

**Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Public Listening Tour for Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties  
June 23, 2021**

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among the commission, so I just added that on there so that we don't have an agenda that doesn't have an item on it in case we get to a point where we need to talk about additional matters for will burn room.

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Jackson if you could, If you could hide your or stop video, it would just probably be distracting if you're talking. I don't know how it will impact the people who have on speaker only.

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So if I'm close to happening is, is live. And I'm seeing it is anyone else not seeing it.

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Yeah, we see it. Yeah, you see it. I see it. Yeah, all right to anyone who may not see the live transcript if you go to live transcript cc on the toolbar and you hit enable it should start working for you.

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All right, it's six o'clock.

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We're going to get started.

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Good evening and welcome to the third regional public meeting of the Maryland citizens redistricting commission. This meeting is being recorded. As we begin, there are a few matters to share regarding the rules and policies for this evening's meeting,

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as well as some tips about the platform that will assist our speakers and better understanding how to use zoom.

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also ask that anyone speaking this evening. Speak slowly and clearly so that the interpreter can make sure that he interprets properly.

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For speakers this evening, there is a three minute allotment, this is a strict timeframe, by which we would like speakers to speak.

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When there is 20 seconds left of your speaking time, the screen share will come up with a countdown timer, and we ask that you wrap up your comments that inappropriate speaking attire behavior or background will result in a removal from the meeting, without

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without the option to rejoin anyone registering 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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If you did not register to speak, but would like to this evening. You can request to do so in the message section in a message to the panelists via the chat feature.

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There is a control bar at the bottom of your screen where you can select chat, and you can indicate that you would like to speak by simply typing in your name and the county in which you reside, the raise hand feature is a bit is available but you should

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not use raise hand, if you'd like to speak the raise hand feature is enabled, so that if we're unable to find someone on our list of attendees, then, then we can ask people to raise their hand to identify a specific person.

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Speaker should ensure that when you registered and your name on the box that you're seeing with your name in it. Please make sure that your name matches the name with what you signed up for this meeting that enables us to move you from an attendee to

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a panelist, so that you can speak. You should know that the participants list is not public and we do that to protect the privacy of those calling in as their phone numbers are listed pre registered speakers will go first, and then people who request

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to speak during the chat during this meeting, through the chat feature will be called an order of their request speakers providing testimony should be aware that they will be made a panelist, which will enable them to unmute, and turn on their camera.

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There may be a short delay while the speaker screen goes from attendees status to panelist status. This is normal. The speaker will see a screen message indicating that the host would like to promote you to be a panelist, the speaker needs to accept by

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clicking the join as panelists button will wait about five seconds for each speaker to go live. If a speaker doesn't join after about five seconds, we'll simply move on to the next one, and then come back and call that speaker at the end as well.

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One speakers are finished, we must move them back to being an attendee from the panelist, and when we do that, you may see a message on your screen that you're being moved back to an attempt to attendees status.

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Please don't click a bunch of buttons think you're being thrown out of the meeting, you're just being moved in to the attendees status rather than the panelist status.

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We know that that's a lot of information but want to assist you in understanding how this meeting is going to operate, so it can go as smoothly as possible.

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With that, I would like to introduce you to the host for this evenings meeting, Judge Alexander Williams, who serves as one of the CO chairs of the Maryland citizens redistricting commission judge Williams.

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Good evening and welcome to our third regional listening tour of the host tends to rotate so this is not for this evening.

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Thank you for joining with us this evening and providing your perspectives, comments and observations, the regions, do not suggest, in any way, if there is any map drawing leanings what the region was simply a convenient way to break down the group and

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counties, which are geographically neighbors.

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Now, I am Alex Williams. I'm from Prince George's County, I served as a judge and a retired United States District Court judge in the southern division in Greenville, so I'm sure that the region we're dealing with today remembers the greenbelt court.

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Let me pause just for a second and ask that the other commissioners introduce themselves so you know the non member commission.

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Okay. Thank you judge Williams Good evening everyone, I'm Kate Hetherington. I am from Howard County and one of the chairs of the commission co chairs, and I am from.

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I work at our community college where I'm the president of the college.

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Oh, thank you, Kate, and judge Williams, my name is Walter awesome. I'm from Frederick County.

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My day job is with a think tank in Washington. And along with judge Williams, I had the honor to participate in two earlier commissions on redistricting issues that Governor Hogan appointed in past years.

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so we've been around the block I guess twice.

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And, like, Judge Williams and Kate I'm co chair of this commission.

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Good evening, everyone. My name is waiting to the Thomas I'm a senior principal systems engineer for the Department of Defense, now live in Baltimore City.

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Good evening, I'm sure Brooks I'm from Baltimore County, and an elementary school principal.

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Next, Commissioner. Good evening, I'm Mary Clawson I live in an Arundel County and I'm a retired federal employee. Thank you.

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Hi everyone, I'm Jonathan first field, I live in montgomery county. Communications Manager for research from.

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Hi, I'm Kim coming. I'm a longtime resident of the eastern shore. I currently live in Dorchester county and I'm employed with the Maryland judiciary, and I work for the circuit court in Dorchester County, as a supervisor in the land records and licensing

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HIWJ mean is with us tonight. Okay. All right. Great, thank you.

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Now, ladies and gentlemen region three is designated and grouped as Calvert shoals and St Mary's all known as historic Southern rural, the opportunity to speak is not limited to send us as a residents of Calvary, Charles and St Mary's County.

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On the contrary, we do anticipate and would be pleased to hear from any citizen of Berlin regardless of where he or she lives. In fact, the last two weeks at regions, one and two.

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We did hear from a number of citizens who were from other counties around the state.

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In the event you did not sign up today or you don't get an opportunity to speak and you want to please feel free to sign up to speak at any of the remaining five regional public meetings, which are held every Wednesday at 6pm.

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Now these listening public meetings are critically important hearing from citizens and their perspectives on redistricting and map drawing is something that we the commissioners are very interested in, and quite candidly, in my view, without the consideration

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and input of citizens around, Maryland, who are affected by the new boundary lines, the ultimate maps submitted would be viewed with suspicion and reservation.

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And so we the commissioners want to and we look forward to your comments, your perspectives, your observations at these regional listing public hearings, and the commissioners will be delighted.

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And certainly will take into consideration your comments.

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Tonight the Commission's will not react or respond to the comments. But we are here merely to listen.

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Now there's a couple other things to further assure transparency. The Commission website can be viewed at the Maryland citizen redistricting commission, which will provide all of the information that commissioners are considering.

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And also we have the listening and the time, for future hearings. Alright so let's get started we are now ready to listen.

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Kristen please admit the first presenter.

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So our first. Our first presenter this evening is James McQueen from Calvert county Calvert County, and Mr McQueen you're now a panelist.

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Good evening. Yeah, my name is James McQueen, I'm a. I live here in Calvert County. I'm also part of a group that works in Southern Maryland across the ball, three counties.

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And basically what I just wanted to bring up that when we look at redistricting you've got congressional district and get state redistricting.

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And one of the issues that you know we run into a lot is our state districts are so caught up between the two different areas. And when it comes to working in informing people and working within each area I'm sorry for the sun.

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It's a lot harder for us to do our communication processes.

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I'm part of the grass roots group and I'm trying to keep each county active with what's going on locally within their in the commissioners within the school board, and also with their delegates, and as I work with over 2000 people in my group, you know

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it's it's very difficult. Helping each one, concentrate on their areas of concern, which is usually their county.

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They do everything by county with everybody that I talked to.

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So when it comes they don't know who their district delegates are, they're not sure their senators, we got districts that run between counties. We got part of a district, that's broken up between three different counties.

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It's kind of hard to really work together as a team to help with the local.

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I am issues and help with the local information that we pass through.

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And that is one of my concerns is how can we, you know, keep it more towards a county because every county is it separate entity. They have their own separate school boards have their own separate Commissioner groups.

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But yet, when it gets to the state levels things really get split up and are harder to manage and.

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Today, more and more people are coming to us for help.

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contacting their legislators who are as if they don't have a clue who's who.

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And that's one of my jobs as a grassroots coordinator is trying to get people more active into politics and to understanding what's going on around them.

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And what's happening.

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So my goal speaking was just to put in my two cents about how we can keep these close knit groups is that in, because they need to work within their own communities to be local.

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And I appreciate your time. Thank you. All right, thank you Miss McQueen and I asked you, is it Calvert a culvert County.

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Um, the next speaker is Vaughn Tasha Sims prior to making it miss Sims, a panelist, the next speaker after Miss Sims is Bill Dotson Mr Dotson we do not see you on our list of attendees right now, if you are on this zoom, please select the raise hand function.

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With that, I will make on Tasha Sims, a panelist, Miss Sims, your panelists now.

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So everyone able to hear me. Yes, yes.

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Evening, first of all, let me say thank you for having this this meeting here is a very important issue, not only here for charles county the seven Rowan region, but for the state of Maryland as well and this entire country really, I just want to touch

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base on a few issues. Some of them are goes along with the previous caller when we talked about facility here in charles county. We are always grouped in as a southern Rowan region, along with childbirth and St Mary's County, and which gives us a problem

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when it comes to our legislative issues in Annapolis, as far as funding resources, etc. Another issue, once again is that our population here in charles county is much greater than Calvert and or St Mary's County, and which I feel that we're able to hold

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our own tutorial district, but yet they have the same representation that we have in Annapolis.

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Also, when we come to our population size here, we're continuing to grow here. And then at the same time we have once again a sensor that covers, three different counties within Calvert County.

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Prince George's County and Charles County as well. Considering that we are one of the wealthiest counties in the state of Maryland, and across this country, we feel that we should have more representation.

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When it comes to our political issues.

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Another thing I want to touch base on is that exactly what are the government, the government's orders that was given to this commission here.

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Being mandated as a county. Are we able to, let's say, petition to possibly change those orders or solicit some assistance when it comes to being able to make sure that our county is drawn correctly here in the southern part of the region.

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And another thing I want to talk about is that is this Commission's final evaluation. Let me first of all say I feel this is a very good commission. I know you guys have been on several different meetings with you.

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So I just want to first of all applaud you for your effort and your diligence to make sure that you try to get it right here. But I just want to make sure that we able to make sure that we get those those proper numbers, we have the proper information

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here, and we're able to have our decisions made here within the county here for us so. And once again, like I said, we have a very big population size here, but yet for we are divided really between three other counties, and when it comes to our Tri County

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agreement with Southern rural without Calvert county and St Mary's County. And then we have a district the split between different towns with our district 27 eight, and which we're really not getting a fair representation here in charles county, which

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that is really separating our political and our economic power here in charles county. So thank you for having me. All right. Thank you,

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The next speaker is Victor Mark who we do not from Allegheny County, who do we, we do not see on our list so Mr. Mark, if you would raise the hat, select the raise hand function, so that you can join in the meantime I will move to delegate Matt Morgan,

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from St Mary's County delegate Morgan, you are a panelist

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john if you could take the screen share off please.

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And delegate Morgan please just unmute.

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And you may share your screen if you'd like as well. There you are.

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Good evening. Thank you for having me. And thank you for serving on this very important commission.

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I'm, I feel passionate about redistricting because I don't like seeing people discriminated against. And let's face it, redistricting in the past and Maryland has been weaponized you brief history on Maryland politics, you go back, prior to the 2000 census,

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Maryland was represented with a very balanced congressional districts were four Republicans or Democrats redraw the maps, the congressional delegation is six and two.

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And after the 2010 census the maps are redrawn again, and the state delegation goes seven and one with Andy Harris being the only Republican Representative.

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I just feel in the past that redistricting has been used as a tool to discriminate people based on their political affiliations, and I would mind this commission that that was admitted to by Governor former Governor O'Malley, that he gerrymandered this

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Now I am a state delegate and I do want to focus on legislative lines which I think have also equally concerning about maps, you know, and their boundary lines, but almost more concerning with legislative lines is the single versus multi member districts.

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Let me tell you a quick story, we have this little town here in Southern Maryland called Charlotte Hall. And if you're on the left side of the county liner and Charles County District 28.

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And those citizens vote for three delegates. But if you're on the right side of the line. The good news is, you're in St Mary's County and your property taxes are a little lower, but you get one delegate the vote for.

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And then if you have a constituent problem you have one elected officials to talk to this guy.

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If you're on the other side of the air and 28, you have three delegates the bill will talk to in on three different committees, and I was under the opinion that one vote, one man, one vote.

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And I think it's blatantly unfair to have multi member districts. Look the bodies in Annapolis I've served up there for seven years now. The body between the Senate and the House or a good bit different.

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The house is supposed to be the people's house is supposed to be the body of the legislative branch those closest to the people.

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And you do that by representing a smaller amount of people, myself I represent about 42,000 people. But here by an air nearby Charles County District 28.

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It's 120 some thousand people. And I don't think that's, that's fair. Um, it's very hard to explain the citizens and something I wish the commission would deeply focus on is single member districts throughout the entire state of Maryland, put everything

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on a level playing field. and thank you all again for serving on this.

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All right, thank you delegate Vogue and always good to see.

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Alright, Our next presenter.

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The next presenter we have three individuals who are signed up who do not appear to be present. They are Calla hunt, Luke McAulay alias Spangler, and the next speak if any of them are present, please select the raise hand function.

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The next speaker who is present is Ella Ennis and ms ms. You are now it panelists please unmute.

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Hello.

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My name is Ella Ennis, and I live in Calvert County, and I am a lifelong Maryland.

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And I thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. Article of three section four of the Maryland constitution tells us that each legislative district shall consistent but joining territory.

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Be compact in form and have substantially equal population, do you regard shall be given to natural boundaries and boundaries of political subdivisions current Maryland congressional and legislative districts are not faithful to the Maryland constitution.



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We have districts shaped like prehistoric birds or snakes, and we have districts that have only a thin line that connects to parts of the district or parts connected only by water Calvert county is currently divided between two states senate districts

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LD 27 and 29, the south end of Calvert county shares a portion of a House District 29 see was St Mary's County, all of LD 27 see is in Calvary. And then the northern part of the county is shared with Prince George's County and Id 27 be.

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Now there to go from the Calvert county section of 27 feet to the Prince George's section, you must travel through two adjacent unrelated legislative districts.

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The only way that you can have a direct link between the two parts of LD 27 P is across the Patuxent River.

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US Census and estimates are that Calvert county has 92,526 people. This is sufficient for Calvert residents to have to single member house districts completely within Calvert County.

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I urge you sincerely to propose a legislative redistricting plan that contains to complete single member house districts for Calvert County, and that we have be linked with a third complete single member districts in southern an Arundel County, which

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is contiguous by land to Calvert and pronoun northern border and would form a senate district. Please draw districts that respect, and uphold the constitutional mandate of legislators and congressional districts that are joining territory, or compact

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and warm and are substantially equal in population with due regard to political subdivisions about boundaries. I urge you to make all a house male delegate district single member districts officials in single member districts are not answer or more answerable

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to their voters voters should choose their representatives, not have the representatives choose their districts. Thank you very much.

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All right, Thank you visit us appreciate your comments.

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And that was perfect timing.

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The next speaker is Theresa Coons I apologize if I pronounced your name incorrectly from Calvert County, Theresa, you are now panelists, please unmute and you can start your video if you'd like.

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Sorry it kicked me off for a minute.

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Good evening. My name is Teresa you didn't pronounce the correct Thank you. I'm a Calvert County resident first thank you for hosting us Southern Maryland forum.

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We do often feel left out of the process and I'm grateful constituent it's also great seeing Dr Heather NZ on here so thank you for representing Calvert county.

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I am asking the commission to submit a redistricting map which includes only single member delegate districts and to limit the use of gerrymander cross County District at the state level.

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Throughout the Southern Maryland region we have nine delegate seats and of those three represent portions of Calvert county and state delegates of our three representatives, only one delegate represents solely Calvert county residents and interest, compared

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to our neighbors, they have twice or three times as many representing just their single county, it is unfair playing field to the representative who must balance the interest of two or even three different county perspectives and limits the voice of the

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constituents with a smaller population, which continues to be in Calvert County.

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Here in Calvert we have two senators and currently both do not reside in Calvert County, the senators represent five counties between their two districts, and my own district 27 D We share our delegate with Prince George's County, and we can all agree

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we have uniquely different interests from comprehensive plans to population density transfer teach patient needs and growth plans, what would work well in Prince George's County will not always reflect the right decision for Calvert county residents,

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based on the initial population census data which has been released Calvert county should have two districts representing just Calvert. However, the cross county line must be drawn.

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It makes common sense for Calvert county to be partner with the South County area on a rental where we have similar characteristics inclusive of the health of our waterfront miles for Chesapeake Bay.

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The blue line streams preserving agricultural trust, just a few examples.

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As I mentioned, I have one delegate to represent my perspective, who then has to split their final voting decision with the interests of Prince George's County.

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When I speak to a constituent and district 28 and Charles County, they currently have three different delegates to represent their one request the playing field again is unbalanced.

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That is three more opportunities to have sponsored legislation key votes different committee representatives and interests, and frankly a more united voice and then that was when they look at their ballot.

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The district 28 constituent has three votes to my single one is simply unfair.

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If you look back to the earlier 2021 legislative session. HV 655 was a local single member district bill for the county commissioner level. and it sparked many debates, but all three delegates charles county multiple district supported.

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In brief, thank you for helping us create a stronger Southern Maryland voice. I appreciate your time.

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All right, thank you so appreciate your comments.

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Okay, the next speaker, we have is William BJ Hall.

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Mr. Hall, you are now a panelist, who pulled up.

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I'm sorry I'm not in a position where I can actually speak right now.

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You're not okay well can come back, would you like us to come back to you.

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Okay. All right, we will come back to Mr. Hall.

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With that, we will move to William

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you'll need to unmute sir.

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Hi, I'm William Jackman I'm a Jacob bloodline professor and a distinguished professor emeritus at the Johns Hopkins University of Maryland institution, and I live in montgomery county.

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And I'm a political scientist and political scientists know that single member districts are the only responsible kind of arrangement to have between voters and their representatives multi member districts are diverse responsibility.

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There's no direct responsibility as in single member districts and party represent our voters have a possibility and a single member district of having one to one arrangements with their representative.

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This is not true in a multi member district, and therefore I would urge the commission to look at the provision of the single member districts in the district King they're using.

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Rather than multi member districts, in addition to responsibility. It allows for a greater chance of minority groups to get represented in our rep river, Representative bodies.

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So, please consider when you go to a doctor you ask him what his opinion is because he's a doctor. So I think it's worthwhile listening to what political scientists say about the political arrangements.

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And the best way of ensuring a one man, one one person, one vote, and a democratic system. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. Thank you. Our next speaker is a Fred price however he doesn't appear to be on with us this evening, Mr. Price, if you are on, please up, select the raise hand feature so that we can identify you after Mr price we have James Crawford, from

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Charles County.

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Mr. Crawford.

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Mr. Crawford.

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Mr. Crawford, it doesn't appear that you're connected to audio.

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We're going to wait just a couple more seconds here, are you there Mr. Crawford, you'll need to unmute.

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You're there.

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Very good. Thank you so much. Well, I do appreciate. Mr. Crawford, I think you may have a phone on as well perhaps, we're getting an echo. Back in the day.

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Yeah, that better. Yes it is. Thank you.

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I just wanted to actually.

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You've heard everything I was going to say frankly from delegate Morgan listen is this coast.

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It's, it's a, it's important to us, I think, to have, number one, as far as the congressional districts good to have a contiguous geographic districts, it's just makes common sense.

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And it's also constitutionalist listen is clearly pointed out, and then secondly, the single district delegates, the House of Delegates is much more, not only to fair but it's more constitutional and gives us each one one vote so it really can't be more

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than that, too. I think it's probably 10s or hundreds of thousands of people in the state that would agree with me and. And I agree, I'm sure you've heard a lot of it already.

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No one seems to disagree so I do appreciate the work the commission is doing and I, and I think given the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

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All right, thank you Mr. Crawford.

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Thank you.

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The next speaker is Lisa Cohen, who does not appear to be on the call Miss Cohen, if you are, if you could use the raise hand feature.

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The next speaker. After that is Kathy Google lists, from montgomery county.

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Cathy, you are now a panelist, you'll need to unmute and you can use your video if you'd like.

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Good afternoon. Thank you. First, folks. I'm sorry my dog, your opportunity address here and thank you for your service. My name is Kathy Google has some a lifelong Maryland resident I've lived in McHenry County for over 40 years I retired after 20 years



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as a federal employee I have 18 years at the executive level in the Department of Justice and the USDA, like a lot of people in montgomery county I can mute it and work 12 hours per day.

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I retired eight years ago I looked around and I was surprised how McHenry County had declined.

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Used to be among the top three counties in the United States and the wealth in education, and in schools today it's not even the top in the state. There's only 202 I'm sorry only two fortune 500 companies left and like every county.

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So what happened, 40 years ago, like every county had a solid conservative base. Today there are no elected Republicans, not just all democrat but progressive socialist Democrat.

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I worked as a chief Election Judge, I've been a certified election register. I'm an officer at Potomac republican women's group. I'm also like every county Federation republican women's side, officer.

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When I ask people, when I go around and try to register people and I asked them if they're registered to vote especially up County, they say yes but their vote doesn't count.

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They feel disenfranchised and discouraged with our political system.

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We had a referendum called nine districts for Mo Kio last election cycle, which basically would have eliminated the at large districts in recovery County.

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The Democrats, taught us and said that upcountry republicans don't vote. Well you know what they're right. And why is that it's because people have counted feel disenfranchised districts are gerrymandered and because each has three members down county

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democrats can dominate up county very easily.

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Because they're their population base. This is the most egregious form of voter suppression. I haven't just legislative district 14, it jumps into Jags from Damascus.

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Next to Frederick County line along the Howard County to silver spring next to the Prince George's County District of Columbia lines. Damascus is rural and its agricultural silver spring is highly urban.

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All three of our delegates and the Senator from down County. The residents of county, and down county have dramatically different issues and concerns.

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The residents of county feel neglected and disenfranchised. It's sad watching McHenry County decline. It was one of the last counties to reopen after the pandemic or 200 restaurants close for good public schools closed all year while private schools for

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were open without a problem, school performance declined,

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and crime has increased dramatically people concerned about public safety and so much it's going wrong that people are businesses and residents are leaving in droves.

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It's time to change the political landscape. That means we need single member districts, and they need to be compact and contiguous. Please help make that happen and I appreciate being able to speak tonight.

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Thank you.

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All right, five teams good goals.

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It looks like Fred price has now joined. So we're going to go back to Fred price. Mr. Price, you are now a panelist, you can unmute and enable your camera if you'd like.

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Mr. Price you're still muted.

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Thank you very much. Can you hear me now, we can thank you.

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Thank you. I won't take long. I would just like to support a single member districts. Some years ago, a single member district was made in Prince George's County.

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But it did not include all of the town of Chevrolet, it created a district that only took in half of the community in that. And I would urge you to keep your support of these were possible together in one single member districts in that.

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I'm together in one single member district and thank you very much and to judge Williams my former neighbor, I would like to say hello.

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Yes, surprise I know you quite well. thank you for your comments.

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Thank you.

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Our next speaker is Tamara Davis Brown.

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Miss Brown, you are now a panelist, you can unmute and enable your camera if you'd like.

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Miss Brown.

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Up there she is.

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Miss Brown you'll need to unmute.

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Good evening. Can you hear me now, we can thank you to the redistricting commission I appreciate the opportunity to come before you on Tamra Davis brand I'm a resident of Prince George's County, and I live in Clinton, Maryland, which is in the southern

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portion of the county redistricting has been a nightmare for us here in Clinton Maryland We are now in three districts, because we're former senator had decided that he wanted to move to Calvert County.

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And I echo some but not necessarily all of the comments of the residents in Calver, and maybe St Mary's County in Charles County.

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We believe Clinton is now in the 27th legislative district the 26th legislative district in the 25th legislative district, and it was done so because persons in those particular communities actually ran and was in opposition to the den.

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Senator of the 27th district, because he moved himself to Calvert County, unfortunately, that brought about the complaints that you're hearing from residents in the Tri County area.

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We believe that citizens in Prince George's County should be more homogeneous to having its representative only within Prince George's County, and not necessarily within Charles Calver counties and that they are more homogeneous to one another or with

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an Arundel County. And so to satisfy the Maryland constitution. We do believe that, you know, you should respect as a commission, the political subdivisions the compact missing contiguous of the boundaries and so we would like.

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And I'll speak more when there is a meeting in Prince George's County, and hopefully be able to present a man to demonstrate how to correct the gerrymandering that was done in order to keep certain persons from running against the district 2017.

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And so with that I thank you for the opportunity to present, and will presents for the comments and a map in writing, and when the commission comes before Prince George's County and I want to say hello to my former criminal law professor, Judge Alex Williams.

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Yes, it's good to see you. Good to talk to you and the cat later. Thank you.

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That completes our pre registered speakers this evening, Mr. Hall, from St Mary's County, we can come back to you. After we complete with their for individuals that message through the chat bots that they would like to speak to Mr.

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Hall if you are available to speak. If you could please send a message through the chat box that you're available I will come back to you as soon as possible.

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Sandra receive was next on requested to chat, though I am not seeing Sandra on the list here so I'm going to move to the next one for a moment.

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Malcolm fun from Calvert County.

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Excuse me, a Kristin don't mean to break in, but tomorrow is listed as the League of Women Voters.

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Thank you very much.

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Correct, yes, she is not she doesn't have Sondra represent us her name it's the League of.

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It's the league just look for league and promote her. Okay, thank you.

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Sandra I'm going to promote you to our panelists now.

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Hi, can you hear me. Yes we can. Yes, thanks.

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I'm going to be reading a letter that the League has submitted from Calvert County.

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My name is Dr. Sandra relieve and I'm the first vice president of the Calvert League, the League of Women Voters of Calvert county supports the efforts of the Maryland citizen redistricting commission and welcomes this opportunity to express our thoughts

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on the redistricting process, as it pertains to Calvert County.

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Like so many speakers before me.

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We recognize that Calvert is different in many respects from nearby counties with whom we share representatives, the priorities of Calvert as a whole, compete with those of nearby jurisdictions to the north to the south and west and shared representatives

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must juggle those competing interests.

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As a result, our specific needs are not as well recognized. One example is how long people have been complaining about the condition of the governor Thomas Johnson Memorial bridge that connects us with St Mary's County, which has been going on for years,

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but which apparently is has not been a priority for attention.

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So we respectfully request that full and fair representation for Calvert be reflected missions recommendations.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you so go.

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Okay, with that will return to Malcolm fun from Calvert County, Malcolm you are now a panelist,

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please be sure to unmute and if you'd like to start your camera you may.

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Hello. Okay, they pushed me out and I came back in.

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First of all, Judge Williams, the cannon was named after Lord Calvert.

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Some of the locals probably call it Colbert but the cannon was originally named after Lord Calvert from Great Britain so it's Calvert County.

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All right. Thank you, perhaps remember my wife on the Judiciary nominating committee we lived in Prince George's County for a while but I came back home to Prince George's County.



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And I'd like to first I'd like to thank the Commission for the work that you're doing. I don't envy what you have to do. And you probably will not be loved by many and hated by quite a few, but we appreciate the work that you have before you.

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I would just like to reiterate some of the things that have already been said. We are part of Southern Maryland, but at the same time there are a lot of differences in Calvert, we have three districts 27 be 27 and 2927 be shared with Prince George's County

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County in the northwest and 27 see is in the North East and Central part of the county and 29 season the southern and shared with, with the St Mary's County and the show you the differences.

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Now, we don't share a districts with Charles County, but we allowed with them to a certain extent in the Charles County has code home rule for its local government apparatus, Prince George's County which we allowed within 27 be its charter Home Rule,

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and St Mary's and Calvert have commission Home Rule. So there's conflict there and how we do things locally. And we are the smallest county in the state but yet we have three representatives and population is basically about 92 plus thousand.

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And I would like to think that as you look at the redistricting that you would take in consideration the concerns of the people of Calvert County.

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And we can still share our like concerns. At the same time we would like to be able to stand alone and have the also we share two senators and they all live in the southern part of the county, but at the same time if I want to have anything done legislatively

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in Annapolis, I still deal with the senator in the northern part of the county, and as we try and look at things for the county because we want to look at the county as a whole.

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We have two cylinders that we have to operate through and for, but again if you would consider the, the unity of the county and how the county has been broken up.

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We would appreciate it. Thank you very much for your time. All right. Thank you, Mr foundry remember your wife up very well see one of the best nominated commissioners at the other hand, it's probably because you're supported through quite a bit.

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All right. Thank you.

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Alright, our next speaker is Elizabeth Stewart from St Mary's County, historic, you are now panelists, please be sure to unmute, and you can start your camera, if you'd like.

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Hello, and thank you so much for hosting this meeting tonight.

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My husband and I reside in St Mary's County, and I fall under one of the snaked off districts that has come up tonight we are representative 29 see.

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And I wanted to bring this up because we've lived down here for nine years, I military kid been all over my husband's a senior engineer on base, this area is booming.

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It is one of the largest technology corridors now in the state of Maryland down here between the nuclear plant the base, the natural gas plant, all that's going on and getting involved in politics down here has proven to be quite challenging, and especially

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during coven where a lot of citizens have decided to get involved to have their voice heard in different areas. The way that this entire St Mary's and Southern Maryland is district makes it complicated and put a little bit of a picture to it.

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29 see isn't a teeny portion of St Mary's, and then it's a lot in Calvert, and I live in a very densely populated community in St Mary's thousands and thousands of homes, it's a planned community goes back 30 years, three houses down for me has a different

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represented Earth and then I have representatives. And so, as concerns came about this year.

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I'm having to go through representative it's primarily in Calvert.

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And if I wanted to potentially run for a race. Well, half of my literally half of my subdivision is a different representative than the one that I met.

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It creates immense confusion when you go to elections. When you go to signs, no one in this neighborhood has any idea why all in one neighborhood within a stone's throw has two diff basically two different elections going on for delegation.

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And so that's one concern is just it doesn't make any sense it is very hard for people to get involved at a grassroots level because there's layers of confusion that just simply don't need to be there.

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And, and then no one has really brought this up but I can say that I do feel that the votes of those in St Mary's County.

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It could be in the mind but it does feel that the district thing when you look at the congressional seat it favors the population that has a much greater density of Charles County.

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And so while there's less than city in St Mary's and Calvert It does not matter. They get out the vote effort we can not seem to get fair representation at the congressional level because of population density and how it's currently district.

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Thank you.

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All right. It was door.

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Thank you. Our next speaker is Daley Harris.

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There we go.

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You are now a panelist, please unmute, and you may start your screen if you would like. Can everybody hear me.

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Yes we can. Yes.

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Thank you very much for having this meeting and having it in such a way that it is virtual I know that you're going to probably go around and have it again so thank you so much for that.

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I really just want to echo what I've heard from Mr. Crawford, and others who speak in favor of single member district.

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I've recently moved from Prince George's county to county and the pudding,

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knowing who to vote for trying to keep up with all the changes.

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Now that the districts have, you know, been split between, You know several candidates I think single member district for the entire state is the way to go.

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And I really would appreciate it if this panel. And if this commission would look at making that change, at least for the next 10 years, single member districts throughout the state of Maryland, and I'd like to say hello to all those who who know me from

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political days. So thank you very much, and single member districts, is my vote, that's what I'll be supporting down the line. Thank you.

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Thank you, sir, appreciate your comments.

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Thank you. Our next speaker. Our final speaker this evening.

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Until we go back to Mr. Hall if he does have availability now is JC hooker.

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You are now a panelist please unmute, and you may enable your screen if you would like.

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Here's James McQueen has been promoted. Yeah, I'm not really sure why that is, it must have just switched over.

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Here we go.

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He's popping out and popping back in our apologies for some technological difficulties when people, hop off the meeting the list changes.

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There's JC.

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You'll need to unmute.

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JC you're still muted.

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You had it there for a second.

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Jc Are you able to unmute.

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going to go back and see if Mr. Hall is available as well. While we wait

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It's not appear that Mr. Hall is on the line, any longer.

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Forgive me while we just double check this list,

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no longer see Mr. Hall.

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Right. It appears that we have another individual who has requested to speak.

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Jerry thief.

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So I know that there is Jerry I apologize if I were pronouncing your last name wrong I'm promoting you to a panelist,

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Jerry Are you there.

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Yes.

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My name is Jerry faith. I'm an associate member of the child can republican Central Committee, I'm an associate member of the republican women of Charles County.

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I'm a member, the blue republican Jewish coalition, and my concern is that not all Maryland does have an equal vote, but delegate in the General Assembly multimillion member districts, really suppressed vote.

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This process of Mossad member has been denounced by some very knowledgeable law people like Thurgood Marshall.

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Mrs Ginsburg, the deceased.

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Justin, Sondra or kinda and Anthony scalping know this inherently submerges the vote of the minority.

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Mo time member districts discourages competition.

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In, Charles County, which I'm very familiar with. We have three delegates, it's 120,000 approximate vote is. and it needs to be divided.

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Conceptually, like 340 thousand or so. Each. It shouldn't be difficult to do. It needs to be done. And I would appreciate if the commission addresses this in our county, and of course, in other parts of the state.

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This is an important job all of you have, and the taxpayers expect you to take it in a serious thing. What has happened in the past has been just disgusting.

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So I'm looking forward to a fair analysis of the data so that we could have a Maryland.

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In a proper electoral

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election, integrity, which is necessary.

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Just like that one lady Mrs. google. lyst said that people say, I don't bother voting because it's a waste of time and stuff like that. And apparently, it's not only in charles county that people say that but not copied in many other parts of the county,

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which I'm not personally familiar with. So, I charge each one of you to take this seriously. It's an important function. We would like to have fairness and in Maryland.



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Thank you so much, as he was faith. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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With that, ladies and gentlemen, that is our final speaker that appears to be listed. I'm going to read a few names right now, if you have joined or if you are listening on the phone if you please let us know if you are here somehow through a chat or

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a raise hand feature Calla hunt. Luke McKay McAulay I alias Spangler Lisa Cohen.

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For FJC hooker was able to rejoin on any of those individuals, if you could please select the raise hand feature, or let us know somehow that you're here, through the chat box.

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Otherwise we will be finished for the evening, I would like to point out while we're waiting to see if anyone joins. Is that a couple of individuals asked questions and, as this is a listening tour and questions aren't necessarily answered as part of

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that process. So many of the questions that were asked tonight are available are answered on the website at [redistricting.maryland.gov](http://redistricting.maryland.gov). So please visit that website and you should be able to get more information about some questions that you have, particularly

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with regard to the executive order and other matters that were addressed tonight. With that to Maria and John Do any of you have read you see anyone who has a raised hand feature I don't believe so.

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No, I don't see any raised hands, and there are no more in the chat, but then we're good.

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Okay, with that, I'm going to turn it back to judge Williams.

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That is, we have come to the completion of our speakers for this evening.

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All right, thank you, Kristin, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of them to stand up and have spoken and give us your opinions I've taken good notes I know the other commissions have done the other thing, so we appreciate your perspectives

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and your thoughts.

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With that in mind, we'll go ahead and adjourn just so portion of the session that we may stay for any meetings or any issues from the permissions that's outstanding.

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Okay.

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I'll open the floor now to any of the Commission's that have issues or anything they'd like to discuss.

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Oh, I was just wondering if we ever received any additional candidates for Southeast Asian advisors, we are not aware, we did, actually, we're just in that process now of reviewing them, and I will shoot out an email, probably tomorrow, or Friday with

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that information.

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Okay, thank you. You're welcome.

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Yes So Mary.

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Just wanted to report that along with Jonathan. We co chaired a subcommittee meeting for the population the topic of population information, and it was attended by the sides me and Jonathan also Walter Cheryl, and William and I believe Gloria was on the

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line, as well as some employees from the state.

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We are drafting up a scope of work to share with the committee we're at round two of that.

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And the second thing we're working on is a spreadsheet that would provide some information about the very thing that members in the community are bringing up related to single member districts versus small team member districts and how some counties are

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clearly impacted more than others.

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And working closely with the state hopefully to get a good map or information piece out available that will help folks understand that topic.

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As we go forward. Thank you very much. Okay. Anybody else from my committee commission subcommittee want to chime in.

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Please speak up.

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We are also putting together a list of frequently asked questions to help the public better understand some of the process that we're going through as we put together these maps.

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A lot of we're trying to write it in a way where the everyday average person would be able to understand it.

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So we're working through different definitions to make it as clear in layman's terms as possible, so that'll be coming soon.

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Thanks William I forgot about that. So, since you spoke up, any of you that have questions that you think would be good in our FAQ section. William Will you just collect and be part of the group collecting them and we'll.

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Yeah, so that's for all of us to contribute to that that works well thanks.

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Right. Terrific.

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All right.

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Although, yes. Just a couple of quick. It looks like my Wi Fi is going in and out here but just a couple of quick housekeeping items. One is just for our audience.

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All meetings now are posted in the meeting section of our website. So if you go to [redistricting.maryland.gov](http://redistricting.maryland.gov). On the left side you'll see a button that says meetings all meetings that are planned through the end of July, for all of the regions in Maryland

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are now listed. That does include the registration link to register as far in advance as you would like. Along with that, we have increased our social media, with regard to those meetings, so you can find MD redistricting on Facebook, on Twitter and we

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also have started. The, the Twitter handle that is specific to Maryland redistricting. Adding everything to that we did add some of the, of the links to the website on the Maryland Planning Department website, we just get a lot of hits to that page with

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regard to our mapping. And so, we felt that a link to the redistricting page. From that, from those maps and that information that lives on our page that people would be going to from the community to access information that is now on the Maryland planning

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website as well.

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website as well as social media we are doing pretty much daily posts with regard to upcoming meetings, so please feel free to share that through your own personal accounts, or to those in the audience who are here from organizations.

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Please help us in spreading the word about these events to your membership as well by sharing those social media posts to the commission, you're going to get a lot, you're going to be bombarded, I'm afraid and the next day with emails for me.

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I will make them separate just so that you can find them by topic, if that makes things more easy for you.

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You're going to be getting a document that does have a bunch of kind of frequently asked questions with some with some information to follow on them and then we can add to that, for FAQs, as well.

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You're also going to be getting from me a few folders of written testimony that has been submitted via email from the public to the redistricting commission at Maryland.

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com, email, you'll be getting those folders for me as well, and some information on map attitude that we've discussed or the the mapping

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links to the plantings website that will allow you to, to kind of look a little bit more at that drill down information with regard to population projections and and how they are focused in individual counties.

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And that should be updated soon as well.

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That is it for me.

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All right.

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Are there any other issues that the commissioners wish to bring up and we will discuss.

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Hearing none, then. This concludes this session that we thank our listeners who were speakers and of course the commissioners, for being president, this evening.

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Thank you. Thank you. Thank you judge Williams and good evening. All right.

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Hi.

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Sure. I always just stay on to kind of watch the watch individuals drop off, make sure that there's nothing that comes in on the chat box at the very end.

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Hi Jackson.

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I don't know if you can you hear us now.

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Okay, we can't hear you I don't think because you're still as we made you let me see hold on let me see. So, let me see if I can now

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think I could make you as a host.

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And that might make you live now.

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All right, can

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you can hear us. Can I don't know if we can hear you can, you know, unfortunately, once we once we turn on interpretation, it negates our ability to communicate with you.

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Okay, um, feel free to give me a call if you'd like. You have my cell phone number or shoot me an email.

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Okay.

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Alright, sounds perfect. Oh wait, you're gonna.

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Are you in the chat box there as well.