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...The same thing with Western Maryland, and then also Southern Maryland, of course, Prince George's County overflows so you gave it its own district plus a little bit that it needed. Montgomery County had over a million people, so you gave it what it needed,

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plus a few extra to make up the difference in population. I just want to say I'm very impressed. And I actually think that these rules that you're falling right now, could become the state rules because in Pennsylvania, their state constitution is almost

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identical to Maryland's, and there rules say, "that the Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and 203 representative districts with each shall be composed of compact contiguous territory as nearly equal and populations practical."

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Obviously, this referred to, just the state maps and our Constitution has in the state map section, but there Pennsylvania Supreme Court said no, it needed to apply to all maps, those rules in the state and the US Supreme Court upheld that decision

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so I think that's going to be what happens in Maryland as well. And in that case, this map certainly passes muster and I want to compliment you all for a great job done on this first draft of the map.

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Thank you, Delegate Parrot, any questions to the delegate?

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All right. Appreciate it. Thank you so much, feel free to stay, I know you are busy right now, but if you like to stay just continue to join with us. Thank you.

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Again, the Honorable Robert Bellman, as well as Ms. Baysmore, neither has been able to join yet this evening; they've not shown up in the attendee list.

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If they join, we certainly can come back to them. But for now, that is it. I will add that Mr. Patterson who spoke, just before the delegate did send a few attachments and some additional written testimony that will be sent to you guys later this evening

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And so what's the next agenda item, Kristin?

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So I believe....John's gonna pull it up right here for us.

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So I believe that you are going to once again review some draft illustrated maps with the professor, and I apologize I have his name, Professor Nate Persily, incorrect there.

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But that is what we will be doing this evening. I know that you all still want to have conversations regarding some other matters, so we can move right into that.

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All right, Professor...Welcome. Good to see you this evening and I guess we can just take off from where we were yesterday with a couple maps.

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A little bit of direction is how we...what we can do is we can work off of the map that I presented yesterday, or we could start working from scratch

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with that in the background. And so it really depends on what you want to do. I know that several commissioners wanted, and I circulated my earlier PowerPoints, wanted to have a discussion about the principles in the maps, and so I can do this

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however, you'd like. If we want to just start making headway on parts of the map,

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we can just do that and decide whether we're going to go off of the existing districts or have a blank slate. I did

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quickly, since I got the email from Commissioner Amin, maybe an hour ago, I did a different scenario for Baltimore....

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That would not have it joining with Anne Arundel County. And so I'm happy to show what that might look like.

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But also, you know, if we want to just start with, like we do with the congressional map, start in the western part of the state and draw the districts, we can go that way. Or like I said, we can go...

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we can work off of my map and we can go look at what we think is wrong with it and make adjustments if you like.

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All right, let me put that up there, like I said, this request came in only about an hour ago, but I was able to do something along these lines and let me make sure that I have screen sharing privileges

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And so, so here is a different... if you remember, the way that we were

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looking at Baltimore County originally, was that this district down here, what is district 24 was actually spilling into Anne Arundel County here.

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And the way I've now done this, let me move these windows out of the way, there's no spillage from here to Anne Arundel but instead, you've got a district 27 that bridges Baltimore County.

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And if you remember this district 17 also obeyed the Baltimore County line, and instead now once you take the population, out of here,

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we move districts up in this direction and so we now have a district that straddles the Baltimore County line with parts of Anne Arundel and I believe Howard County.

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And then these districts rotate up so 17 will go up, 15 will go up, and then the intrusion that I made knowing a little bit about Northwestern Baltimore decided that you can, there are lots of different ways we could do this, decided to take Northwestern

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Baltimore and this area and put it up into district 16. And then you'll see there's kind of a Western harbor district and Eastern Arbor district and then these, these two other districts. And I can zoom in, I can put, if we want to get really specific

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some of the major highways and doing this though these are all drawn on precinct lines.

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But this is the area that we're talking about here. A northwest Baltimore district coming in, these shifting around. These all remaining 22,23,21,24, I believe are all majority African American districts for what it's worth, some substantially

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some less so. As is district 17, which is 60%. And I believe...

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So the outline district continues to be.... let me take off the complicated, but so District 17, District 21 District 22, 23 and 24 all majority African American.

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What else, what else could ...I'm happy to put up the demographic data if anyone is interested, I think there's, you know there's a real interesting question, as you do Baltimore as to whether they go in this direction sort of in the sort of pizza

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slice mode. Some of this is, I think dictated a little bit by the voting rights act, but I think we could smooth out you know some of these boundaries and part of it is also for those of you who live in Baltimore to give direction as to how you think to

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the sort of harbor area here a little bit, and how you know where, in the previous map I had the sort of the whole harbor in one district here it's kind of split out, 23 has this shore here and, you know, there's lots of ways to think about

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So that's the Baltimore map, the new Baltimore map, but...

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Professor Persily, can you overlay that with the current map by any chance? Just the current.

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So there I mean it's gonna be a lot of lines on the page. Let me see if I can make it clear for you but you can see the way...let me take out the existing line.

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So you see that the existing lines also kind of come in like slices except there's this strangely shaped district 40 that goes from. I mean, you see the way that district 46 goes it has both sides of the harbor, right, like this is a 45 is coming in 43....41

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is sort of an upside down L shape. 40s right in the center here. And then you have one that does cross the city boundary in this kind of put this sort of tentacle.

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And that's, that's district 44.

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And so the way that these districts have been drawn right now, there's only one incursion into Baltimore, from Baltimore County into Baltimore City it occurs up here.

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And then each one of these districts, comes in basically from the border in.

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Nate, on district 27...

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In Jay's suggestion I remember that he said that there might be a coherent community of interest with substantial Asian populations on both sides of the Howard/Baltimore County line, could you pull up those statistics, 27, so we could take a look at that?

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That's gonna take a second...So let me, let me, let me do that.

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But I will do it; I'll do it quickly. Um, it'll, it'll demonstrate the Asian population percentages there.

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But there may be some fudging with the prisoner adjusted data and the like, but I will...

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This is for the non-Hispanic, Asian population. And I will, the thing is there's there it's not like they're majority Asian Census for

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the precincts. Right, so it's going to be, you know, at the lower end. So let me just

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you know, the areas that are over, that are more orange or red. So the more orange probably want to pay attention to like the ones that are that are at this breaking point in fact let me, let me just

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customize this a little bit. And so what I'm doing here is I'm just going to pay attention to anything that's at least 10% Asian.

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So what, just so people know how I do this that I'm, I'm setting the thresholds for the colors on the map.

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And so now you can see the areas that have at least 10% Asian. 10% will be the lightest yellow color and orange is going to be the darkest area.

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Okay, so, um, so one thing you can, you'll see this community is relatively kept together but you can see some other communities there, but you were asking about Howard County, I think?

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And we can do some, some more work in this area to get the heavy concentrations in one district. It's still going to be like if you look at the existed, District 26 as I've drawn it.

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It is about 20% Asian right now, 19.43%.

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And so there's, there's some other... you know you could draw if you draw it going this in this direction. It'll probably end up getting a little bit higher of a percentage.

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I mean, I'd be interested in Commissioner Hetherington's view about how to split up our county here.

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We talked yesterday about the

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Ellicott City and Columbia and whether that's a dividing line what's interesting here is that if you put Columbia in with the rest of Howard and you put Ellicott and maybe Chester in one district that that

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could be aware of, have been representing the Asian community of interest better so if you split it in a sense, I want to say sort of Eastwest or Northwest southeast that might do it, but what I'd have to say about the numbers.

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And let me just ask if you hold that line. Where Ellicott City is more to the west.

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This right here? Yeah, because it looks like you're pulling in more of the Asian population if you do...Yeah, that couldn't be easily done, and then yeah compensate for it down here.

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Now what will happen though is we'll split Columbia more, but that's just a decision, but what may be the answer is, we can really move things around here so that you push the l

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mean...ultimately this is also going to affect the shape of District 27 here which goes into Baltimore County right, so then this district will go farther into Anne Arundel.

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So if you if you basically push this up into here, this will go down. If you want to push even farther to get these communities here that would be, that would have cascading effects.

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But I think, I think it makes sense to just try and see what would happen.

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Well if we can just try, my inclination is to keep Columbia in tack then.

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I think, in Colombia, more growth is on the horizon, especially in the downtown development. Well, one thing we can do for example I mean if we wanted to get pretty aggressive about that so that we could take all of Columbia, and put

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it into District 14.

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Again, just so you see how I do this kind of thing. I mean, This is not the best way to do it but I'm, so we took all of Columbia and that even includes some of this part that's being split up.

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I'm a little concerned what we might do district 32 here so let me just, I just want to take that out because there were some voting rights issues there, I'd say we did that, and then district 26

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would go all the way up here so we would make sure that all of Ellicott City is in there. and then

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what you'll see here, so this is right now, if we did this way it would be just half a district.

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We're also now pushing up into Carroll County here, so that we've got a...

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You don't want to cut off

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part of it. So we want to keep this district if it stays like this, it's kind of its kind of have away and basically what right now, if you do it like this...

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We're going to have to find some other population and maybe answer. The answer may be, well, remember this is Montgomery County so that then that line can be breached.

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If we're keeping all the districts in Montgomery county. And so you have some pretty fancy work down here. I'm inclined to go back to what you had originally, that seems to make more sense to me.

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Because then you have off Colombia in tack, you have a good chunk of Ellicott City, and the part of Ellicott City that's a little bit more towards Sykesville that's contained.

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So what you had originally, which I hoped you saved. I don't know, others can way in too. What Kate says makes sense to me too.

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Yeah, I agree. I think one of the strengths of Maryland is the diversity. I think we're the fifth diversity index state in the country and I don't think trying to necessarily pack a district to represent one group is in our best interest.

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And Howard County is, over the years, one of the fastest growing counties in the state of Maryland, and it's one of, if not the most diverse in Maryland.

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It may very well be that we won't have the tradeoff that I'm suggesting, and they'll just take some time to kind of figure out how best to do this, and so I just sort of expressed that the stresses...it may very well be for example that you,

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that the Baltimore County district, that will go off into one of these other... you could do a Baltimore County to Howard, as opposed to Baltimore County/Anne Arundel. Yes, that's possible. That's correct, you could do that scenario with it.

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Yeah, yeah so for example, this would mean you know this this area would come in we would still have that, 17 is still gonna have to figure out, you know, it has to gain population somewhere Baltimore County, but you could have...actually the way I've drawn

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it, this basically is mostly about half of Howard County and half Baltimore County and then just a little bit of Anne Arundel.

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This is the kinda thing as we go through and finalize the map, I think, you know, we will get really micro here and especially like we will go street by street in Baltimore County and Baltimore City to figure out what

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the right answers are, but it would be useful just to get a sense of like the large blocks of population and that you know for the light to put districts down on the page and then we can refine them later.

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I like to go back to what the judge had suggested earlier that we maybe want to look at those areas that are probably easier to do so we can have them completed and then be tackling the more challenging ones and why we're doing this I think what we're

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realizing is that the criteria that we eventually are going to have a conversation about....

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It's coming out and what our choices are.

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So, I don't know if that's going with the western part of the state versus...we did with the congressional district is the easiest thing to do?

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Yes, and you want to work off the map that I've prepared or should we start from scratch?

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I'm not inclined to start from scratch.

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I would agree. I think we should start with the map you have up now. Okay.

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All right and I guess the first question is, will we stay with the 5% deviation? At least at this first stage, we don't have to make the decision till the final map.

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But will we take advantage of that? Because that's going to affect the decision for example on how we deal with Frederick and whether we go over into other counties.

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To reiterate my position it's fine with me to start with that,

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as a starting point because it makes it easier to arrive at a base map.

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We need to have a conversation afterward about entitlement to population tolerances and then you'll hear more of my opinions that you probably want to hear, but it's fine to start with a looser one as a way of going into a base map.

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So one of the sort of minor pieces of advice I have is, if that's going to be the process is that we, we just make sure that as we go through the map that we're not systematically underpopulating or overpopulating parts of the state, so that then you can

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add, so then you can swap populations later on. And so, as we go through if you see me, adding, you know, a little bit here and there, it's to preserve that flexibility.

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So I think what I'll do is maybe take the colors off of these districts for now just so that we can, unless people feel differently....

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So that we can call up the other kinds of lines. So

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the real question for this first district, it seems to me, is where do you draw the line in Washington County? And the way I did it here with the VTD's, those are voter tabulation districts or precincts.

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The VTD's...is to make sure that Hagerstown and Smithburg were both not intruded upon; Williamsport is kept in district one and so and all this is done by whole precincts and so the shapes of these areas are just because of the precinct shapes.

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How would you....?. I mean, So that's...

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And then once you make that decision. The rest of district two to is pretty clear.

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And then you make a decision where you're going to cross over from district two into Frederick. Again, assuming we're respecting, otherwise respecting the county lines.

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You're only talking about two senatorial districts. How different

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are these maps versus what the present situation is? Pretty much the same?

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Well, so I'll toggle back and forth so you can see the way the current, I mean there's only because of the geography and Northwestern Maryland, there's only so much you can actually do here because of the constraints right because you can't

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draw a district that would split this. And so, and so here I'm just going to take the municipalities off and so you can just see I'll even take the streets off, just so you can see the shape, so the district one line went to here...

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And now it's going to go and take in this territory, right, because it needs to get more people.

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But this line is basically the same.

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And that's, again, if you're going to respect the municipalities, this is kind of what you're forced to do right because you have no, you know, either you're.. the one other option that you could do a kind of loop that would come down this way and get Smith

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Berg and then push this up, with Williamsport but you want to be a little careful that you don't lose continuity up there. So I do think this is probably, you know, roughly what would do.

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Or you could go down this way. And, and get more population that way and then push this all the way up to the border.

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And so the blue line...basically moves the blue line over this way and then as a result, instead of respecting the Washington County line here, it has to go over somewhere.

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So if we're in agreement, can we say yes, we're in agreement and then you hold on to these as our base Senate maps and then we move on because we do have 188 maps to do. So we got a lot of work and, again, you know, this will be helpful

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They can weigh in and of course will also be looking at what the public submitted. But anyway, all right. So, maybe, Judge Williams you want to just see if everybody....Yeah, what's the next area that was....So, I think we should go do

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I mean, I think there's a question, should the incursion happen here and take in Brunswick or should it go through in some other direction?

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And, you know....I have spoken up for Brunswick, because the communication between it and South Washington County is a lot closer than up in the north and we've got South Mountain being a bigger obstacle.

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And if you try to do it in the middle, you're going to cut right into Frederick suburbia. And I don't see any reason Brunswick is a very distinctive community with its own identity and that way you wouldn't have to cut into the Frederick

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All right, so then that leaves at least two districts for Frederick, and the real question it seems to me so long as we are respecting the boundaries of the city of Frederick, is where do you go? Do you go south, you go west, do you go east once

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you've decided that you're going to put the city in one district, where do you go? I mentioned some of the reasons going...the other point just so we're clear is that generally we do not create donut holes in Senate districts, so you don't

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have a circle going around another district. I will say it's not specified in the law but it's sort of good redistricting practice that you don't

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have districts that are fully contained within other districts. And so, so we got to go toward one of the borders here. And so I just thought that the south because of part of this had to do with the demographics that I was showing yesterday.

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And so that is what I decided. I know that Walter you are our expert on Frederick so maybe....

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Sorry to monopolize this part but I promise the rest of you will get to monopolize other regions...

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In general, this is fine. I have one little issue which is on the right side of the line below Frederick, there's that notch at the bottom that cuts into Urbana, Urbana has a very distinct identity I don't see,

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I don't think we should take a bite out of Urbana without a very good reason, I mentioned that but that's just a very tiny point otherwise, it seems fine to me.

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Where would you get the additional population, if you respected that boundary?

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Let me see whether you might be able to even do it without...yeah, so then we have to find some other place to pick up. Take a little piece on the west side of the line instead of the east there.

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Okay, because this...I just want to see the demography of that particular area is...

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just looking at the percentages.

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It's not that significant. All right, so why did I make that change. And then I will compensate...

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Part of the problem here is that all of these are also going to be pretty large Census blocks so,

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which would do it, but let's see if going this way, that would also be okay.

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If we wanted to do both of those, do you feel, that's the right way to do it or?...

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It brings it closer to the current district, but I think there's a certain logic there.

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All right, I'm just showing you the area that we're talking about here so... All right, again we're just doing the working map here, it also leads to lower deviations so that's one possibility there.

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All right. I had this going sequentially. I think it probably makes sense if we can knock out district five and then start going toward Howard that that might be a better way to do it and then we can jump into Montgomery County.

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So, you know, with district five...

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You can see the way it was drawn before there's not a whole lot of difference, it really just depends on how you deal with Mount Airy. I'm actually, there is a significant difference, because this is one of those areas where you know the decision

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to keep county lines, leads to the split of a city.

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And so, you know, we can, if you lower the population, where....

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if you want to create another district that crosses the border between Frederick, and Carroll it's natural to do it here to unite the city, and frankly we may be able to do that, you know, if you wanted to do it....

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You know this is not going to create population problems, if you were to basically take that you'll see that this means that district three would be overpopulated but we can take back some of the population into, you know, either over here

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with this district or with this district. So, I don't want to...Right now this plan is tightly obeying county lines, and so I don't want to presume that that's what you want to do here.

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And so district five though, I think naturally would start in the north and then just go south, what's the right you know border here is, is open to a lot of, you know, interpretation. I'll put on some, some of the neighborhood markers.

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For instance, I don't know whether Eldersberg is, let me see...

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So this basically the way the current line goes for the district, but you'll see that

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right they had a district that went over Mount Airy.

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Does that seem reasonable? To me that seems fine for now, we can always revisit it for adjustments but keeping all but the bottom of Carroll together, it seems like a great idea to me.

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Walter, I had a question. Could you comment? Right now is Mount Airy split between two districts?

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No, they do the county split , instead of the city split.

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So district 4 as it's numbered includes a little bit of Carroll County around Mt. Airy and some of the outskirts and some of the rural areas. So that's the area where you, because Mt. Airy is the only sizable town that sprawls across county lines in the whole state. It's the area where you are most likely to have to choose between a county split and a town split, and as I say.. if we decided

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to type in the population variances later, this would be a place to revisit because you could, if you have to make the county split anyway for population reasons, then it would let you do this but again I said, I agree....

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Let's go loose with population variance at first with the understanding that we can come back and see if we want to tighten it up to 1% or 2%.

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One of the reasons is that it, so this is the blue lines are the current districts. And so you can see as well they were saying that the Mount Airy district lines, collect that, part of what's interesting about the existing map though is that

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it respects this border with Frederick right and so that's because the population 10 years ago was different. And, and now this district has to go into Frederick County in order to get population.

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And then the next district doesn't need to but if you wanted to, if you were trying to either adopt the lower population threshold or just wanted to unite this town right, I think you could easily justify doing that. be a useful thing, f there

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are residents of Mount Airy who are listening in, it would be useful to get some kind of comments on, you know, what's the what's the right way to do this.

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So, should we go down toward Howard then maybe, or do you want to go into Montgomery County? Okay, so, so here's where we were just discussing this.

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how we should, you know, experiment here is, is, I think...I think you're saying, keep 26 as you just drew. And 14 also? And 14 which goes into Carroll, am I saying that right?

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I don't know if it does now. But you know, Carol and Howrd they share a state senator.

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Right. So again I can, we can, I can try to massage this to try to keep Columbia,, but this is basically the way I think it's gonna look. I think that the Columbia, Ellicott City connection is very strong and important.

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One thing....I'm sorry go on judge. Columbia and what? Columbia and Ellicott City. Are they together now? Yes, in 26.

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Not all of Ellicott City but a good part, right? Am I saying that right professor? Yeah, and why we could also see about this the kind of thing that we, you know, especially in the final stages that we could, we could do, so for example if we wanted to add,

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that pushes it up above 5% but we could think about what the right way is to do this boundary here to get a little more Ellicott City. I'm looking at the deviations here right so this would make it 3% we can see whether there's additional

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swap spread on the edge of Ellicott City that can be. Yeah, Route 40 and Ellicott City is heavily Asian populated.

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In fact, the county's designated as KoreaTown. And there is a way we can keep as much of that intact that would be really good.

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I just want to make sure I understand what you're talking about. Ellicott City near route 40. Near Route 40....

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This map certainly keeps together the sections of Route 40 that continue west towards Catonsville, whether it does that in the farther western sections I'm not sure. O.K., that's fine.

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As you can see, we can zoom in right, I can.... Yeah, that's great.

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So, so here's route 40.

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I think the map is doing well at it already. Yeah, I do.

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I think it's fine. Okay. All right so district 29...14 and 26, so far so good.

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So district 32 here I want to delay discussion on it because although we can talk about it now, we did talk about it yesterday about how to deal with

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Laurel, but this also has some kind of potential voting rights implications. And so that's why this is drawn this way. Um, but this, the discussion of this district also bears on what you're going to do with Prince George's County generally as to whether

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you're going to have other districts that crossover from Prince George's into other counties. So because of that you want to hold off and go with the simpler ones just so we can get some maps underway?

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So right now, right now we're getting into the where a lot can change right because you've got the pressures of the Baltimore County and Baltimore City districts, you've got these, I would actually suggest maybe if you're comfortable we could we

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could jump, either the eastern shore, or we could do Montgomery.

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I say Montgomery it's not that complicated.

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Montgomery is complicated just only because you have to make some decisions about whether you're going to deal with this border. And also, as we start thinking about the race and representation issues.

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There's a lot of different ways...I think there's some basic things about Montgomery County that we can discuss whether for example, we should have these three large districts, one focus in Germantown, one that has Gaithersburg another one that has Rockville.

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And I know we've seen some other maps where even some of the commissioners have done that and that's what I've done here.

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Then how do you deal with these communities? This is a very difficult set of decisions that need to be made and I can call up the race data if you're interested.

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There's also some shape thing, I would like to change the way that this little L comes down here, but I await your instruction as to how you want to, what you what you think is the right way to do it. As well as how you want this horseshoe to look

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right, because once you draw these three districts in the interior then you've got this horseshoe here, which is not necessarily the way it should be done, and we could figure out different ways you know ,if this came down farther here that the arms of the

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horseshoe could be pushed up a little bit.

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I would like to keep with what we can do that is more simple tonight, just so we can have people respond and we had a session, a work session on Wednesday.

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And again, I think by doing the simpler districts we started to clarify what is important to us in terms of criteria.

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Okay. And then once we clarify what's important to us in criteria, it's going to help us when we get to the more complicated districts, that's my view I'm happy to hear from someone else.

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Okay, Kate you said the work session was on Wednesday, don't we have one on Friday? Did I say Wednesday? I'm sorry, it's Friday at noon. Yeah, okay, all right yeah, I agree with Kate,

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I'm not really ready to discuss.

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Montgomery County or Prince George's, I need to think a little bit more about that. Yeah, By simple I mean, the larger that we can get to the larger districts and then we also have the opportunity for the public to weigh in with more

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information than if we stay focused on just one area tonight. Can we switch up to the eastern shore? I think so as long as you've made a decision that it's not going to, you're not going to cross the Chesapeake then, you know, then naturally

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you start south and move up.

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And frankly this is where some and these are genuine, like, I feel very confident in their real voting rights considerations with the assembly district here.

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And so, you are limited in your options.

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Once you join Worcester

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I think there're so many different ways to pronounce this depending on where you are in the country, I want to make sure I get it, I would say Worcester

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But, or do you say Worcester here?

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It's actually said Worcester. Well, I actually also wanted to do the lines for Worcester, Massachusetts, but I didn't want to impose the, you know, the Massachusetts dialect on Maryland here so all right.

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So once you have Worcester and Somerset together, and then you're going to split Wicomico and the split is actually going to split the town of Salisbury. I've done this in a somewhat more

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compact way than currently you can see the way it's done currently here, where it goes down and it's really going in and out of the city, I think that it could be done in the way that I've done here. I'm eager to....

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I mean the way I've done it separates out Fruitland from Salisbury, Fruitland is a town to the south, you can see Salisbury is very strangely shaped.

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And so the fact that it gets broken up is in part because it has so many different parts. But this is dictated by the area of highest African American concentration, which will in an assembly district be joined with the same sort

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of area in Dorchester and Cambridge area, which also has a large African American population.

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And then, there's a decision to be made about where to split in Caroline County.

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Right now this district would include Talbot and I just went sort of continuing with what looks like almost a county line here but extending it so, just so you see it just moves up the dividing line and

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Any questions? How many senatorial districts do we have on the eastern shore? 3? 3 full ones, so what's... 47,46, 45 and then depending on what you call this. One that goes from half of Cecil basically to half of Harford.

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Professor, I had a question; I think that the voting rights district you were talking about is currently a single member district?

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That's right. And so, have you contained that single member district entirely in the representation of 46 now? Yes. Okay, thank you.

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Yeah, it's going to be drawn a little bit differently than it currently is.

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Well, I mean, we could keep it exactly the same, but I think that because it's a commission that's doing this and not looking at political considerations, we can do it in a little bit more compact way than the way it's currently done.

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The way it's currently done if you want to see the House District,

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is this way. So this....

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I know I'm putting up a lot of lines on the screen here.

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So, state legislative district 37a goes....I'll highlight it in red for you because it's so hard to see.

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And so, that is not...This area in Salisbury will still be in that district. I don't think and maybe there are good reasons and I, you know, it would be good to get public testimony for it to go all the way up as well.

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But in order to create a majority black district, you don't need to go all the way up and you could go in this direction.

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And so that's something to think about. But it does, you'll see that at least the areas that are currently in that district here would also be in the district.

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Right, so see where the black line here goes and gets that population.

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So I think, unless someone has some better idea on where to split Caroline County, this seemed like a natural

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road in order to go down.

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I would love to hear from Kim, and her input because she lives on the Eastern shore.

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I think that boundary does make sense, I would like to see the redrawing of that oddly shaped district because there are a lot of people in north Dorchester that feel that Salisbury does not represent what they stand for it all, it's very different...

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and we don't see a representative from Salisbury come to north Dorchester so there's a lack of representation there from who was elected in Southbury this past term.

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Yep. And then you know these are the challenges, but if I had to point to one area in the entire state where I think the voting rights constraint is the most legally significant, it's this community.

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And that has to do with because unlike Montgomery County, Baltimore and some other areas, the levels of difference in the way that African Americans and white's are voting in this area,

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that's exactly the situation where the Voting Rights Act is most

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applicable. And so, what we can do, though, like I was trying to show before is to do a more compact Assembly District, but we're going to have to draw I think at least one of those assembly districts here, and this by the way apropos our earlier

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conversation about multi number versus single member districts, the only way you're going to comply with the voting rights act in this particular area is with a single member district.

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So it requires that you break this up into three districts. Three assembly districts.

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All right, well, this basically just goes up. Once you've done, I mean this obeys...you can see here that it is obeying the county line for Queen Anne's County.

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And let me just take the senate districts off for a second.

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So this gets all of Queen Anne's, and keeps it together. Carolina is the only split county and then just goes up and you know you can see what governs the line drawn here which is that once you put it Elkton...

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Part of what I'm trying to do here is to

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make sure it's all contiguous so you can actually travel between...now, it's not as if these are you know this is not the Atlantic Ocean right here,

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but this creates land bridges here. Another option right is you could have this go all the way up north,

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and then have this little area here go in with the rest of what is district 44. But this is, this is another decision that needs to be made.

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Right now, doesn't respect the county lines?

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This is a split county in Cecil anyway...

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The question is how to split Cecil. And the answer I came up with is you keep going up on the eastern shore, you get to Elkton, and then you can decide either to go north or south and I basically kept everything south of 95 here,

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and then just honored the cities. Because you can't add I think any more cities to this because then it will be overpopulated so this district 45 is, as it's drawn here

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is, you could add some more, I mean like if we could just experiment here to see if you wanted too....

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You want to go up to Cecil and up the Pennsylvania line? Yeah, you could do this, for instance, if you wanted to swap like this area of territory for this area, like I don't know the logic of doing that. What's the actual argument but maybe

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there's some argument for doing it.

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That's 14,000 people there. And so we can just see how many...The split you currently have does mostly respect I 95 going right down the middle of it, like between north and south there so..makes sense.

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So we could, we could go up, like something like this for it, but this is the kind of, these kind of changes right at that margin here unless we were trying to do something like we were trying to do with Ellicott City, once we start getting back

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to the getting a maybe a closer population deviation I think we'll make lots of changes like that. But again, the big kind of basic principle here is you go up to Elkton, you include Elkton in the district 45, and then you decide where to pick up the necessary

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population either down here or up there and we can always make that change later. Let me put in a word for the way you do it in the first place, because that triangle of land, which doesn't have all that many residents down there is going to inevitably include more water

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related livelihoods and businesses and that's what the eastern shore

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Senator is already going to be a pretty good expert at dealing with.

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I mean, yeah just like you said, it's not exactly a metropolis down here right so this area, we've got Elkton in there and then it goes into these to the rural areas, you've got a forest over here in and the like.

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So that's why these, so I think I estimated that there's roughly 7000 people all throughout here and then there's 14,000 if we go to the Pennsylvania border so you know that can be massaged one way or another.

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But this way you can see there is road access going through the whole district.

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Okay, um, why don't we see if we can go up through Hartford and then decide what else to do here. So if this border with Cecil is right then the question is, do you just keep going north, over into Harford and where do you,

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how far do you go?

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I would like to jump in and say I wonder if maybe we can put off deciding Harford for sure, until people know what the options are maybe Friday or whatever because to me,

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this is not that intuitive of a map, Cecil has to take quite a bit of population from Hartford, but you're avoiding taking Havre de Grace or Aberdeen,

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even though I would think they would be pretty close connected with Perryville and Port Deposit. Meanwhile Bel Air, which has enough people that you could use it as the basis for a northern Harford Senate District.

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It's really been, you know, pulled down into a peninsula.

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I just think about taking the eastern part including Aberdeen and Havre de Grace for the Cecil district, and then maybe if you did a Bel Air based district down near

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Edgewood and Joppatown would be the logical place to hook up with the similar areas in Baltimore County that are also based on those same major highways. It's just a suggestion. That makes sense to me.

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Just to explain the logic though here which is that, so the idea was to keep the sort of shore district, and the shore of this county together, and then to go, just as far in as necessary in order to get population, without splitting Bel Air.

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So that's what ended up happening here; a lot of these are not as heavily populated. But this this again if you think that there's almost a community of interest between Havre de Grace and Perryville and Aberdeen,

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well then that makes a lot of sense to then create Cecil's district going down in there.

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What do you do with the remainder of the short here? That's sort of a question.

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You could have this district go into the Baltimore County area right and so then what you're basically doing is, is moving this district up, moving this district out, moving this district down.

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Okay. Uh, and so you're right, the decision we make here does have an effect on Baltimore County.

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And so that's all I would say.

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So impart. I know you and I've spoken about this. Do you want a district that crosses Baltimore County and goes essentially up to almost the border with Baltimore City, you know?

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This affects how we have to talk about Baltimore County so I realized there's many different interests to play her, but I just, I didn't....

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Looking at the Harford County map I thought that it was not optimal for representing Harford County and so I just wanted to kind of slow things down a little bit to get the chance... and it may be tonight is not the right time to decide it.

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So this I believe is the white population in white here, so part of also just looking at this was seeing whether there was a kind of community of interest along this line here.

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But Bel Air, what I will do is I'm just going to experiment with taking Bel Air out, and what might compensate for it, either over here or elsewhere.

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I just need to get a sense of what the size of the population is in that Bel Air area, so if you would have...

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This is about 20,000 people. What heat map are we looking at right now? This is percent nonwhite, in a sense, the white areas is white the red areas are non whites, non-Hispanic whites.

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And so I just wanted to get a sense that you do have along the shore right, a higher minority population then you do on the interior, but we could see about,

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you know, there's probably a trade that could be made here between Bel Air and Havre de Grace, because there's no reason as I agree with what Walter was saying which is like there's no conceptual or philosophical reason why one would put Bel Air in with

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the coast, it was just an easy way to do the population here as well as you can see there's another district that was coming in, but I think we do need to rethink, I mean, I'm very interested in the community's views on where the right area is to go in

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from Harford into Baltimore County.

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Would that pack that district?

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This? No. District 43 is actually

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63% white, even if, so this is just a significant minority population, I mean district

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43 just so we're clear what we're talking about here, 63% white, 21% black and about 6% Hispanic and about three and a half percent Asian... so it's going to be a minority district, no matter how you cut it.

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Do you want to go to southern Maryland or do you want to go to Baltimore? Or should we

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wait, you give me some....I think southern MD would make sense because you don't want to

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I mean, you have to work your way up from there regardless. So then the first question is: do you respect the Prince George's County border?

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Because once you do that, then a lot of what happens here is inevitable, in a sense.

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Because right now, for instance if you started drawing a district that went from St Mary's, and then into Calvert County, then you would have leftover population here.

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So if you start essentially at the southern border of Prince George's County and then go around as you've done here,

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then you get something like these districts.

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I've looked at several ways of mapping southern Maryland. I think this is a good one. This keeps the county splits down, it gives northern Charles County, which has really come into its own and emerged, gives it a strong Senate district, that it doesn't

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have to share with Prince George's.

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I mean I don't really see anything wrong with the way Nate has drawn this. Yeah, I'll agree that the southern part of Anne Arundel County and the North Beach part of Calvert,

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there's a lot of community interest in bringing those into a district. That would be a split for Anne Arundel, but it does, it makes sense.

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And so again I don't know what is the right...I was even toying with whether it should come up here whether you know there's a lot of different ways to do this.

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These are not incorporated municipalities. I was intrigued that there's a town of California in St Mary's County, Maryland, I thought that was a little dedication to me there but.....

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So anyway but this is the amount of population that is necessary for the district, and then Calvert is kept together, then Anne Arundel..again, assuming we don't go over into Prince George's County, and I want to kind of leave that on the table

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as a possibility but, you know, like I said this plan religiously obeys the county lines and that's not necessarily the preference of the commission or normatively maybe what you want to do.

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But once you do that, within this border with Prince George's County than this goes up again how we draw this line here I think, you know, reasonable people can disagree.

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I'll just say one thing that's kind of in the technical redistricting realm, you know, you'll notice that, like if you look at the way the State Senate districts are drawn, there on the border, there not including the water. When I'm doing this I'm adding the water

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and that sort of adds to the compactness of it. But you know,

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it's very hard to know where the right answer is in terms of where you slice, go in from the water, which is essentially the western shore here.

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So that again, for those that are more invested in Anne Arundel County or have more experience, we could do this in several different ways. This makes it so that we've got basically an equal population.

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Then there's an Annapolis district

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If you're more familiar with like how, you could see the precinct lines here I thought provided a nice border.

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Of course they also go in with the inlets here. And then it just simply goes up to where to draw a line as smooth as possible. And like I said, we can smooth this out in any number of ways but this district

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30 as I have in here, it's basically a perfect district just 1% over. Is Crofton being split?

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Say that again? Is Crofton been split?

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Crofton is slightly split here, but Crofton is not a municipality, but that's like...that's a good...

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That's something that we could change for instance, so if we wanted,

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one thing I've learned with these non-municipal Census designated places like Crofton is that sometimes the borders that we see that the Census gives us are different than the borders that people who are familiar with the area, but we could

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do something like this if you're interested, where we take....

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The reason I asked is because I remember doing a lot of the testimony that people were confused how one side of the street was one district and the other is another

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district so I just, when I started it was split a little bit and it just popped in my mind. Yeah. So this is an example of if we added, you see one of the problems here is the crazy precinct so there's a little part of Crofton

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here that when you add it, the precinct goes all the way down here, but this is about 11,000 people that could be added but we could make up for it, you know going in whatever direction we want right? So you could have one that goes in this direction....

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If you use the imagery that might give you a another look at where the densest area is so you can see some of that is pretty rural, I mean it goes from public sewer and water to no public sewer and water pretty quickly in some of those areas and that makes a big

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difference in setting the density.

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It may be that this area here that Commissioner Thomas was talking about might be...I mean, we can do it, just the populated area,so for instance you do this and this,

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that is 1000 people and then if we wanted to break up a precinct right we could add, I don't even know if there's really that many people, it's a few hundred people that may be in this area.

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That has a nice appeal to it because there's a lot that the election officials could deal with this because there's a nice line from the highway there.

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And so that you know that that has an effect on the population we've got a deviation of 8.2 and 6.6 but that as a way of uniting Crofton in one district if that was something that interested you.

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Well, I was just raising the concern because the concern that other people have brought up.

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I think William is right. I've heard that same concern from people living in that area.

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Charles County? How you have that written? Charles County....

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Yep. And so here is basically Charles County, the northern portion is in its own district, and then the southern portion is in the district that goes into St Mary's.

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One thing I actually noticed I mean there's this area called Port Tobacco, I don't know whether you're...one of the challenges here you'll see the water goes all the way up to here so I usually for reasons we've talked about before want to make sure there's

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at least land bridges between these areas.

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And so Port Tobacco is taken away from La Plata

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Just as a trivia nerd, let me note that Port Tobacco village is I believe the smallest incorporated municipality, having 13 people living in it.

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It's a great historic place to visit. It is devoted to the history of Southern Maryland.

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So you'll see here's part of the problem is the misfortune of being in a gigantic precinct of 12,000 people. So, we can break the precincts with ease

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if we wanted to here, but this ruins land continuity if we were to add it up there. So that's one of the reasons why I did it the way I did.

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Judge Williams does this split of Charles County look intuitive to you?

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Again, we are respecting Prince George's County lines...That's right. I'm not quite certain we are following that...We heard the President of...Prince George's County has 7 and a half districts as we said before so somewhere down the line

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either you have to go into Montgomery County or Charles County or Anne Arundel County.

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So I'm just looking at all those as possibilities for that 8th Senatorial district.

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And just to be clear this is the way I've done it now is that it goes into Howard and Anne Arundel , that is the only breach of the Prince George's County border. This may be the kind of thing that once you hear from, I can't remember Gloria's last name who is going to be testifying next

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Is that her name? Who's going to talk about the Latino concentrations in Montgomery County and Prince George's that that may affect your decision whether to go in this direction...I think that because of the numbers

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this provides a kind of coherent district that there might be other reasons for reasons like what we did with the congressional plan where maybe it makes sense to go and bridge, Charles County and Prince George's but I think here, demographically

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this is a pretty coherent district.

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Um, but there are lots of ways to skin the cat here so maybe it makes sense to go down in this direction, and essentially rotate it 90 degrees.

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So, do you want to..where else would you like to go? So I'm in Anne Arundel right now. And that's where things you can see start getting...there's pressures from Baltimore and Prince George's County and so it's hard to talk about Anne Arundel without talking

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about those. And this by the way, this is not the changes that we're making with Baltimore before that I was showing you this is the original plan from yesterday so if for example, we were going to respect this boundary, it's going

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to shift. a lot of the different areas in here.

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least complicated of what's left to discuss for tonight? I'm just mindful of the time. I think it's all complicated. This is...

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Frankly, you know, like with Prince George's County, if you're going to respect these lines right that it's not as complicated, there are some real interesting difficult Voting Rights Act issues that we will start dealing with very quickly,

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but you'll end up if these lines are respected, you're going to end up with something like this just because of where the population is you can decide to do it more east west or north, south, right like I don't know, is it the right decision...

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Accokeek is in with all the areas here in south and eastern Prince George's County...I'd like to do Prince George's if that's all right with everybody?

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What's that? Look at Prince George's next if that's all right with everybody?

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Yeah, I'm gonna make some other changes on that Kate, I'm not sure I'm agreeing to the way it is. Okay.

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Do you want to do that tonight judge or would you prefer to look at that on Friday? Yeah, maybe on Friday. Yeah, okay.

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Well, I think, at the risk of giving you all homework just to think about between now and Friday that I'm putting on my professor mode here, that thinking about the pressures...

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Do you agree with the way that these three districts inside Montgomery County are drawn? These three, the ones that are Gaithersburg, one that's Rockville and one that's Germantown. That's one decision that needs to be made because that will affect

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the shape of this district, as well as this district and then you only need to deal with the border areas here.

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And then to think about how you're going to deal with Baltimore, because Baltimore there are so many different options there.

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So that if you, if the commission is of one mind on the way, the alternative to Baltimore than I had before, that would be useful to know.

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And then, a lot will flow from that. Admittedly, you know, we're going to have to make some decisions like we were saying here with Harford.

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But, you know, we can cross that bridge when we get there.

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I'm going to look at Baltimore City

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Maybe what I'll do is I'll send to you the images of the alternative also and so you can tell me what you think makes the most sense there. Can you do the same for Baltimore County for me please?

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I'll send it to everybody. If I send it to one I send it to everybody. O.K. I'll send it to Kristin and everyone will get it. I'm sorry what?

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I have a question. Remember earlier you were talking about creating something like that donut? And you said that could be problematic where you have a Montgomery, eight, nine, and eleven, and it seems like donut is going around that. Is that a

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It would be a problem if you see district six totally enveloping district 8...All right. But the way this is...It's a croissant, it's not a donut. Yeah, exactly, exactly.

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This is map humor, you see what's happening now right?

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Okay, thank you.

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Okay, so, and, again, thinking about how we handle the large Latino concentrations in District 13, as I have them here. Thinking about how you want Takoma Park and this area here I think is important.

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District 13 is I've drawn it and district 33 are substantial and I believe plurality Latino districts, but they are not majority.

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Um, you'll see district 33 here is 37% Latino district.

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13 is also 37%, and district 34 is 31% so you basically got three districts with about a third of the adjusted voting age population is Latino and so part of the question is, do you want to try to draw majority Latino district or do

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you want to respect the populations, respect the dividing line between Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

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I'd like to hear from Gloria Blackwell on that.

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She'll speak with us...We'll hear from her next Monday I believe. . Yeah, right. And so if you're worried about that, and want to get that feedback, the most important thing we could do Friday is to really think about Baltimore

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and how to get this done up here. That's a major set of decisions for the map as a whole so if we can knock that out. I think that's a pretty big deal.

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The other thing is I don't know where we are on the Congressional map, if you want to, I mean it's out there for public comment, we haven't gotten much in the way of public comments on it, except the laudatory comments from today.

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And so we can decide if you want to...I mean one thing I can do with the Congressional map is I can make it perfect population equality. So that we know what a perfect population map would look like, because right now it's got about, you know, less

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than 1% deviation.

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That sounds like a good thing, professor. Okay.

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One other question about the Congressional, there are some commissioners that still are not certain about the eastern shore split with the Chesapeake Bay so

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I think eventually we're going to have to have a more final discussion on that.

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Maybe, any changes I make to this should wait for that discussion because there's no sense in doing a perfect population map if you're going to deal with those major changes.

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One thing I will, I will ask is, I know there's been some concern I can't remember where I read it about this particular shape of the Baltimore City Congressional district.

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And so one thing that's not difficult to do is to make this go down like this a little more. It's still going down into Baltimore County.

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But, um, you know, this could be smoothed out a little. In fact I did an example, if you're interested.

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Just for my own edification I think, so you can see what it might look like.

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So you could do something like this.

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You see that? So that gets Glen Burnie in that and those areas. Let me say, I think this one is better in some ways than the other one because it takes in areas, closer to the airport and closer to

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Baltimore employment. Whereas some of the areas that took in previously to the right

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begin to shade into not depending as much on the city economy, but not being part of the economic engine. I mean I think it does better at keeping more of Glen Burnie together.

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How about...is Arbutus being split though?

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Well, that's not new is it? That's in both maps. Yeah, that's in both maps and I can play around with this again. These are not municipalities, these are Census designated places, but you know we can....

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The splits that we're also talking about with the districts and Baltimore County and Baltimore City, have an impact on this as well.

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Even though they are the district maps,

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I think if you're going to be combining more Baltimore City with the county, the district, why wouldn't you do that as well for the congressional district?

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I'm not positive I follow.....Right now we've got Baltimore County

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because of the Eastern Shore district is going to have to go into Baltimore County somewhere and pick a population assuming it just goes up here, then the remainder assuming we're respecting Baltimore City,

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the remaining district for Baltimore County is not enough to get all the Baltimore County, so there's got to be some leftover so you could have the leftover, you know, come up here, come up here, come up there, or do it here where it is joining

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up with the part of Anne Arundel.

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But that's actually not a bad idea of consistent with what you're saying before, is that you could, you know, decide that there's a better part of Baltimore County that would be put in with the city and it doesn't increase the number of splits right because

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we're splitting it either way. And so then I rely on the Baltimore experts here as to whether it makes sense to put this area in with Baltimore City or whether it makes sense to put, you know, one of these other areas around.

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I was considering discussing it. Yeah. And so let me add that to your homework, but this

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I know, those of you who live in Anne Arundel thinking about what the right answer is here obviously this can go in any number of directions right you could have this go in from Baltimore City into Baltimore County and then into Howard if necessary.

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But this seems like a kind of a minor breach to go and just to get the necessary population.

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Of course if you if you're not worried about additional county splits right you could have this district, all of this blue area go into the pink area but then the pink area has to go down into some other part of the green area or into Carroll County.

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Someone did mention,

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I think some parts of route 40 and we thought about some of the population, South Asians and others that may go from Ellicott City to Catonsville and things of that nature so there are some commonalities when you go across west into Howard County.

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That's just the thought of something I wanted to share. Right. Well,

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yeah, that's another alternative. So if you think about it this way if you rotated

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and you had the green area come up and take this blue area and then the blue area came across, you know, to go into that area but we're then, we're running into the same problem we were just discussing with the Senate map which

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is that you're going to probably have to split one or more of these communities. I would suggest keeping it as is, the green area with the legs,

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What's the current map? Can we pull it up too?

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Remember the current Congressional districts are sort of insane so everything is

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You can see that there's a district that goes all the way from Montgomery County through Howard up into central Baltimore.

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Yeah. I mean, basically the Congressional map did not pay attention to a lot of the concern to the political subdivision line so in the Congressional map that we have that we were just looking at right is, you know, obeying the political

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subdivision lines you can see here are very different from the yellow lines and underline it.

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All right. Anything else you want the Professor to address today?

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other scenarios you want to run, especially for Baltimore if there are issues,

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do the intrusion in this particular area. I'm happy to do that and then have those ready for you on Friday. We can discuss them and just so I'm completely clear on my marching orders though...

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Do you want me to make this a perfect population equality map or not?

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I may be in the minority here. I still want to explore jumping the bay so to speak

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with southern Maryland and the eastern shore.

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I don't know what that does with the rest of the map. Well it rotates things upward. Right, it also depends on where you stop it going north on the eastern shore so...

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And isn't it we're supposed to have more than one.

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arrangement right? I'm not suggesting every one. I mean, considering what possible options there are like right now we're looking at this particular map.

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Is that out of the question to see what it would look like? So I'm eager to do that, just tell me how you would like to do it, and then I can, and that's why I sent you all of those different

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scenarios where I did the individual districts, so you can see what the other options might be, but I'm happy to produce a Congressional map that goes and puts Calvert and St Mary's if you want, in with the eastern shore, and then you can see what

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it does going up.

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One thing it will do is it will pack...

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You know, assuming you continue to obey Prince George's County, right, that if you take away Calvert and St Mary's, district five will go up

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and so this will be closer to 60% black population district, whereas right now it is 55%. And then District Four which is 43% black will decrease.

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But, I mean...

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But then there are a lot of ways to deal with that if you're going to cross over into Anne Arundel County and things like that.

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So your question was, you wanted to...

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I don't know the terminology but kind of crystallized the size, sizes, what was that terminology you used professor? To create a zero-deviation map? Yeah and I know Mary had concerns about that, doing it now.

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I don't know, I think, I mean I'm fine with it, but I just want to

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do with the congressional, is to get to the perfect number. Is that right? Yeah but the thing about it is, it makes them, if there are kind of tectonic changes that you think you're going to want to make to this map there's no reason to get down into the streets

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and start doing it. Um, but I'm trying to think about what we can accomplish, what Friday is going to look like. And so if on Friday

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we could have another discussion on the Congressional map you can vote on. What you have is that right now, this is just that kind of discussion piece right which is out there.

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And so we could make progress there or if you think that we can knock out the Senate map

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then let's do that. But I think there are a lot of debates that you all need to have among yourselves, like the right way to split up Baltimore and I'm worried

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that if we're all going to be waiting for the testimony from Gloria about the Latino population, I'm worried we're not going to make enough progress on the sSnate map on Friday and so that was just trying to think of other things

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that we might want to accomplish and so getting a perfect population congressional map was one of them.

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So what I heard you say early for Friday is we want to look at Baltimore City and Baltimore County. And now, in addition to that we're looking at, perhaps looking at the congressional map and senate maps? Yeah,

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I mean one other option is we just go ahead with the Senate map. Try to nail that down, and then we'll adjust it based on the testimony that you're here the following Monday.

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I think that's a good idea.

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And then Gloria's input will help guide us as to where we have to make adjustments. Okay.

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As far as the Senate map, we're going to be prepared to talk about Baltimore City and County on Friday, which I agree is a great idea, and also Prince George's County on Friday, really that only leaves Montgomery right?

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Yeah, I think we have to talk about Prince George's and after you're done talking about Prince George's, talking about Montgomery, just because part of the question is whether you're going to, you're going to traverse that boundary or not.

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Alright so, our priorities are looking at Baltimore City and Baltimore County on Friday, followed by Prince George's and Montgomery?

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And how much time do we say for Friday because it starts at 12 and I know that's tough for people because it's in the middle of the workday.

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And we certainly shouldn't go over two hours.

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And keep in mind as many people as possible. I think we need five? So, for some of us.

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that will be, I know I have to leave a meeting to make sure that I'm there at 12.

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I'm very committed, it's, it's been tough. I'm going to do my best to be present fully but with the school year and being in the building it can be challenging at times.

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Well, the other thing is we don't all have to be at every single meeting, we videotape everything so you can take a look at it.

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And it's, you know, it's just going to be the way... I mean, I know I won't be able to make the later meeting because I'll be working at night so I think whatever works and we do the best we can, because we have to have at least five, I believe, right?

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When we're voting on maps, we need seven, I believe, but five to have a meeting, and we're not finalizing anything right now we're discussing.

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Let me also offer Commissioner Brooks if you want, at some other time over the next week just to sit down with me and we can you know look at Baltimore together and work out a scenario, I'm eager to do that.

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Plus you're taking emails from us all the time you know we've been sending you stuff so that's another option, you know, just questions you have, or if you want to see a map drawn differently.

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Professor Persily has been really helpful with that, that's another option.

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I do know that I can commit myself for an hour on Friday but no longer. O.K., let's go for an hour on Friday, and get the best that we can. With the priority of Baltimore Cityand I'm only saying this because I'm chairing Friday.

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Just want to see what we're going to be covering. So if we can do Baltimore City, and Baltimore County, and if we have time beyond that to move on to Prince George's in one hour, that would be a good thing, but whatever you have.

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Whatever you have in advance of that, check with Professor Persily, he's really really helpful.

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Okay, William what are you thinking?

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Yeah, everyone should have an opportunity to speak. William, what do you think? I'm, I'm looking at that smile. Everyone's opinions are very important here.

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All right.

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I always have something to say whether I should say it or not is a different story.

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No, I gotta filter through my thoughts first.

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All right. Anything else for this evening?

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We got 10 minutes to eight, I think we won't be able to narrow down any criteria today. We're still thinking about it, but will get through it.

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I think judge, we are getting to some of the criteria, even though we're not verbalizing it. It sounds that way.

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Do you need a motion?

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Yeah, anything else.

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Alright. Motion to adjourn?

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Right. All in favor.

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All right, opposition. All right, we'll see you all on Friday at 12 o'clock.

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Okay, thank you judge. Yeah. Okay. All right. Bye Bye. Bye Thanks everybody. Thank you all. Thank you.

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Thank you.