legislative chambers have to be a portion, according to population.

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My concern is if I live in a single member district. I can vote for one person, one person,

one vote. That's fair. I live in a three member district, I can vote for three members of the General Assembly.

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That's not fair that person in the three district district has three times the power of the person in a single member district, and with the two member district with it with the SEC district.

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Again, there's an equity, one person can vote for two members of the General Assembly.

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And that's that's just not right everybody should have one vote for one person, or three votes for three persons, and how it's been allowed to propagate with this hybrid system for decades, is, is baffling to me, where the lines are drawn, I don't really

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care i'm not in the typography and cartography.

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But I am concerned about equal opportunity of residents of this state, to have an equal vote with everybody else, one man, one vote. That seems to be the principle of our country.

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With this system we have in Maryland now.

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I don't see that happening.

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And so it's just unfair to have three votes by one person, one vote by another. Those are my points. And I think the commission for considering my views and and hope that i hope i what i understand that the governor's mandate for this condition was to

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up with a single district plan. If that's the case, I agree with that wholeheartedly. So, as the sportscaster mount Campbell gets to say in Washington, my time is up. I thank

you for your perfect timing.

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Perfect timing, I will call the next speaker, and then Mr Satterfield I will move you back to the attendee list again you might see a message. Don't worry, don't push a lot of buttons, you're just being moved back to the attendee list.

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The next speaker, I have is also not listed in the attendees section. So if Ethel brown from Washington County has joined us this evening, please raise your hand.

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So that one of our staff members can identify you in that chat box.

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Next then on the list is Kathleen beggar from Talbot County, I am making you a panelist now.

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Maria, are you able to see her I don't have her I see her. Her name is up now. Okay, great, but we got we still have Karen cook, so I'll go ahead and move her out.

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Hi, can you hear me, we can.

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Is it okay to start. Yes, please begin. Okay, thank you so much. Good evening commissioners, my name is Kathleen Banker, and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of the mid state I thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

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The league is the nation's oldest nonpartisan voter education and advocacy group, our local mature chapter includes Caroline Dorchester, and all but counties.

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We begin by commending Governor Hogan for established establishing this commission as the keystone of the 2021 state redistricting process.

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This non partisan approach will help to promote fair and effective representation in the Maryland General Assembly in the House of Representatives. We also deeply appreciate your commitment and taking on this weighty and time consuming responsibility

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of creating fair and impartial district maps, my brief comments tonight speak to equity, flexibility, and opportunity.

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The eastern shore is a region of rich geographic demographic and cultural diversity, but sometimes it seems that there are two eastern shores. One that Forbes magazine celebrates as the new Hamptons, and another where frontline workers in the poultry

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are at ground zero for COVID-19 epidemics. Our state League has created maps that overlay hard to count tracks from the 2020 census with communities that rank high on the center for disease control's social vulnerability index.

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These maps show that all too often undercounted communities are also underserved. While all voices must be heard some must be amplified. For the sake of equity as new maps are drawn, we must all work together to engage these communities.

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Next, we recommend flexibility as you consider the question of single versus multi

member districts.

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It is our position that in some situations, multi member districts better promote full minority representation and preserve political and community boundaries.

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We hope you will factor this into your deliberations. Finally, we are grateful that even with your tight schedule, you are hosting these listening at this given, given the understandably short notice for tonight's meetings.

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Many of our neighbors who would like to participate or not able to please continue to remind the public that citizens from anywhere in the state have the opportunity to provide input at any of the listening sessions.

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In closing, I thank you once again for undertaking this important work. We share with you a joint aspiration for a redistricting process that will become a model for Maryland, and possibly other states for decades to come.

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When you succeed, we all succeed. We stand ready to assist you in any way we can. Thank you.

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Thank you, Miss Bancard and thank you for that reminder to anyone who perhaps could not make tonight's listening to her, they're open to anybody.

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It's just that we tried to route certain areas together.

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But anybody can attend any of the listing tours are open to the public so hopefully people will spread that word to maybe friends or neighbors who weren't able to attend tonight's session.

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Alright, Kristen is it easy. Yes.

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So the next two speakers I have, again I cannot identify in the attendees list. If you could check your name and or raise your hands so we can identify where you are in the list.

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With that the next speaker, I have is senator Mary Beth, Rosa.

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welcome Senator Cruz and we just need you to go off mute and show your video.

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There you go ahead and welcome. Well, good evening, I want to first of all, I want to thank all of the commission members, introduce myself senator Mary Beth Kurosawa I represent district 38, which includes all of Worcester County.

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All of Somerset County which I like to point out includes an island South Island, you need a plane or boat to get there, and half of my comic accounting, before being elected to the Senate I also represented district 38 see as a delegate, which is a single

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member district. And again I did want to thank you all. First of all, for serving because this is a public service, better commission members are so beautifully performing for all of the state of Maryland.

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And I also want to thank Governor Hogan because he did make a commitment to establishing this independent Maryland citizens redistricting commission, with a commitment for fair legislative and congressional maps and a transparent process and I think that's

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really important. And I know you're starting by listening and we are we are most grateful.

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I also wanted to just share my support for a single member districts having represented a single member district, I can speak to the effectiveness of serving my constituents in that capacity and also wanted to point out, and requests that the Commission.

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Keep the eastern shore together when you're going through the process that we not be split up in the process to perhaps achieve other goals. It's been mentioned by other speakers about the opportunities and challenges we have on the eastern shore.

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And so those are the two main points that I wanted to mention tonight and I do plan to continue to take advantage of the opportunities you're offering to all of our citizens and again I want to thank all the commission members for your public service.

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Thank you Senator.

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Yes, the next individual I have on the list again I cannot find in the attendees list. So therefore we will move next to Denver and die. I apologize if I miss mispronounced your name but I'm now making you a panelist.

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Yeah, I'm here Hello. Yes. Good afternoon. Good afternoon.

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I think is good here. Yeah, yeah.

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Well, I thank you very much for the information in our attendees. Thank you very much, and for the great attend for the great state of Maryland. And besides the after all those who just came up to highlight the older inconsistency is found out in the

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and the district team, as we know it. Besides those inconsistencies on actually restricting and mapping, like, safe to assume that such achievements we have and we live by I love self executed.

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My point would be just to focus for this commission to focus more on the information and outreach needed to get more people informed interested in this kind of activity, involving the better decisions that's going to be taken into their communities where

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And as we speak today, in many regards, we are seeing a reversal on many areas of achievements in democrats in America.

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Be reversing local decisions on voting police funding and all of those. Basically, what I'm saying is a discussion at this time, needs to focus more on better outage and communication to get more people involved in this process.

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In my case I just get the information, two days ago.

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It was just so short notice. And I think the commission would do better in the future, to make sure the information will be shared, property for the diversity in the state of Maryland.

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In this instance short will be reflected in the attendees overload that was my point. Thank you very much, and thank you for your attention.

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Thank you so much.

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That's all right.

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My name is Mira Botha I'm the Vice President for the Salisbury city council I live in Salisbury Maryland. And I want to thank you all for your service, and for participating in this panel.

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It's always good to see Walter Olson involved with something he's a good guy.

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You know I've been on Eastern Shore for most of my life on from terminology, and I do encourage the panel to number one support the single member districts, I think that's vital, the, you know, the confusion, and oftentimes between delegates who are covering

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large areas, some, you know, I think there's always confusion about who our delegate is when they have more than one, you've got one it's easy to, to know who the person is that that you need a congressional districts, I think, you know, again, state

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as a whole needs to focus on communities of interest and maintaining continuous congressional districts.

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not chopped up districts that go from one side of the state to the other. Nearly in 2012 I ran for congress and it's six and a half to seven hour drive from Ocean City out the county County.

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And Ocean City and County town have completely different issues.

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So I think that's something you know when you look at the the discouraging for the first district.

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I think maybe looking for a title district where it does include part of Southern Maryland, because we have a lot in common with that area of the state.

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And so those are the two key points that I would put out to the panel. And once again, thank you for your service, and looking forward to see some good results.

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Thank you so much.

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Thank you very much. The next individual on our list is Bernadette Kennedy from way comic Cook County.

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welcome Miss Kennedy.

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Hi. Hi. Can you I mean, we can see and hear you.

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Okay. Good. Great, great.

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Um, let me say I hate to stutter. I just sold the notice about this this this up today from our sentence group. And when I saw the word registered cream, I immediately got on.

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I am from my comic Academy on the Lord, Eastern Shore, and very concerned about redistricting redistricting.

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Because whatever is done in the state will ultimately affect what is done in our local governments.

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And right now, as I've heard before for many of the speakers you know we're caught up in Jagat, and for various historical reasons that has had fun. And so I guess I'm here also learning as I go along.

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I'll be continued to listing, but just remember whatever it's done in that stage is going to affect what happens, especially on the lower sure once again we're communities are live next door to each other but are very different culturally and, you know,

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just so different in many different ways. And so it's going to be hard. Making sure that everybody is represented equally.

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Okay. And, Thank you.

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Thank you, Miss Kennedy.

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Thank you for your testimony.

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Yes, I am looking for the next one here, I'm Peter tally, I do not have you on this list. I'm afraid I'm so we need to move to the next one, which is,

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you know, Peters on the list he's he's got his hand up. Are you able to pull him up he's not showing up on my list.

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Yeah, he's up he's got his hand up under attendees.

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Are you able to promote him Maria.

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I am let me do that. Thank you.

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Peter is a panelist, Christian. Thank you.

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It doesn't matter to me No. All right.

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Yes. My name is Peter Taylor I'm a private citizen.

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Former middle school teacher and nonprofit director, and I live in Caroline County. Also, I write a column in the star democrat newspaper called an independent point of view.

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I've been advocating for non partisan redistricting for, for many years.

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Through the paper and other ways as well.

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So, I fully support the efforts of this commission and commend all of you for the work you're doing.

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For this effort which, as far as I'm concerned, promotes democracy, first and foremost, because the way that our districts in Maryland, are, are drawn basically hundreds of thousands of votes are devalued because the districts are not competitive by design.

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So, so I have a lot of passion for this particular topic. My main. So one question I have is, is where is the commission going from here.

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Seeing as Maryland does not have a provision for initiative on the ballot.

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This would be a direction that many states, many other states that have implemented a nonpartisan redistricting have gone in that direction. I'm wondering if there any ideas about what might be done to to include initiative.

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As a process used in America Maryland and, and the other comment that I want to make just in closing, is that as an independent.

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The other area where I feel like independence are frozen out of the political process is in the primary area. And with closed primaries in Maryland, which is dictated by the political parties.

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Independence don't have a voice in who they vote for in the general election and more

and more people are registering as independence in Maryland and across the country.

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Over 50% of millennials right now in our country have identify as independence. So I'd like to know if there are any plans to move on for additional structural political reform.

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Thank you That's, that's all I have.

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Thank you Mr Tally.

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As we know that we're listening tonight so we're not doing a q amp A. So, that would take us in a whole other direction. So tonight we're listening to the constituents in eastern shore and others so thank you for speaking to us tonight.

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Kristen who do we have next we have mean Jackson. Amos, or me, I apologize if I mispronounced, I am promoting you to a panelist,

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My name where you're, you are muted and we cannot see your video.

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We need, we need you to unmute in order to hear you.

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Can you hear you go. All right, now we can. All right.

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All right, go ahead.

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This modern technology is more than I can.

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Now it's a pain. Well, you know, like some of the others have said, I came to this understanding of the meeting, kind of late and that's part of my own responsibility because I have been engaged in the political process for many years, but I had to take

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a break.

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But one of the things that I am hopeful that this commission will do is a better outreach. I know, puts I live in Tampa County, and there needs to be discussion on the local level, about what the single

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member district or the multi member districts would do, and impact our particular community so many people don't want to get on a hearing or become a part of a process when they haven't had any real local information that can be shared and I don't know

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if there's a process but there is one representative.

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Kim, I'm sorry, not saying you're your last name but you're in Dorchester county would be really nice if you had the time to organize, or some kind of local discussion group so that we can be more informed about how either a decision that's made and.

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Anyhow, the maps are drawn impacts us in our locality. So, um, you know, I don't know, really have the what the impact would would actually be for the population that I'm most concerned about.

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We need more representation from the African American community for example. And I know that this is not your focus on the political, you know political party of political process right now.

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But the bottom line is, each of us is interested in trying to make sure that our voices are heard or part of the discussion. For the final analysis so I appreciate the effort of this commission, and I plan to tune in, and maybe down the line if I have

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something more concrete to say, I would submit that, but thank you for taking my input.

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Thank you so much for being here tonight and taking the time to give your opinion.

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Appreciate that.

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Kristen.

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Thank you. The next individual we have registered through chat and the name is run up Kumar in promoting you to a panelist.

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All right, rock tomorrow if you please unmute yourself.

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Do me, I guess, it should be cool, big guy.

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Rhonda Would you like to send written testimony, would you send written testimony.

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Yes. Okay. that would be wonderful.

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You can send that to the end the email is on our website, or the email that you would send that to is on our website@redistricting.maryland.gov, and the web, the email is redistricting

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Ron. Thank you for coming in tonight.

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Yes. so there are a couple more people who were not available when we first signed up that I just need to see if they've come in and if these people could raise their hands so we can identify them.

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The next one is our Nola Dixon from Queen Anne's County, Ethel brown from Washington County.

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Janet, Ellen from Baltimore City, and Sean Matthews from Queen Anne's County. If those individuals could go to raise hand and identify yourselves in the, in the attendee box, that would be very helpful.

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If you bear with us one moment we will see if we can find them.

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not seeing any hands being raised, just reviewing this list again to see if anyone has put their last name and first so that we don't miss anyone.

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It appears that we have everyone covered, who has,

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who has registered and attended to speak not seeing any hands up. So with that, ladies and gentlemen, I believe that we have called upon everyone who has registered to speak, and those who have registered to speak within the chat box.

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Maria Can you confirm this please yes those confirm there's no others in the chat.

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Thank you very much. With that Dr. Hetherington I will turn it back to you.

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Right. Just a reminder for those of you who may have tuned in tonight.

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If you wish to provide testimony after tonight's meeting should send written testimony to redistricting.commission@maryland.gov

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So feel free to do that. So we want to thank everyone who tuned in and also to the many people who testified this evening. A recording of the proceedings will be posted to the redistricting website which I just mentioned.

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And that should happen within two business days, a transcript of these proceedings will be posted as well.

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And, again, thank you to all of the commissioners for your time this evening and your commitment to the process. We will be doing this for quite a number of months, and there is true value and listening to the constituents the state of Maryland and

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we learn a lot from you. So thank you to the commissioners and thank you to the audience. So with that, I want to let everyone know that our next meeting is this time next week for the Northern Maryland area which is Carol Cecil in Harford counties.

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that would be June 16.

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At 6pm, we appreciate anyone tuning in, even if you tuned in tonight and want to keep tuning in, feel free to do that so learning process for all of us.

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So with that, I'll call for a motion to adjourn the meeting,

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Second. All in favor say aye or raise your hand.

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With that meeting adjourned. Thank you everyone and thanks again Kristin, and I know everybody. Thank you.

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Bye. Bye.

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It appears we still have some attendees.

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John and Maria, I'm going to stay on for just a moment more.

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Getting a couple of emails just want to make sure that we have everything covered.