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If the incursion is pushed further southwest into Severn, then the combined district three begins to look more artificial. That's right. It looks more like barbells.

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Yeah, exactly, that's always the challenge, that you can make one district more compact than the rest. So right now...Could you zoom out so that we can see all of three, and the rest of that?

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Thank you. Yeah, this is the Congressional plan. Or the one example Congressional plan.

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The original option we have is sort of an L shaped Baltimore City based district, which then makes district three a lot more sort of compact this way.

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But this sort of splits the difference, as we have it here, sort of keeping the line that Baltimore City, you know, of that border going down as best one can and then adding in, in a kind of crescent shaped way the parts of northern Anne Arundel,

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as opposed to making it go this way.

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I could try for example; and maybe the answer is to try to go....

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Well, actually, once you move further east, you're taking in more of the broad neck peninsula area which is not like Glen Burnie.

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Right, well, instead of going all the way and one thing we can do to satisfy it... so that's 31,000 people there....

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So that would get in that area of Pasadena,

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See these precincts are pretty big there.

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I said 30,000 right? So....

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Something like that and you could have most of Glen Burnie...again, we need to decide whether I split precincts to try to get these communities together. I did do that and some of that in the recent iteration of the Senate map.

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Just because when we did the St Mary's fix it had all kinds of implications going up... but this might not be bad, it would kind of just go down here.

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And then this would keep Severn together and would keep Riviera Beach and....

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Did we hear from Baltimore City folks in terms of

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which part of which county they really wanted to be joined with or made more sense or are we already constrained by where the population in Baltimore County is already gone

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so we have no choice but to go south? So you'll notice that....

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So district six is 48% black, district 7 is 30 percent black.

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So, the only options for the Baltimore City district three is either it's going to go into Anne Arundel or it's going to go into Baltimore County and if it goes into Baltimore County, then the Baltimore County District needs to go down.

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So, you could right you could have, you know, decide if you want the Baltimore City district to go in some other direction but you still have this access population here that you could, in theory you could have a Baltimore City district that goes East

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let's say and then a Baltimore County District that goes West and splits Howard County, but it's basically the same kind of thing that we're talking about here you just move the encouragement to a different location.

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I think, rather than splitting our economy.

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It might be more logical in the southwest, rotate seven around and then help seven cross the water to from Edgemere and Dundalk over to Pasadena and he and I thought would avoid messing with Howard, and would not increase the number of splits but is William

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would have thought, William had some thoughts. He also had some thoughts I'm standing over a Baltimore City and spreading it, you know, I would, I would rather split Baltimore City, sort of kind of down the middle, and then bleed into Baltimore county

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For the congressional map we're talking about at the senate map congressional.

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So you would if you would split Baltimore City. Yes.

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And, and where would the, where would each part go.

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That's more and more city will kind of bleed into West Baltimore County know for Woodlawn Keaton's bill.

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Ran those towers nose area and East Baltimore where we're into the Rosedale and overly Pikeville type area.

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Yeah, let me let me say this.

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And I'll, I'll start do will apologize because I've just been tied up some more hospital work but.

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So I got my maps and kind of late today.

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And I don't know whether all the Commission's have seen a couple well turns you and revisions out may to four and five and understand that.

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We have also had submitted maps, you may not have seen those studied yet so I think the bottom line is that we could talk in general terms about some potential revisions.

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But ultimately, the entire commission now to study.

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Any late entering maps, and then reach a final consensus as to where we are a Christian, on a map, the two of math proposals I said was that sent all the commissioners, yes but just prior to the meeting starting, I didn't realize that you wanted me to

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forward it out so I forwarded it out right after I got that second message that you sent asking to send it out, so it would have been sent. probably just probably, maybe 1520 minutes prior to the meeting starting ok and then they haven't had a chance

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to look at, and again, quite candidly, as I mentioned to Walter. These are just for discussion purposes only. I'm not sure I'm seriously pushing them, because again on one of the professors to kind of talk about Bo strengths, weaknesses of it.

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how it either decreases from the strength of the base map or enhances that's really the only discussion I wanted at all. so I know that fast, silly received it earlier.

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Do you want to wait, I get chairing this meeting judge? Yeah, this is, this is a work session, so we all love it. Yeah. No, I was just gonna say do you want because I stopped sharing my screen, so you want to share the maps.

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I don't have it. Yeah, when you told me how to proceed, I'm at your disposal so what would be, what would be best in terms of the progression here, a Christian that you haven't.

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I'm sure I do I did that because I downloaded them today, but they're just the pictures. Um, let me see if I can, I can call them out.

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And then I'll just share these.

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I didn't know what a lot of heavy discussion one at all.

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Alright so, Sasha, so, so, so when I look at the map. Um, I see.

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Personally, this is somehow crashing my machine, but I noticed that this area in Montgomery county right is a split that then adds to Howard and inner and all.

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am not sure we're seeing anything.

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Can you see now. Is anyone seeing it.

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See districts three and four from one of the two plans.

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Right now, do you see district one to the same the top of one of the plans now with the statewide map

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project took it off now I mean just try again and.

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Can you see this now?

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Yeah, I can see it.

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Yeah, I can see it prior, and then district one right which is similar district two which is similar except that there's a bite taken out of McHenry County here that bite is right here.

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And so it takes Howard, and much of Anna Rundle and puts it there.

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This is the Prince George's County District. And then here's one that goes all the way up. I think the way we currently have it.

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This district does not go as far into it to enter rumble county but just and right below and Arundel County, so it takes Southern Prince George's, and like, it takes more.

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It takes a little more of Prince George's in your basement. Yeah. Yeah.

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And then here's a Baltimore city which is similar, similar to the original map where we were debating before everyone joined.

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How much, what's the right way to cut up Baltimore I actually had a Rundle here, whether it should be more of a kind of crescent shaped here as opposed to an L shape but that, you know, reasonable people can disagree about that.

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And then hear the hear the rest of the racial stats or my, as I see from this by the way this is population not voting age population.

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And so it's got 50% 4746 which is pretty comparable to what we haven't base map.

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I think we've got, like, 5543 48 or something like that but it's actually on voting age population I suspect it's very similar.

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So that's this area here is the thing that I focused on, which was the incursion into Montgomery county.

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This now eliminates a district that went from Prince George's into Montgomery, but it has this district which takes out part of Howard County, and then has Howard County going into Montgomery county here to over a larger sort of encouraging.

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And then you've got this inner Rundle Prince George's district here.

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And then this is not too dissimilar from what we've got in the plan for Southern Maryland, getting all of these three counties and then up to Prince George's.

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But you've got the Baltimore City incursion going east.

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And then the Baltimore County District going west into Ellicott City and Columbia in Howard County.

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And that's about it.

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Yeah, let me make.

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Let me make it easy again to the Commission's are my two poses.

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So that that's the first proposed second proposal substitutes.

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And a Rondo counted in the US government accounting for district four and five state of saying, so I think I'll just let the commission is studying.

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They have it, if they have any thoughts.

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Today, bar or whatever just fine but festival. Do you have any just general observations about those two changes? Well, so it's for an Arundel County with these changes.

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How many districts does Arundel County sit in with this change?

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Um, okay so in the, in the first proposal. It would mean.

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Right. I'm just eyeballing here, so it's a, I believe. I'm, three, one that goes from Baltimore, one that goes from Baltimore City and County into in Toronto like currently does one that goes from Calvert into Arundel County from south from Southern Maryland.

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And then one that goes from inner Rundle into Howard County and then my governing.

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So, one. Yeah.

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So three partial districts, is what Anna Rondo would have a proposal what in a proposal to.

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to what, so two halves. Yeah, one district that goes into the Prince George's and then one district that goes into our memory.

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I can, I can show that if you want.

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Mary, I know you have a chance to look at it, but I would just say, just take a peek at your own convenience and check it out.

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So this is northern Prince George's with and Arundel County going up to the Calvert border here including for me and this will drop the black population down to about 40% in that district, but it's still, I mean it's only 26% white in part because it's

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getting all the Latino areas that are in here.

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And this this is similar to our current district, roughly 53%.

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And then this, this, this proposal to right has the Baltimore City district going in that direction.

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But let me just say generally on this and this goes back to the Baltimore City question as to whether you split Baltimore City and happens as was being proposed before.

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how much you're going to abide by political some of the main ones right and minimize counting splits so the draft map that we currently have does minimize town splits.

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But you may have some other reasons that you want to split counties and, and I'm at your disposal.

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If I could put x, we didn't have the original introduction, says,

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Jonathan fields are says he's going to be late tonight. And as I remember from Montgomery County, probably, you know what wants to look at it a kid Hetherington unfortunately will not be here at all this evening.

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Okay, So how would you like to proceed.

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Well, we, you have any additional observations on the

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two plans and I've submitted just general observations and how they compare with the base, and then we can go right into a Baltimore City and split it split four counties.

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And it is less compact, but part of the question it seems to me is, if there's a reason and look, I don't want to fetishize all of the you know the traditional district and principles here sometimes there are good reasons to, to, you know, community of

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interest reasons or others to, to not to split counties, but that would be the question I might have which is, is there, for example, a community that there is a reason why you want to run a district that goes from inner Rundle into parts of Howard

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into parts of Montgomery.

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And similarly is there. Do you, do you think that the Prince George's County District.

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And one of the, one of the significant moves here which again is.

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I think there are a lot of proposals like this to join go east west between Prince George's County and Anna Rundle as opposed to north south where Prince George's County shares districts with Montgomery, and with cow with Charles.

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And so, you know, if, if you believe that that it's more appropriate that a Prince George's County District is you know half Prince George's half in Anne Arundel or something like that, then, then I think that's one of the things that your second

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proposal does.

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The first proposal. All right, it's really about the first proposal it's not clear to me why it is both splitting Montgomery county and splitting Anne Arundel into three parts.

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Come race for us. And was it the other one, one of the two mixed up, smoke I'm ready to four parts

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that here I'll put it back on the screen so we can have a common reference here.

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So, so this is the, the first proposal. And notice, you know, so it goes up into Calvert, and then up into Toronto here this district which is also basically going physical East West in Southern Maryland, and then you have inner Rundle that shares of

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Baltimore district shares our district and then shares a right here you can see shares a district with Calvert and Southern Maryland.

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I think it's just three, and then Montgomery county under this map is.

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It's got part of Carol, the I'm sorry not called the district one goes in their district.

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Three goes in from Howard County, and then District Four goes in from Prince George's.

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Well let me, let me say this I think that Mary and Walter raise good points I'm not really into splitting unnecessarily these counties, I can tell you that now.

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I just put it out here for discussion purposes as alternatives. Just before we got on the air.

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I did talk with

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Gloria, again, our advisor on Hispanic matters. She is very comfortable with the base map that has Prince George's sharing with that portion of Montgomery county she's happy with that as a large Hispanic population there.

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And, and I'm inclined to go that way. So, so I'm not going to ask you all to get into the further heated discussion on that as I say I put it out there basically look for you to look at and study, and I would ask the commissioners after tonight if they

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could just take a look at it, if they want to bring it back up, they can, but I'm inclined to keep the base, as he is particularly after having talked with Gloria.

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And let me say also, you know, we are not in the refinement stage yet once we get basic agreement on the maps, there are things that we can do inside, you know, because we're going to end up having to break precincts to bring the congressional map to

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perfect population equality anyway. And so the way that we have the, the district that crosses from Prince George's into Montgomery there actually may be ways to increase the Latino population in there, a little more, so that that similar to what we did

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in the senate map which goes up toward Rockville. And so we can, we can talk about that, but I want to make sure we've got the base map set first.

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Okay and so if no one has any other questions right now on the two proposals that I have put out that we can now move right into a Williams position on the split.

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I have one request. Can we organize the match, so they have a different number on them somehow so that we know? So we don't just say base math and one and two, I mean we really know what, which exact ones were looking at and commenting on because it's

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getting pretty dynamic here to keep track of what we're commenting on.

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I've only got obviously the mechanical files for not the maps that I'm, I'm working on.

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But the bass bap well I usually the way I'm going to be doing it is I'll organize it by date, so that we know.

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You know, this is the 920 base map or something like that but that that's useful.

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All right. Any other questions.

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William, you want to get any other points that you wanted to raise on Baltimore City, which I think is that six.

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Is that congressional district six or that we're talking about.

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I talked about in the in the map as we are working on it right now in the basement. Yeah. Yeah. Um, so I'm district six that yeah, it's Baltimore City.

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Let me I'll just put it up there, so we have, we're referring to the same thing, and Cheryl.

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Feel free to chime in, because again, we're talking about Baltimore County. So we certainly want to get your thoughts. Also, I believe that you showed, I think it was in Europe map just Williams, where you were showing iteration of it going, a Baltimore

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City going east, was that one of the ones in your Ma. Yeah, you did have that yes. Okay, I, I had some thoughts about that I didn't see a problem with that either.

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I don't know if that is a cleaner move, does that mean that the other part of the county goes to Howard.

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Well, here. Here's the thing, so, if, if you look at this area, something you're assuming we keep the Chesapeake, that the eastern side whole right and that this comes in so something's going to come into Baltimore County.

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Somewhere in northern Baltimore county or Eastern Baltimore County. Then we have a decision to, then this is the remaining population of Baltimore County, you can then take, essentially, if you see this incursion from Baltimore City, all of this here

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right which is the leftover population. You can decide to go into Baltimore County, but then you've got to make a decision. For instance this seven go all the way around and go into an Arundel should seven going to Howard.

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And so you have basically a Baltimore County District that goes into Howard, as far as you want, right.

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So I go on, was apparently goes into our county right now right, it does go down to the county right now.

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Well right now but districts are so gerrymandered that like, it goes all over the place right so here that the current test.

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Right. And so, you know, you've got you've got districts you've got basically Baltimore City is split up between 1234 districts, and then Baltimore County has.

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Right. One encouraged 12345 somewhere between five and six, I think districts are going into Baltimore County.

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So do for you have four and six, I think.

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But it really it really just does depend on what you think is the right way to do this right you like for example you could, if you decide well, we want to keep Anne Arundel hole in a district, then you can push Baltimore City Baltimore City district

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ECE all of this rotates around, and then you go into Howard County, that, again, Justin, if you think about what that's going to do compactness wise right if this goes in, you have to decide, are you going to take it all the way to Montgomery County,

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or you're going to take have a big semi-circle here so that then this district looks like wouldn't it make more sense to rotate only six and seven with each other and extend seven and are Buddhists and Brooklyn Park in Toronto.

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And then you've got, then it's going to be a C shaped district.

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Right. And how does that impact compactness.

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Hmm. Well I know it'll be less. Now, this district will be perfectly compact because you'll just extend it out this way, but not my account, but then all of our county radius see district.

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Number seven is already a song going up like this. Yeah. It will also depending on what you will do just thinking about the minority populations right so.

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So if you go in East right which, is it probably won't make much of a difference. So right now, district six is 48% black, it probably wouldn't make a difference if we go east, I can, why don't I just do an iteration, I could do it on the fly if you want.

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Right now,

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I can, I can draw the iteration of the Congressional map where, where this goes. East, what one thing we may want to consider is if you do that, what do you want the top here to look like.

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Do you want the, the incursion from Hartford still to go in the north, or do you want it to go more along this so just to show you what I would do?

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Let me, let me show you.

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This is 179,000 people.

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Okay. And so that if we try to find another hundred and 79,000 in district seven.

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me is that it's about this.

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You could go, you could go right from here, east, all the way here, which I think was similar to what John Williams had.

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Well no, I would try to, I would mess around here with the, I mean, again, it really just depends. So, the point is you can't get all the way up to like northern over you know the northern part right here so you're gonna end up with this going

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around like that.

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So we have to still go to Glen Burnie in Brooklyn Park yeah something well already for Howard. Howard, he could take eloquent city, and a lot more work, but I'll say this is going to affect the minority population.

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Just as I'm looking at this, look like.

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So I'm here, I mean, why don't we, why don't we actually just let's just do it. Do this.

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And let me just copy and new do a new map.

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Just to be good this is.

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So I'm going to call this the 922.

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Alright so, so here is just my, my instructions right is that I will go and I'm going to put all of this back into three. This whole, well actually let's first make this change.

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If we just do the swap between seven and six.

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Well actually, let me let me, let me do it this way. Let's take all of this part and put it into seven to do the semi-circle that you all were interested in.

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And now I'm going to take.

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Sit down. It's about 174 face.

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Rundle is it is that all in Toronto, was no it's part of it with the Baltimore County area right.

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Gotcha. Yeah. So now, 30% I mean just, just to put it in a frame that's about 30% of analytical county population is in that.

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I don't do I can see.

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Now, we have to make a decision, you'll see just see you see the

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What's happening to district six it is now. You know 49% black, and it's going to continue to decrease.

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So that's a ball more say goes east. That's right. So, something like that. So you see that deviations only 24, so you can do something like that.

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Right. And so then you have a seven, the seven. it's going all around this way.

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It wasn't break down let's do the second one second one graphic text to be 48% black seven would be 30% black

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and white, you're still at the Prince George's County districts that are both, you know, substantial.

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I don't think it you know I think for voting rights purposes, you'll be okay with this.

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But I would want to run it, I would run it, run it through the program.

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What's the Hispanic of the just yet which six or seven?

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Okay, six and seven. All right. Okay. So, as about 70% Hispanic population district seven has about 6.4%.

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But most of the, I think a lot of Hispanic populations right around here obviously there's some in Baltimore City to rank here.

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I'm sorry I couldn't hear you.

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You said most this thing population is it down here, but you're saying there's an expat community and I can show you

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right now this is the African American area, so you notice right that what this does is it takes the.

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Instead of adding this area which is a little bit more diverse and adds it to Baltimore County and Baltimore City, right, it takes it largely white areas here but to get some, some other folks in there.

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So, but let's say we, we

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do you want to just see where the Latino population is?

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got this area, in eastern Baltimore City.

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In a little bit in the county and the truth is, as long as you respect the border that Latino population with the exception of this 1% Latino population in Baltimore City is sort of honored in both maps, right there it's basically within the city there's

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again a little bit, a little bit more here but that's not mean, this is basically only about 1000, to 1500 Latinos in wealth of your.

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But this is what this looks like right this is what if you

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have Baltimore City gone, honey. Instead of going into Toronto.

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And we could like I said you can go to Howard instead and then Anna Rhonda would be hold. If you prefer to do it that way.

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I don't know Caitlin like that but

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I'm sorry, it does it now. But and I don't really see

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not sure who has the background there but, um, so make sure, make sure to stay in show you like you like this.

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No, actually.

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I actually prefer it the other way home.

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Maybe, maybe

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you prefer going west.

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I prefer going into power, power to

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power, I mean if there was a topic, if there was none of it.

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I would say yes.

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Well, that's what we have in the base map,

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Well basically to the base map right if you just take this area here and in Toronto, and a little bit of Baltimore County and you add it to Baltimore City that's, that's our district we're currently working with and then this this goes around.

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I mean I can show you; you want to see what it would look like if you went into Howard instead.

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So, so what I'm going to do.

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And welcome back to you on Baltimore City number six we'll come back to you and see if I want to say that what some of these issues like going in for the southeast.

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That is something that I think is a serious idea what's a serious idea for all of these I think there's perfectly good reasons to do that.

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But in the senate map in particular version from Dundalk into get the corner.

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There's a lot of good arguments for doing that.

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I would agree.

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I think in a point area we've gotten yc. Is that possible to do that and not go.

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of it is essentially Eastern Baltimore County here. Do you want to connect it with Eastern Howard County and so let's just,

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Kate will be but I think I'm okay with that.

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I mean, I don't know what you know what the right way is to do this let's just say we go up, you know like this do it like this.

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I don't know how far we can go right this would split Colombia, let me just show you

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right this is Colombian here.

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But we could, as you said we could put in all of Ellicott City.

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I don't know if you want to go into Columbia or not. It is just an example.

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Let's go into Columbia, just to make it.

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What's the population of that block?

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And so that's what happened you know some, but roughly 100 and so you need.

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I think it was 179,000 it was coming out of, and it was coming from an Arundel county in the original base map.

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Was it that much of just thinking because I think it's a lady that was including part of Baltimore?

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So, so it would more or less cut Howard and how population was, that's why I think the original best was a more logical idea because everyone does so much larger content and it kind of absorbed kind of cut without being cut literally and health.

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If you were to do something like this, though, I appreciate your feedback on this you may want that.

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I mean, it's instead of doing this kind of see shape district maybe you would want to have heart for the Hartford encouraging come in this way, a little bit more push this up a little bit.

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But really, it's up to you all.

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mindset, see that, to see how it would affect Baltimore City.

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Baltimore City at all.

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It would affect the Baltimore County, that the remaining Baltimore County District, this one right, but if I split, we split Baltimore City at the two different right well the extra now that's a that's a whole separate idea.

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If we were to split Baltimore City, so if you.

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So right now, just let me just put a snapshot on this so we can see if you want to go back to what will call the, the Howard.

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Question my typing skills are now, the stuff of public record.

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And then, and so now you want me to split Baltimore City essentially and half joining half with Eastern Baltimore County and half with Western. Yes. Okay.

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and so let me do it this way.

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method I remember that I like to see that no

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show you where I'm going to do it. Um, well, well let's just do it for illustrative purposes right now so I'll take.

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Again, the all of this would change right who would want to do different.

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hit it on the head there.

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So that's basically two equal districts there, right where you go east and west, go right down the center that something like this in terms of the black population six would be 48% seven would be about 37 and a half

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to excuse me that's wrong. What is this district six would be 34% which is a pretty significant? Draw well know that that's not true district six would be 34 district seven would be 43.

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And that's what we're as be as to nothing gets a big drop.

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Well, it's a big drop of one of it, basically it's a big drop of one of the districts, but that it increases in the other.

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See me, but this is me like is cracking

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still has the Howard incursion right that's obviously on the southwest there. Yeah, well you can decide, no matter what you're gonna you're gonna have to find some county that absorbs this population frankly it can be Carroll County right it just depends

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where I can go in northern Anne Arundel.

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But this is a useful man I'm glad we did this you can see what I mean you can essentially split it down the middle. I would change this right you'd want to split it so that the port, you know is correctly done here so it doesn't like dangle.

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But, you know, if you want to the to it almost looks like two sides of the brain.

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Here, for, for Baltimore City.

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But again, it depends Baltimore city doesn't need to be split in terms of in terms of population. And so, this is just another one of those questions about how many splits.

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Do you want, of the, the way we began the base map, and this might not, this is just one set of principles was that we only split the county that we not only split them, but we began with districts that were wholly within the counties that could sustain

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more than one district. Right.

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And so here right we split Baltimore city which could be kept whole.

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This of course but you could make an argument on compactness that this is that you wanted to create you instead of having, you know, one that goes all the way around.

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So those I think are the options I would, I would just work from a standpoint.

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I think these would comply I would run it through, because you still have. I'm just looking you've got in the plan assuming everything else stays the same, you've got 150 5% 143 and 143.

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It does it let me put it this way, I would have to work on this, I would want to, because let me just show you

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what we're talking about with the black community here.

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So, right, it's splitting the black community in eastern Baltimore from Western Baltimore, there are, you know, right now, district, it's district seven is 43% right there are, you know, depending on how you deal with the harbor area, so like whether

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you rotate this district a little bit east or rotate itself, you can do a lot more to increase the black population, but it does, it does essentially down the middle split the two large black neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

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But it joins the western, you know, George Western Baltimore with the black community and

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in Baltimore County to right which is now that that because we honor county lines in the previous iteration that's what was one of the consequences of that.

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In the end though Baltimore County which is legitimately more than it you know its own district now is three.

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Well it's one and two halves.

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And so because they've been dying to have this one.

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But that's true under the I mean the Baltimore County districts that we had right where one was shared right there was still this one here.

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Actually I'm sorry there is no there is under this plan, there is no district that is holy within Baltimore County. I think that's what you're saying because if you've got what three districts that share Baltimore, Baltimore City and then one that goes

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one that goes to the eastern shore. Another we're in the baseline map district seven data, include the majority of the population of Baltimore County because the, the northern section.

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It was obviously way less populated so the entire pocket that piece that you've just taken made up the district that was all Baltimore County.

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Right, right that with a semi the crescent shape district that went around this way, was holy within Baltimore County.

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But this is where you know I defer to my the Baltimore experts on the commission as to what the you know right way to think about this is, and also how much you think the Baltimore City Baltimore County border is, is something that you want to honor

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or whether you feel that like East and West Baltimore are sufficiently different, that, you know, it makes sense to split them in a particular way, probably depends on who you ask.

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Yeah, exactly.

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You know man it is Baltimore's already separate East versus West. So yeah, it all depends on who you ask, you might get it you'll get a different answer.

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Baldwin County. This theory would be what divided into three districts.

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I'm initially wanted that. Because I brought that up because you know down the middle before.

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And I'm, I'm personally, I'm a little confused and thinking oh gosh is three years. It's really three different areas now I don't know if that's a good thing or not.

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We're going to have an issue. Either way, because the central.

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But and we didn't push them from everywhere else.

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So we it's not, there's only so much we can do either way.

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And that was a lot of ecstasy.

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But other met with so it kind of crosses the bay, which I don't know if we made a decision on that and that I understand both sides arguments to both sides while we shouldn't should.

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Whether we made that decision that is going to affect know what we do in Baltimore City Baltimore County.

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You know, people for the most part because county governments means so much across the state of Maryland, and even the city of Baltimore, government, I would think means a lot to all of the people in the city of Baltimore so in the base map that we did,

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we did our.

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Good job, I saw their preserving core county populations together, or and the city population without breaking it up but if we have a different view what we want to do that, you know, makes different maps.

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So what I was trying to do here is just to see whether by moving it this way, whether it would improve the Voting Rights Act issues.

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Well, y'all need to think about a little more, or how do you see

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need to look at this little bit more.

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And show you all know.

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Yes, sir. All right.

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Yeah, I'm not sure that we can reach a consensus yet one out congressional map so gotta figure out how to handle a district congressional district six and seven.

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But I think this is useful as just a way to think about how to, how to split Baltimore because it definitely needs to be split in the senate map.

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And so I was hoping that if we could decide one thing today. It's about the incursion into Baltimore City.

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I'm in the news in the senate map and, but the county constraints, when it when it comes to the state legislative map or constitutional So, so I think the you know the constitutional issues.

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There are a little more present and potentially, you know, serious, but then it would be harder to do some kind of things but like that.

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But let me just show you the two options that I've been that I've said to you. One is the.

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And I want to say that I would still refine these no matter what we do. But district 16,

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a district that would go in from the north, coming into Baltimore County, Baltimore City.

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That's one option. The other is a district coming in from Dundalk that we're trying to get the entire harbor area. Plus Dundalk.

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And I could show you that as well and let me take off the, the race on the district layer.

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Okay, so that's just sort of studying this one map, and like I said I would change this encouragement, but it's in this general area that we would have this shift.

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Okay. And then

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the other option, let me just put it up there is a mini center district to Baltimore City have a number under any of these which is it's going to have four and a third or four and a half, something like that.

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So 1234 and then a little bit here that would be shared with Baltimore County.

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And yes, one could, you know, and I think Mary Clawson did send me an email about the possibility of a shared district within Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel.

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The problem is that when you do that, if you take this population essentially this leftover population then you join it with Anna Rundle the district that will affect everything throughout.

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I'm assuming you don't do another split over here that will affect all the districts in in Toronto. It just depends on how many districts you want to come into Baltimore County.

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So let me let me just call up the Dundalk maps, you can just see what that would look like.

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Was Baltimore City ever been alive in the state discipline Anna Rondo.

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I don't know, but it wouldn't be crazy, just for the same reason we were doing that in the Senate and the congressional map that you could do it down here.

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Just see if I got the right one here.

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Right. This one's also up sorry.

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So here's just an example of one if you pull that within.

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If you've got the harbor with Dundalk what that would look like. Again, I can make this more compact but that

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this has the virtue, by the way, have you sort of honor this water area here it's sort of a perfect border between done talking engineer and then this district, but then it goes in and let me, let me just take off the colors so that you can see

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this, I like the colors. I like I like the colors.

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Three things. Okay. All right, so I'll put them back on if you want but if you wanted to see, like, for example, he did. Okay, this right now I think has the.

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I'm not sure what population I've got on there for that.

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that's the Asian population.

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And by the way, just so you know what I'm thinking about when I, when I think about this incursion, and I want to highlight the race.

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Keep map, because you have to think about, not just the senate district but also what will be possible with the assembly districts, and whether you can draw sufficient numbers of majority African American districts in the assembly district once you have

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Once you have the senate districts. So, as you can see right so you think about how you split these three up assuming you're gone with single member districts, how would you split them up in order to make sure that you are able to create the necessary

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number of majority minority districts that you know what I am saying things of course in in Maryland is that, you know, in areas where there's constitutional challenges like in North Carolina and others where the struggle is to try to cobble together

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enough communities to create an over 50% district here it's about unpacking in areas like up here in line.

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So anyway, this is a this is a, an example, you'll know this by the way is water that's right here, right. So, this goes in, Dundalk basically goes in and gets the harbor area on the, on the eastern side.

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I think you know for reason, while we're discussing with that professional map this is I think a very plausible idea here on how to do it.

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This as compared to one that goes from Thompson down into Northwestern Baltimore. I remember when I was when I was working for the court 20 years ago right there was, I can't remember whether it's Pikeville or Coulson right there was an argument that

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was being made that you should go over the border in northwestern Baltimore to connect those communities together because there's some communities that's for that straddle the Baltimore City Baltimore County line up there, but you could make you know

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similar argument here about the kind of the harbor area. And what that and how that's aligned with Dundalk. And then of course you know if you wanted to there there's, you can do half and half but then that does add another split and that's where

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we get the somewhat shaky constitutional territory.

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I see both arguments to the Dunder encouraging and to the note has been more city encouragement from Towson.

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Because I know a lot of people in this Greenspring rest and show street area they have a lot in common with towns.

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But also, Baltimore City and Arbor report areas under has some similarities to done that, as well. Yeah.

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Is there a preference so we're

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kind of like both ideas.

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I just don't know which one.

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You have a Baltimore perspective to add here.

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Um, I'm exactly this. Is he made it accurate because there are like communities of interest commonalities between the areas, he identified the way.

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But I do you see, I'm from Dundalk

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and work there. Every commonalities with that harbor can move in over how intense, you know, Eastern Florida area despair, the harbor. I can, I can see that clearly.

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I think it makes sense.

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Oh, I'm done. Oh, yes sir, and home. Okay. Yes.

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I'm willing to go with this man.

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Charles okay well that's what she, you know sees more meaningful than

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what Cheryl says makes a lot of sense. I think she's writing about this.

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Yeah, I agree to I actually, I live in a Lake County but I went to junior high in eastern Baltimore down at Fort Sparrows Point in that area, and the industry coming back there's a lot to be said for having this.

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I want to emphasize that when. So, once we do this right, instead of the incursion up here, it affects everything around, including the district that's jumping over from Hartford.

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Like I said, I think there's a good argument I kind of like the way that this divide Dundalk an engineer from the rest. Over here, and so that, because that's not insignificant body water.

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Um, I would probably try to play around with, with the district's here to smooth out and, you know, it makes sense.

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You'll notice that this northern Baltimore district goes all the way down here, right, you get into voting rights issues here. So, like on in this, and by the way this was really hard to do that to do in inside Baltimore but it's a really tight map.

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You'll notice that there these are all overpopulated right the one.

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One point whatever you know, each one of these is overpopulated, partly because of respecting, these, these boundaries here right up farther and then, you know, move population out, and maybe I'll try to do that but each one of these is just given

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one plus.

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I know that I know that I know Baltimore City last Obama say last.

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See, but where. Presently, Is there a district that straddles Baltimore county and city. So right now as I see it.

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Let me tell my West, it's district 44. Oh, this is a district 2444 4444 that goes, it's like that. let me just show you what area we're talking about.

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So this way. Yeah, I see.

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But it's a very, you know, non-compact district that goes like that.

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And then the others, let me take off my, my district, right, the others.

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It's actually not that so notice the way the current district Senate District 46 it gets the whole area of Southern Baltimore, both sides of the harbor, the proposal that I put out there has done the Dundalk district coming in and just going up to

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this area here now I don't, I would need some guidance as to whether you know.

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Is it better for it to try to get all of this area wouldn't be able to get all of this area?

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The one of the challenges, let me just tell you that one of the challenges here is that I wanted to get this whole, I don't know I don't know how we, what we call this area here like this point.

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But what's it called.

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So, you know, you can go in with more of a, I could try that get this area here. The problem is it will, it will only be,

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you know, there's obviously bridges here let me just Google Maps what this looks like.

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Right, so I 95 that goes this way so it's not like it's hiding it off but what you can do is you can get Dundalk, you could get all Curtis Bay, not Brooklyn Cherokee, we could try to put more of this in here and then it would push district 23 down.

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The problem is I don't want to lose contact. I mean they want to lose continuity includes functional point continuity generally speaking, when I've been drawing districts where you find areas where you can at least walk or drive between every parts of

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the district not that you have to take a boat. And so,

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so that's something that I would, I would play around with but like I said these are pretty tight districts, right, because this goes, this goes right here.

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Honors that so that we can.

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But all this is all of Dundalk here so basically, it's got together all of engineer, and then goes and takes part of Baltimore.

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Can I thank you for keeping Bel Air Edison together we?

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Good one. Looks like you've done that up to 23 districts up there. Yeah, that by the way is also not easy. I don't know what we call Bellaire Edison frankly what the boundaries are.

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But if

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I Route, Route 147 I don't know what the name of that 147 is. But I use that as a kind of rough dividing line, you'll notice that the existing conference room.

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I'm sorry. Say that again. Looks like home from room.

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I can zoom in, if we really want to see what

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mellow room so I think you're probably right. And Bell everyone parallel but anyway so.

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I think you're right there Bell everyone parallel but anyways. You know you're right Hartford Avenue.

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That goes up that way. Right.

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Just this area here, this.

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So I thought that was a pretty good, and Hartford road that that was a good dividing line that is basically the way the current districts they followed up and not completely you'll see they have little bites taken out here in here.

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But if, if, if you decide. I mean, this would be.

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This would allow me to really refine the map, if you decide that two things tonight one that you want to go have the entry into Baltimore City from Dundalk.

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And then the second thing is, is just to get confirmation that you all want me to fix the St Mary's.

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You know, the St Mary's issue, down here, right, that that, and I do obviously a map that I sent you with that would do that, that, that, then I feel like I have my marching orders on what to do

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for the whole plan,

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there's still lots of little like questions in particular areas that I would like to get your advice on. But this, you know, this deals that this creates that all of these districts here, you know, with the exception of so districts.

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2122 2324 15 and 17 are all majority black vote voting age population districts district, 19, I believe, is majority might even be majority minority June.

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It's just barely about 46%, but the others that I was just, just so you can see if you want to see the black population, I'll put it here.

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For district some right 20, starting with district, 22 67%, and this is non-Hispanic black population 6756 6062

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men you got us, you know, 17 is 59% 15 is 52%.

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Um, there is one other thing in Baltimore, no matter what we do with Baltimore city itself. I would like to get some consensus on what to do with this area here in Baltimore County, because we're going to end up with leftover, No matter what, and.

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And so,

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Commissioner Clawson and Commissioner Hetherington have asked about what to do. You'll notice that Howard County in this map, they're actually 123, and a little bit of four but I've eliminated this in subsequent versions.

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So let's forget back for a second.

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That Commissioner Hetherington was saying, Well, why, why have 123 districts sharing Howard one or two and the answer is, that's fine you can do that, but there are tradeoffs so if we push this district down, then this district, then, then we have to

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find somewhere for this population to go.

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And so you're talking about, like,

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just show you I think it's something of a range of 20,000 17,000 15,000 people.

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Where do you have to find

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20 to 25,000 people from here. And that is not equal to this.

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Right, so this is about, I think.

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53,000. So, so if we rotate these districts district 28 goes up and get sort of the Buddhist area and then district.

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27 goes down and takes the average area and has Catonsville. That's one more incursion into Baltimore County, but it's one less incursion into our.

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And so that, that's also a kind of important decision to make. This is also somewhat affected by all of the districts below and how we deal with the St Mary's St Mary's shift right now; you know, it depends on also whether we split Calvert county

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so you know shift everything along in this direction.

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Because right now, if, if we, the, if we do what we said with St Mary's fix we just put St Mary's and here we push the border right here. We don't have this district going into Calvert county and then we pull down all of the Prince George's County districts

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to pick up that population that's here.

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So, so that is it is a kind of important question on whether you're going to win the you want to districts going to Baltimore County or if you just want one district going in here.

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Don't you have some other maps, you have the St Mary's fixed set of mouse, which I think people might be interested in looking at and I believe you circulated to catch a different and new amount on possible hard kind of districts that that we're headed

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I like a setting around a little bit more counterclockwise.

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I got so many of these. Here we go. So this one has the St Mary's fix but it doesn't it doesn't have the Dundalk thing that we were just dealing with.

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This is an example of a map where you go from.

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And I believe this is yeah this is a perfect populate, I mean under 2% deviation map again I would smoothies out but then district 28, this is the shared and Arundel Baltimore County District and then here's the shared.

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Howard Baltimore County District right so you add one more encouraging going in here, but you'll see you'll notice this right so the only districts that cross into Howard County or the one from Baltimore County and then one from Carol.

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Oh, so I, I do feel did like our business cases No.

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Oh, so I, I do feel did like RB this case no okay city, they could be connected go west, I don't have a problem with that. I'm just having a hard time seeing the other in this you know when this one but what it really boils down to whether you think that

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the Anne Arundel, whether you want to right now if you do this. Here the here the districts that are shared between Baltimore County and someplace else you've got district 28, you've got district 27, you've got district 16, which could have been one that's

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over here and then you've got one from Harford County, right so that's 1234.

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And so we can make it you know if you just have to decide to do tradeoffs between Howard County now.

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All of this is also implicated like I said by the St Mary's fix. So, so that if

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there is, there isn't a St Mary's fix here yet but as we push this up.

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Um, then all of this can come down and then we it could affect what happens here now. Now, right now district 30 to the shared Prince George's County and in Orlando district.

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This is a majority black district.

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At least voting age adjusted voting age population. So, you know, that could be implicated unless you wanted to do something non somewhat non compact with Fort Meade.

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So just something to think about.

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And something Dennis I spent a lot of time looking at that particular solution that you sent out under the St Mary's FX. And here are the things I really liked it I liked the fact that count we keep Calvert county whole.

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And it gets a southern and Arundel County add to it to make it a complete district so that 31 there.

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Y'all are talking about. Right.

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Actually well here right so this this one's not perfect population, probably because it deals with this but otherwise it's got the St Mary's fix in there.

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So, so just so we're clear what we're talking about

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right here. This does not split St Mary's, and this area here.

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I want to be clear about something which is that you could probably take all of Charles County and we could, we could push the Prince George's County districts down, which would then rotate everything in this direction but.

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But here, I'm sorry I interrupted you. I just wanted but I just want to make clear what the tradeoffs are once you go on, because this is what you're looking at.

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Yeah, when you when you me pushing them down, Prince George's County just takes down.

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So you see out so here's the consequence of the St Mary's fix that's the district St Mary's district that's based in St Mary's goes up to the water here right and then the, it pulls down right now.

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Previous the previous incarnation had a Prince George's County District that just ended at the border, right, we only had one on one crossing and that was between Prince George's and Anna Rondo.

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And so we can.

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So, so we could even go farther. right I mean you can push it.

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If you wanted to sort of, give population, up here, we can pull all of these districts down right pushing the St Mary's district into Calvert County, it would split Calvert County, push everything up through an Arundel to hear.

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Right.

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That would be the way to do that. And let me also be clear that if we relax the 2% population deviation that we've been talking about, I can solve almost all of these county line incursion issues.

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Professor I'd have to look at the seven and a half. Senate districts you talk about in Prince George's we were talking about, only one of them crossing.

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Maybe into Anne Arundel or maybe something in the south, but I'd have to look at it but you're talking about I'm not sure I understand when you say you push the ball down.

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so that that was just a focus your attention on one particular district it's this district here, district 32 which is majority African American which will probably unless we split buoy or do some other things in here that will probably be eliminated.

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If we do more than what I've done so far.

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But right now, I've kept it I've kept it here, so district 32 is

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51%. Black voting age population, it is 46.49 adjusted non-Hispanic black voting age population for voting rights act purposes I actually think this is the right number, the, the, the population number, not the adjusted number but it's basically

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all in the same ballpark here is that 76%.

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Nonwhite district, so 32 number 32 goals in a way. And Aaron going all the way to Fort Meade and a little bit up beyond that. Okay, I looked at that one closely and PG County is a between 79 and 80,000 people, and an Arundel County is 54,000 people.

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So even though that it looks like the area is larger and are under County, the population is more than 20,000 higher in PG County so that population wise that is a majority PG County District.

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Good. That's 32. And we're so well the other 730.

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I tried to get him right but it's harder to do it on the online version to figure out, I've got the exact same districts. Is there any, is there any other senatorial district beyond 32, that's going into another county.

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Yeah, Arundel County has actually three in this version that we saw that was sent out on the 21st and Orange County, which should have four and a half districts, based on just the numbers, has three complete districts which are inside of an Arundel County.

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Number 2529 and 30 District 28. In this version was shared with our Howard County, but now we're looking at maybe it would share with Baltimore, even so it would still be a majority and Arundel County population wise district by we just talked about,

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is with 32 and then 31 does two things, it gives Calvert County, saying, belonging to just one district so it doesn't split Calvert, and the southern and Rondo county there.

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That goes from North Beach on down to Chesapeake beach, there's an awful lot of commonality in in those communities that I've, I think would not, you know, well maybe Jay Why don't you jump in on that since that's Anna, Southern Anna Rondo.

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Yeah, no, I agree with you. In terms of the Southern run, especially the water-oriented communities are very very similar to when you get down to Calvert sharing kind of the heritage of being on the bay.

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Um, and I guess it's still.

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In that case, it's still a majority Calvert county because its Calvert County District and it's 93,000 of all of Calvert and the way the fourth me 40,000 left.

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But 39 or so other southern and Rondell even, even if it looks like, you know, a decent part of several other enrollees it's much more rural area anyway.

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So, rather than roundtables other population so I mean I'm good with the way that that 31, you know keeps Calvert intact and, you know, pulls in part of aunt or uncle, and was almost really have no other option to do anything.

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a different shorter. So, yeah.

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Can you tell me a little more Professor about Senate District 39 did you propose? Yeah, so this this is what has to happen as a result of the St Mary's fix is that you have one more shared district between Prince George's County and this time with Charles.

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And so this is an overwhelmed. this is still I'm almost all Prince George's County District it's over. What is it's well over 60% African American just to get the numbers?

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70%, non-Hispanic black, so it's actually you know there's actually some benefit to doing this for money rights perspective because it's unpacked a little bit here what happens up above.

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I was actually going to investigate the possibility that we could actually unite all of Charles County, or not united but that you didn't have to have an encouraging from St Mary's into Charles and then push this up but if you think the commissioner Clawson.

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And, I mean, we're I got the signal from them that maybe that's not a good idea because then the St Mary's district would split Calvert.

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If I could second, but I think they're right on the culture and they're right on covers a small county and avoid and splitting it is important plus I think that's why I like the one that you've got right here on the screen now.

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Okay. And so, and so this just Williams, this has two shared districts between Prince George's County in and elsewhere, there's still majority Prince George's County District, still we've got the district 30 till, which goes into Fort Meade, right from

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Northern Prince George's County and let me just make sure I am accurately representing. So that's 47% non-Hispanic black adjusted 51%.

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Black voting age population.

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And then, and then it's got this, this area. The this district here, which goes into northern Charles county.

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I by the way I did in order to deal with the St Mary's fix I ended up splitting some precincts, but in here because the precincts are really strangely shaped, and I think I even split some precincts up here.

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To make it more compact.

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I tried to follow, and we'll try to follow some better lines.

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You know like roads and stuff, but the precinct sometimes get really strange is particularly when you deal with the water areas here.

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This, this version by the way as we start thinking about how to deal with the northern Anna Rundle area. This version splits Glen Burnie, but I don't know whether I don't know how to think about the split of Glen Burnie, I mean it's not a city.

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It's not a municipality, but,

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you know, it is an issue.

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And I was trying to keep Glen Burnie Hall and I will try to figure something out. But right now I mean, for example, if we go into our beauteous, I might be able to restore that right if you, if I think I'm hearing from the commission that you

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want me to split Baltimore County twice down here with one district being shared by Anne Arundel in one district being shared by Howard.

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I'm fine with that. Okay.

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Again, God, you know, I like that too. Yeah. Okay, that's, that's easy to do that solves some other problems. And then this is the northern encouraging, I will switch all of this around so that the, we do the Dundalk encouragement.

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I want to just, especially judge worms as we think about Prince George's County. This version also tries to create tries to honor what we heard yesterday about the Latino populations in this area, it is very very hard to do this while respecting the municipality

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lines, could you see these orange Just a sec these green municipal lines, it's basically like spaghetti on a page right. So these are these are very difficult to honor, but I tried to do that.

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And, and as a result, So district 33 is

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is 40% so and I think Laura is even on the line right now. You'll notice that to discuss this pushes district 33 to being roughly 40% Hispanic voting age population and district 4034 is roughly 30% and tries to get all of these areas in District 34

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is, you know, I had to split some precincts down here, but I did so in a way that I think really is a nice kind of line and frankly the election administrators my thank me for it.

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we'll actually live on just show you the Latino population in these areas so that you can see the challenges involved.

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So you see the way since. Part of the problem and trying to create a like a district in Prince George's that unites all of the Latino areas is College Park, which sits right between them.

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it is a huge population center right and so this district gets the sort of Hyattsville and West Latino population going up.

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Right. And then this district 34 gets most of the heavy Latino areas in, and in these areas. Let me just call up the.

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Whoops. Just wanted to get the names of the municipalities up there so you could see them

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right so Riverdale Park area is wholly contained here.

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I say holy contain except that it's got these little appendages right Landover hills, all, all contained in here. New Carrollton however is outside that has a knot in substantial Latino community but it's not at all as large as, as this area right so

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it says areas but these are Latino districts native so I could jump in.

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Would it be fair to say that even though this districts do not put the Latino community in Prince George's within Sam Senate District, that when it comes to dividing them into delegate districts are there are going to be opportunities for very strong

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Latino delegate districts at several times later. And that's part of the idea here is that, you know, because there are some tradeoffs and let me just show you what like a delegate district might look like.

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So this is basically what would be a full delegate district, right down here, this would be 52% Latino voting age population.

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Right, just this this corner here. Now, in terms of the citizen voting age population, it's going to be much less just so people are prepared and, and, you know, this would be almost an equal Latino and black since the voting age population is my guess.

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But that's one example, another is right here.

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So that's basically a delegate it's just so people understand what I'm doing right I'm creating what is essentially a third of a district, a third of a senate district, and this would be 51% Latino awesome.

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again Latino voting age population,

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but even leaving aside that kind of the political power question right it does. Try to respect the boundaries of the communities themselves in here.

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I, and just to emphasize what I think we've said already, is that there's right we still have this district of Montgomery county which is 40%, Latino, and probably you know you could create at least one majority Hispanic voting age population district

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in there. I got an email from, from Gloria, about the, how to think about the Senate District, she said, I think like this, but was arguing to keep Rockville Gaithersburg together and if she's still on the line.

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That's going to be very hard without splitting these right now you've got a Gaithersburg district here and then a Rockville district that is separate and orient itself, but the sort of Latino community the Rockville suburbs is joined all the way to the,

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going to the Prince George's County border I think that that then you can see there's a not insignificant Latino population in Gaithersburg but that's basically captured all in this district it's not going to have, you know, electrical, you know it's

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You know it's not like a majority Latino assembly district or anything. But, but just, just to give you a sense of how this was done and there are some split precincts that I did in here, mainly to try to navigate the issues of the crazy unicycle boundaries.

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We can try to find those think that there's gotta be some trade off, so I'm inclined to fix up St Mary's County, also on the cloud, but that simply means is going to be some tradeoffs.

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Back in Prince George's County and there's been a lot of criticism of last redistricting that took place in 2011 reveal former president senate moved to his district into Calvert County, and people criticize and what I'm hearing from the community is

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that they want that district brought back into the county. But the problem with that is 39. The problem with that is that you're trying to fix St Mary's County.

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And if you move up all the way up to 32 when that goes out of the county, then what do you do with 39 so I put it together, trying to look at it and see if we can trade off and so forth but I can just tell you now, professor there was just a lot of criticism

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of that 39 district, moving out of the county. And yeah, someone says wanted back into account. And I don't know what you do. I have no it is it is in the count.

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I mean, this is basically a Prince George's County District with just. Yes, a little bit more population from Calvert. I'm not counter from Charles. That's basically what it is.

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not explore the possibility of splitting Calvert and joining with St Mary's and trying to limit the number of districts and Charles to, which is something that I was considering doing, you'll notice, look at the population deviation.

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So this is bear. Now the St Mary's district is, you know, just barely compliant.

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The Charles County District, which is a borderline majority black district is a negative 1.23, and then all of the districts inside Prince George's County, are you know under-populated.

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Right. With the exception of this one right here and then the one at the border.

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Again, these are very tight, so it's not like I don't want to say that there's something like harm as a result but just as you see what the St Mary's fit does right because if assuming we honor this boundary it puts it puts a floor roof on everything

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that can happen, above, as we understood. Yeah.

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I mean we don't because I'm sorry you could have this you know the St Mary's district go more in here.

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But there I think some advantages to doing it this way.

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Because otherwise, otherwise you're going to end up pushing.

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I mean I could see I could see whether you could keep this all inside. I believe that will lead to the, the loss of one majority black district if you did that way.

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We need to have in discussion.

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Well I think I've got my marching orders for the Senate map now, which is that we're going in from Dundalk into a

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into Baltimore City.

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Um, one thing I'll try to do is in the, I mean if there is a little bit of a challenge here. Now you can see with the Latino community as I want to make sure that that it doesn't split that unnecessarily it's gonna be hard, actually, but we'll try to

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do it, I'll go in here, I hear from you that I'm going to, I'm going to split Baltimore County twice one with a Howard encouraging one with the inner Rundle.

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I think I have a blessing on these districts from you about the Latino districts, we solve that one issue that you wanted with Montgomery county. And so I think we're, we're I mean I would like maybe some more advice about Baltimore county

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and how to draw these districts but let me try to solve these problems that we're discussing and get you a draft map, and then we can go from there.

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Alright and then Cheryl you no way I'm going to think more about the congressional map the split of Baltimore City east and west and what you think should be best done for Baltimore County, you know, think about that.

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Okay. All right, we'll do the same.

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What other areas that we need to discuss our time, got about another 20 minutes if any other areas we need to discuss.

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I mean it just; I do think I'm a well what as you think about the congressional map. If there are specific ways you want me to do those splits that would be useful, but I will.

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I'll develop a senate map tonight and tomorrow, that reflects all those concerns that you that were just expressed, and then I will

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then we can start on the delegate maps, we can start looking at, at different ways to split up these senate districts or if you want to have some multi member districts to talk about how best to do that.

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I do have a question.

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Are we pretty much taking off the congressional map that cross the bay into the, into Southern Maryland?

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Are we just, is that one pretty much,

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that would be useful to know what the where the commission is on that Chesapeake question, because that's even bigger than the Baltimore one. Yeah, that's a huge issue.

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Well let's hear any comments on that.

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Thanks for raising that question, Mary, I think.

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I think we should try to decide that maybe even tonight, it's quite possible.

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I think my feeling is that, you know, despite hearing some testimony that, that there's some commonalities east to west between Southern Maryland and ensure there's also the logic of maintaining the natural boundary and the eastern shore naturally you're

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going up north towards diesel.

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up north towards diesel. Despite being a pretty broad stretch. Geographically, that I think that's my mind I'm just leaning towards keeping it the way the base members and not crossing the bay, kind of lean in that direction at this point.

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Again, so natural boundaries would suggest we not cross it and.

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And of course if we decide, otherwise it's going to throw off a lot of decisions already made before.

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So I like Jay said I think mostly keep it up to where it is.

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I agree with Jay and Alex as you may remember I was one of the people more sympathetic to the idea of crossing the bay I thought there was, there were good arguments for it, but we need to meet a deadline and produce a product is believed that the consensus

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is for not crossing the bed. I think we should put the issue behind us. It's already been talked about a lot.

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We, the best map in just to confess my instance I haven't seen anything yet. That I think is better than the best map with a few little tweaks I think it was inspired the process that led us to make those particular tradeoffs and.

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And one of the first ones was making that decision on the bed.

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I would say, nothing is noticeably bigger than Baltimore City blesses me and my bias. I'm kind of, even though I believe correctly the method crossed, but they gave Baltimore City more flexibility and what it could look like.

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They gave Baltimore City more flexibility and what it could look like. But I think I'm leaning more towards not crossing the day.

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Now I have to look at the map that was drawn from Baltimore City out a little bit more sense to really, you know, have a firm stance, but in this very moment I'm leaning towards not cross the bay and respect in the natural down.

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Who else has had a chance to speak?

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Now I think I brought it up is something we need to fixed text or make a decision on because it would really make huge changes to, to the Southern Maryland area and even what we do is PG County in the other so I think we should decide.

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I'm in favor of keeping the Bay is a natural boundary.

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Call me Peter, Kim.

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And we need to hear from.

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What about Kim, you know online.

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Okay, is Kim with us.

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Okay, what about Cheryl.

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Well, in terms of the benefits to Baltimore town. I felt like we had four options when it did cross the bay, but in terms of keeping it clean and can take us and things of that nature.

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respects in the natural boundaries, I can go with, because we've been able to look at the numbers and see what it would look like for Baltimore County, and different with different configurations, and I do appreciate.

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Anyone else not had a chance to speak on this issue.

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So I was probably one of the biggest ones just to take a look at crossing the bay.

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And I appreciate that we have.

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I mean, I think everybody else has said after seeing examples, and also just seeing how the district's worked out, it probably makes sense to not cross the bay and respect that boundary.

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So, but I appreciate taking the time to see what would happen.

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Okay, great. And, uh, Walter. Do you recall what Dr Heather, has a view on this was from what I can recall I think it was mostly in line with what we've heard from the other commissioners.

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Okay, All right, anyone else that we hear from Kim.

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Maybe she's not here.

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Okay. All right. Well, I think you have the pretty good consensus of Professor, that want to maintain the national boundaries and move forward.

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Okay. And that's what I will do, and I'll, but I'll work on the senate map because once we've done that.

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I think you all are still thinking through how to do that, how to deal with Baltimore with the congressional map, I will even the ones that that don't split Baltimore City, but going to enter Rondo I will actually work a little bit on that, that boundary

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But, but, but for now I'm going to spend the next I do we have another meeting tomorrow or we do Don't wait.

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Oh, what does a Christian, what is our schedule for the next upcoming meetings

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tomorrow lunch. No.

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Yeah. Alright, so I'll work tonight I'm getting this to you so that you have a senate map that feels does not have to St Mary's split goes up in and tries to continue to do respect to the Latino community in Prince George's County, and has the Dundalk

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And I'll work on getting that done.

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Okay, what is our next meeting, Walter.

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Like no tomorrow at noon okay don't think you'll be sharing that.

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Yeah, I got.

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All right, any other issues for this evening covered a lot, everyone had their say. And again, I appreciate all the comments so we're respecting each other, which is great.

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You know, it just is such a difficult process because the lines were so good job man at the so bad, and just trying to fix it right now is tough.

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But anyway, we'll get through it will keep talking.

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And I think that's pretty much it for the night is tomorrow the last meeting this week this week.

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We have one tomorrow at noon and then we have one next Wednesday at six, and next Thursday at six Friday is currently the date, the final date for maps to be submitted.

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And so once we have all of those in, I'll make sure that we get you any remaining maps that we have, I think, as of last time I checked, we had 5050 citizen map submissions.

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They're all to the website.

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All right, so we have three board meetings just month.

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And yes, we currently have 49 maps. Okay, point on maps. Everyone get a chance to look at them, that'd be helpful.

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What is our deadline in terms of I forget that that date that we have that has two apps set that public maps submission rate? Somebody needs to mute, right here, somebody else's conversation.

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Um, the, the deadline for public map submissions is Friday.

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This Friday the 24th, and the deadline for our work again is when, when do we have to have our map submitted to the legislature.

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We don't have to have them submitted to the governor until the beginning of session, there is a special session that I believe is scheduled for some time in December, but the goal is to have the Commission's maps, complete by October six so that we have

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them complete by the beginning of round three which is the next round of public meetings at which, during which we're supposed to produce our maps to the public and discuss them with the public so that they can give feedback, those meetings occur

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every night during the month of October every Wednesday night at 6pm. And then that leaves some time for adjustments to those maps.

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At the end of those meetings to determine if you know if there's any public feedback, indicating that they'd like to change some things.

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Yeah, we've got a lot of work to do next week on the delegate map is a whole other level of complexity and the Vra issues there are really hard.

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And so, I just want to prepare people mentally for that.

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Just because once you once you have the senate districts that I've been trying to think as we do the senate districts to think about what the implications are, but we, you know, we may learn things as we're doing the delegate districts which causes us

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to change the senate map a little bit but I will, in that iteration and I'm going to try to do tonight. I will try to pay attention to that but part of this is the decision about if you're going to go with any multi member districts have

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member districts, but even, regardless of that there's a lot of inherent challenges in navigating nested districts inside of the senate districts, one on request. As soon as the senate districts are relatively stable, and we think we're good.

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If those could be posted to the secure state. One that our computers are hooked up to that would be useful, so that we could start looking at the implications of single or multi member districts in different parts of the state.

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Yeah, I mean I'll said tonight and actually tomorrow morning as I will send the block equivalency files the JSON files that you can put up on the map attitude, you know, Thank you, people can play with it themselves.

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Whatever you want to do and be terrific. Thank you.

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I mean, I will, I won't be able to post them, but I'll send them to Kristen who I think I can, we can get you can post them up. So, second So Kim. Kim Are you with us down.

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Maybe not okay for so Kim's thing now maybe it will start name is her name is there, but I think she's off. Okay, great. Alright so the way I have it, Christian we have three additional meetings we have one tomorrow, and back.

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No one again. Next Wednesday and Thursday.

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Yes, yes sir and that that is not of course prevent anyone from getting together if you wanted to have additional meetings if anyone wanted to meet a small groups I, we can certainly facilitate adding additional meetings on that's not a problem at all.

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We'll look at it.

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Okay. Anything further.

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Oh, all right we'll see everyone at noon tomorrow, which is another work session.

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All right. Thank you.

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Good night. Thank you.