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also affected. Three delegate districts and Howard County, but small changes that I'll, I'll show you this.

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In addition to dealing with the, the southeastern Baltimore County issue, there was interest yesterday to deal with the split of the Jewish community and Northwestern Baltimore County and so to kind of kill two birds with one stone.

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We decided the commission decided yesterday to have the intrusion in Baltimore, from Baltimore City the Baltimore County happened in the northwest in Pikeville on that proved extremely challenging, but I was able to do it and I'll show you how

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In addition to those changes. And with the associated ripple effects.

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I made my a very minor change in, in, in Prince George's County a dimension to land over hills to make sure that

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the municipality was kept hold that that really had no effect I just wanted to make sure in the spirit of full disclosure there by new that I'm doing that so we could remove one more miserable split.

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And then there was a mocha Murray county change that was urged, which had to move some of the boundaries and southern London Montgomery County toward.

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Basically, east, a bit and so there are three districts that ended up being rotated which I'll show you.

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I mean, what I may want to do first let me just show you those easy ones. And then I'll jump into Baltimore County, so that people can see what we did there.

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Can you see my professor, when yes, when you're going through would you just find mentioning, which district you're looking at I have the maps he sent printed out in front of me but not, I don't have a screen video obviously so Yeah, no problem?

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Can you see my screen? Okay. Yes. Alright, so let me just show you a summary county and.

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I might need to plug this in, because it's taking a while but, um, so, so the change that was made in, in Bethesda, or actually in in southwestern when Camry County, as we're doing this, I'm gonna, I'm gonna get my client, because.

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I'll put up the districts

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that previously existed. And right now, magnitude is not being my friend.

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Well, that basically what happened was, move the district line, further over here.

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I believe that's, that was river, river road right and so district 10 moves east toward friendship heights district 12 moves up a little bit, in this direction, and then district 11 moves down to the north Bethesda border, at least for what that says

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its designated places right there. Okay.

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Okay, I'm gonna actually go I'm going to leave the zoom and I'm going to come back I apologize for this, but I think this is just a technical challenge here.

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Okay I'm back.

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Let's see if the computer God's will be kinder to us this time.

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Alright. So, then moving to just Prince George's County.

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The area of changes here and land over hills, not a big change, but just to move down and get the necessary population.

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Just united advantage over here just over, just united land over here. Okay. All right.

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All right, let me, let me just go through Howard County a little bit so you can see, and I'll move this window out of the way.

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We really careful to make sure we don't lose anything in the process here. The red areas were just so you can see the changes of the red areas are what was where the districts.

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And every time that I made changes the small changes, it's usually in the direction of uniting, a community so that actually helped a little bit. So, because of the changes in Baltimore County in western Baltimore County.

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There was certain sort of excess population that needed to be dealt with. And so, you'll see district 27 moves up a little bit here district 27 be 27 see he goes up, 27 he goes a little bit West, and then 27 he goes more substantially into Catonsville

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which I think is actually a kind of good thing because it was sort of strange barrier that we have before. Again, not something that if I showed you notice but I wanted to highlight that.

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All right, now let's, let's talk about. So let's let me, let me talk about.

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You can see there's such, there's so many differences now between the red boundaries in the black boundaries and I'm going to take that I'm going to take them off but let me before I do that, let me just show you the differences in Harford that happened

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as a result of this summit some of these changes look more dramatic than they are so this is basically no people live here. But, but I, in order to deal with some of the changes in the associated district here.

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I brought this district down district 44 be to take in the Aberdeen Proving Ground and join it with Aberdeen which seemed like a logical thing to do anyway and so this is previous read barrier now goes down to here.

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That's 44 be Jonathan Just so you know, we're talking about the most Eastern most district in, in, in Harford. And then, thank you.

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and then this the district next week now goes more into and 43 a joint basically keeps most of Edgewood together there for population reasons and I think also there's some good boundaries that I could draw here.

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See there was the read this or I'll just flip through them on and off. This recording to be which is around Bel Air had a kind of very strange shape to it which is now I think a little bit better.

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So that's what the district looks like here with the clear line and barrier between 44 and 42 be in 42, a, um, and so now there's, there's a somewhat smaller intrusion though that here in Java town, which is 43 C, which is the, the crossover district

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between Harford, and welcome Eastern Baltimore County, and you'll see it follows the highways here.

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I think pretty nicely.

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Alright, so that was nice. That's easy thing to describing no that was sort of done because of the changes, I'm going to describe now. So, basically everything is redrawn in Baltimore County in Baltimore City because the shift from going to a clan that

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had one delegate district inside the center of Baltimore City and one that crossed over a, and then to essentially pull those out, has huge ripple effects from the entire.

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Um, and so let me describe those and what the implications are.

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Um, so as you can see, generally speaking, right it's following some of the minds to previously in Baltimore City with the, with that drag senate lock that we looked at several weeks ago.

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hey, these are.

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There's a lot of fancy footwork going on in the center of Baltimore City to make this possible while complying with the Voting Rights Act. And so these are all it is still the case that 2122 23 and 24 are all over 50% African American districts.

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And interestingly enough, this district 16 B is also right around 50% actually telling you exactly what it is

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right around 50% so as a single member delegate district, instead of before where we had, you know, basically that was not the case.

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Now it is the case that there's another single member district, that is majority African American and it's right around 50%.

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Make sure I can get the data up there.

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As you can see the complexity of the plan so it's a 49.7% non-Hispanic black adjusted population but it's 51.5%, any part black it's only 35%, non-Hispanic white voting age population.

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All right, so, so, so let's let me talk about this going counterclockwise.

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And what the challenges are with each of these districts and also what the remaining concerns are that I just didn't think I could solve. So one of the problems as you as you draw these districts in Dundalk and edge is where the water is because you've

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And, you know, I had drawn one version of this where this district 28 A went all the way up, and basically here and then district 20 be look like, and backwards.

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I did that is because you can see that the water makes it quite challenging here to have continuity.

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But I feel comfortable with this 2828. I mean, look, this is what the community wanted, is to make sure that these, these areas of Dundalk engineering Essex were all together and so this will be one giant Senate District here.

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And you can see this is a job and we're talking about 2820 be in 2016, and the, you know, this is connected by bridge here.

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Even if there's some, some challenges over there.

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And I tried to follow the to the main arteries, as best as I could. I'm district 20 be that is northern Dundalk, and this little part of Essex here. I was contemplating again doing a much sort of more sort of L shaped one, but I think that this probably

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gets added because it allows for 20 CB a pretty compact district right here on this area. So that's that satisfies the southeastern Baltimore concerns.

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I remember there were some issues about splitting Rosedale, but the split of Rosedale is, I mean, depending on how you define the boundaries of Rosedale.

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Right, it goes, it does go right in the to the highway, right here and that seems to be inevitable. If you're going to preserve these, you're trying to create a district and se, it's going to have the effect of going, you know, through the middle

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of road Li, this area proved to be quite challenging. The White Marsh area and middle River. Um, but, but these are all everything I'm showing you is within you know 2% deviation as we have set forth.

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And so, unlike the previous plan now what's going to happen is that the Senate District right for was originally going almost up to the Baltimore line is now going from Southern 43 A, B and C right is going from Southern Harford County, into Southeastern

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Baltimore County and getting all of these communities. We heard last time that there was at least someone who wanted to make sure that Kingsville is kept whole it is capital in this in this map.

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There are some people who wanted to join with pleasant health but that would require us to change the where the intrusion happens, which is something we could do if we wanted it essentially to move 43 A going upwards or but this.

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This keeps. I think early on in the process we decided that that Harford to Baltimore County transfer, it would happen at this at this juncture right there.

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so district 19 is a large multi member district overly Rossville carry Park belt part of thousand.

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That, that district does a lot of work in the map.

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The community of Perry Hall is split as White Marsh and Rossville right these are not municipality, but just so we're clear about what what's happening.

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I'm, um, I believe it's a roughly 50% minority district but it's an aggregated minority district that's not you know not required under the Voting Rights Act and attempt to be as compact as possible.

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You'll remember that we heard testimony about the potential split of the top Coulson has to be split, because it's so large, it has one giant delegate district right in the middle of it.

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Um, but then there are other parts like got your colleges is moved above. And

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you can see that where the borders go here, it turns out that Coulson is a very hard, you given the population and, and where the downtown is located it's actually quite difficult to both preserve these areas in the southeast and

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Ainslie Idlewild and lock Hill we heard testimony from lock hill that boundary is kept intact. But in order to shed population. The area in the Northeast is split off and joined with 19

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and then 16 see as I said, is a toxin district.

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let me just talk about the Jewish area here. So one of the things we heard testimony about and got a submission on was the area of the.

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That is the boundary of where Orthodox Jews.

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So to designate an area where they can, they're allowed to carry things on the Sabbath.

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And so it turned out I was trying to see what you could draw a delegate district that was just the a room and turns out that that's about 1.2 districts.

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And so you're not going to be able to do that. Instead, I tried to get about as much of what seemed to be the core of the Jewish population in the Baltimore City area, Baltimore, going into Baltimore County in the northwest if you want to see I can even

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like pull up the synagogue's on here to see where what we're talking about. I'll just zoom in just so you can see how I'm doing it.

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You can see on Google Maps, like, years at a good with Israel is here here's another one congregation show Moran Luna.

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Here's Olo Holly Jaco congregation right. All of these areas. The SIM gods in the light.

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There are certainly other areas that are a little bit outside, and there was like the area goes down to this area where the hospitals are. But for population reasons, right, had high, you know, you can't put the entire thing in, and tried to have more

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It does split the African American community here and that is, you know, that is the tradeoff but as I mentioned, we're actually able to do something couldn't do in the previous plan which is that you do have a majority African American district.

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Here in northwestern Baltimore.

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Um, the, the, so this district, you know just absolutely gave me fits just trying to do it correctly and make it, so it seems kind of compact which is I think really is, um, and it goes up to the, to the Salt Lake here in the pikes Pikeville is of course

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split and patch was too big for a district.

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But we'll try to get there is sort of the area of goes a little bit West here as well.

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But that again also implicates the voting rights issues here in the in the adjoining district, 15.

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Let me talk let me talk about the rest of Baltimore City and then talk about the western Baltimore County and how that plays out. So, um, you can see that 16 be is a pretty compact district in in northwestern Baltimore following the main arteries here.

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It's pretty racially diverse, as I said in roughly 50% African American.

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Everyone, the districts.

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We talked yesterday about how challenging it is to draw a district in western Baltimore County that avoids packing. This one does. But you'll see how it how it does that, which is that district 21 basically goes from west to east and then down right almost

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to the harbor, right, all the way down. Um, you know, I think there are some things as I look at it that I might have changed for example, I might swap out.

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Make the park, the border.

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Instead of was that route 40.

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Um, yeah. Um, but this this is very.

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It's a challenge for what the right perspective that the districts in the, in the southern remember what we did with, with the previous districts where you could draw a circle around here and they had another one is going out over into the board with

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I'm sorry that's just a printer in here. And then,

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2424 and 23 are narrowly African majority African American probably, you know, 51%, non-Hispanic African American running a population adjusted but probably close to Port 53.

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I can tell you exactly and I had it in, when I circulated to you. But, um, but district 24, just so you can see, it's not crashing

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is, again, about 52% non-Hispanic black, it is 53.7% so for voting rights perspective I'm feel very comfortable with this.

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And same with district 23 which is pretty comparable. I'm district 23 also unites the Latino population in eastern Baltimore City.

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So West books more understand everything your justification value driven. Yeah, it may just have to be what it is but just jumping across 49 dad does.

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So we're kind of split that same town hall and park area. Yeah, but if that's the only like common, common down 40.

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But that's the only real way you can think you still got caught up in the common area.

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Well, so here's something that we could experiment with.

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I'll sit like I said this is this is cut real fine given, given the voting rights issues right we can go up and France and 24 to go up here and this is that the African American area to right and we could try to push this down a little bit, it's not going

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Um, but I, you know, but I think that is something worth considering we could even do it on the fly here.

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If you want just to see how the numbers work.

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I mean, we can look at it but if there's no splitting hairs, then I don't want to.

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Because I think, I think what you have is nice, I would just, ya know I that's something I'm also just looking at the shape of 21 which has the bow tie character growth right here and if we could figure that out.

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I think it wouldn't be good. I'm part of it is, I'm really concerned about cutting 24 a little too thin.

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Because it's you know it's taking in a lot of population down here, but I think that that's the kind of thing that would be that, like for instance if we move this this boundary down to Lafayette Avenue.

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Maybe that maybe that would be enough to compensate you know for this area here.

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Um, and that, you know, I think that's worth considering.

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The one thing we can't do is change this boundary here.

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As this I worked on for a very long time.

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And that has to do with, with the different, the composition of these districts.

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And so I can talk about that but yeah, so you can see this is, you know, 24, you it is contiguous but pretty narrow right internet going over in the harbor here, and also because of the population that takes here that is what keeps 23 majority

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African American as well.

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Now I understood that there was an email traffic about. I couldn't quite figure out what the, and commissioners Thomas and Olson could weigh in.

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I'm not sure what the concern was, or which area of Baltimore was it around here that you all were emailing about a little a little further down

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right here in that area right there. So, yeah.

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dollar Edison is slightly southwest of where you were here were 40, or 40 minutes, fellow road but I think that Williams concerns are kind of more important to resolve because if resolving his concerns much incidental resolve the one, I raised about

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totally, totally separate issues to remain separate. Okay, because that'll be a swap between those two districts on the west. Here, I mean, unless yeah, I don't know No no no, but what, what, as I understand it, we have has some concerns about 22 and 23,

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and addressing those concerns might resolve the biller Edison issue by one of the concerns about what, what are your concerns about 2223.

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Well, it's a suggestion about using.

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Well, potentially disruptive disrupting, you know that command because I know the public side to Northern part way to earn the avenue that sort of kind of do that as, you know, a coalition, and I didn't want to disrupt that.

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So there was a way that we keep that intact, while trying to

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make an edit to Walter's suggestion, then that's what I will look to

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get to discuss the fix that I suggested because it's a pretty small one, and back between heroin Park and Clifton Park golf course where the CVS is the testimony that we've had backed up by just looking up where the boundaries are of the members suggests

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that the way to unify \$1 Edison, would be to take the area northwest of the current one. If you see Chesterfield Avenue on the north and Berkman Avenue on the south, and then going out to crosswind alpha which is apparently.

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So that rectangle, crosslend, two and Chesterfield and Bei Air Road and Erdman would be swapped into 23 in order to united with the area across Bel Air Road, which is the other half of filler Edison universe pillar Edison school right there and then look

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to make up that population. I spent quite a bit of time this morning, but it was actually easier than I go up to the northeastern and we've already got by the county boundary of segment.

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You simply push that boundary south. A few blocks to around, you see Hamilton Avenue.

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You don't have to push it all the way down there but if you take both, most of the territory down to Hamilton Avenue, you actually united set much better.

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But, and, and it is exactly the same 2400 people I thought 2200 but both changes are 2400, so far as I can tell, they are both overwhelmingly African American in both of those parcels and so it doesn't change the implications for either district

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as far as we are. Well I wasn't worried about vre because you know I know you weren't but as far as the others might worry sense, are a couple of the districts are close to the founder and man just one.

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Should we do it should I should I just Should I do it right now as we're talking on your, I know.

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Very good. we'll just talk about it just urban.

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Understand, wanting to keep Bella Edison.

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Oh, but I do know that areas, you know, very close knit with, you know, the lake Montebello the Morgan State area as well. So, I don't, I don't know how much it will really change.

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By now you know versus cool.

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I mean you can see why I did what I did, which is that this is, you know, a really good artery, to divide

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Eastern Baltimore, um, you know, from an election administration perspective as well as just like giving people a sign as to where they

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you know where their districts are. But these Community Ventures concerns are, you know, totally legitimate. I mean, I could easily put this. I mean, look, you could do it either way, although it's actually better to put it in with 23 from running

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right perspective, because if this were to go off it would actually be a little bit challenging now, it would then you know this this line is going to look a little weird, But I could work on that.

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You want to think about it now after I'm done. And then, after I'm done, explaining the other districts when come back to it. Yeah, that's right.

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All right, so, um,

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so you can see the rest of Northern Baltimore here.

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And, again, GG choosing the main arteries 22 punches around 60% African American, I think.

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So it's bad yeah 62% adjusted non-Hispanic black which is going to be about 64 65%. And so, as I was saying, you can see that you can see all the racial percentages here at 21.

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And this is the adjusted data and it's non-Hispanic black so add, add. See, I've got the, the non-Spanish, or just the black numbers over there add another three points or so, but here you can see, 21 64% 22 61%, or 60, to 6562 51 and a half 51 and

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a half or 23 and 24. Again, but really when it comes to black voting age populations probably closer to 5354.

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And this by the way, I think I've mentioned this before, but this is a result of the way that that they when they did the prisoner allocation, they use different racial categories in the way that census does.

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And if there's anyone from Maryland, you know, who's in charge of that listening, do not do that 10 years from now, makes things very complicated.

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Alright, so.

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So let's talk about the rest of Baltimore County, and I'll talk about the one areas, as it concerns but one of the things that I couldn't solve but you can see what the implications are.

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So, if you may remember this district. 15 went all the way to the county line. Instead of doing that now, now that we have this new district in here, district 15 which is just over 50% African American, again a multi member district, but keeps

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Owings Mills together, these other communities are also together and gets the rest of Pikeville, that is not in District 16 a um it curves around and goes in this direction.

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As a result, we gotta find, you know, gotta find a room somewhere so district 17 goes all the way up, Western Baltimore. Right. And that, that just seems, you could do something where you swap this population for that population.

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In which case, district 15 will be much farther under 50% African American, as it is now it's, you know, it's pretty.

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You know, as these things go pretty compact respecting different community lines. So, and I'll tell you the exact percentage. Right, so it's 51.43 non-Hispanic black adjusted so we're at about 54%.

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African American district 17 now is, is you know 58% or so.

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Alright, so district, 18, A, B and C. I think that will bring us to the end here. Are you know I changed, Northern Baltimore County, quite a bit? I'm here because of all the changes that are going on in this in Southeast and over here so 18, if you remember,

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we just put up with it with the 18 day and be looked like before.

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Right, we had basically a northern Baltimore County District.

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got all of that area.

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And so, had to make a decision about whether this district, because of the shifts. Did you just keep basically, I could keep a northern Baltimore district, but then this didn't go all the way from Harford County, all the way almost to the Pikeville going

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east west, instead of doing that. I thought it made sense to put Hopkinsville is united, I don't yeah, it's united in 18 big, and then the 18 a district that goes from the northern Baltimore County, all the way down into here on this this was a real challenge.

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I know it sounds crazy, but the shape of this district is facilitated actually by the changes that are good in Howard County. That's the only way, otherwise this district 18 would end up going all the way down the pike smell which I thought was

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would have been a problem.

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But so, so this is so the district 18 be quite compact, and I think, you know, when you think of the senate district you always have to think about the senate districts here at a DNC forum, a you know a good northern Baltimore County.

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Senate district.

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And I think that pretty much that pretty much covers in it. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have about the lines, and what the implications might be.

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I will say this that it is an extremely I've said this before, that's even more true now because of all the considerations that this is an extremely tight map.

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And by tight I net that the potential for ripple effects has been magnified by each one of these decisions.

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And so, like, you know, the compact these districts I think are quite compact and certainly we suggest that under the under the standard measures, but they wouldn't be if we start moving things around.

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I took a lot of work to try to make them as compact as this. But you know, in the end, we've got a map here that I'm respects the area of Southeast and Baltimore County, that was a subject didn't hearing yesterday, creates a, a Jewish community interest

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district in 16 a while keeping all the districts within Baltimore City majority African Americans, including this new delegate district 16 being the keeps the Latino population in District 23, a whole it you know continues to respect the areas and Poulsen

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that we've heard a lot about it tries as best we can to respect the communities in eastern and northern Baltimore County, to the extent that population will allow it.

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It cleans up a little bit of some of the community boundaries in Harford County.

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actually reignite some communities that we're in, in Howard County a little bit split there, they're no more cohesive and together. It puts more than Bethesda in.

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In, basically one district with some different suddenly losing a little bit but it's with rock belt here, and respects the changes that were suggested in southern Montgomery County nights land over hills, and it does all that by keeping all the each

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Senate District under 2% plus or minus 2% in the deviations while keeping the assembly district a delegate districts under 3% so that, and complies with the Voting Rights Act and there's no change if anything it probably increases the number

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of majority African American districts, as compared to the previous plan. So, so that it does all those things at once so you can get a sense of all the considerations as, as we go through them and I let me, let me ask the first question and ask permission

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to think about it you back to this new revised mouth. But in terms of the changes to heart, county, are those that, I guess, offer in a potential opportunities for a minority district.

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So, um, let's just look at the percentages 4343 A and B, they're, they're basically the.

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You'll see 43 A is majority aggregate majority minority. So you can see the non-Hispanic white population is 48% basically at 43 be is more, you know it's more close to 60% white.

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So, but it but it does with 43 A, which is this area here, it tries to unite the minority populations and let me, I'll just show you a little bit, this is, this is the African American population, but it is more diverse than that.

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So you can see right the attempted to keep all of these minority populations together.

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This right here is not a, you know, significant.

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I don't think it will signify

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But you can see that that's also on the kind of community mortar right there. And so that 43 A does. And all this is water here so the shape thing you know sort of almost ignore everything that's happening south, the district is basically this, this area,

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and it is, it tries to get the minority populations west of Aberdeen in with all of these other minority populations over here. And so I think it, you know, I think it is an opportunity district I think it's not going to be like, like, look at that, African

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American population that's 37%.

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Non-Hispanic black which volumes closer to 40%.

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So, you know, a significant influence that's perfectly okay.

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All right.

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Who else has any questions or observations, you want to make about the revised now?

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I do judge, Professor Priscilla you had mentioned, every now and then we're talking about you didn't want to finalize the senate maps until we were confident about where you are with the delegate maps, and you said they may require some refinements.

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Is that still the case because tonight I'm hearing it sounds like you're, where you need to be with the senate maps, is that correct.

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Well right I mean I basically I if you were, if you're going to make even one small change to this map.

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I don't want to go through the process of creating a senate map, and so I want to make sure we've got the delegate districts done so yes, this plan as is can be made into a constitutional legal, and good senate map.

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But I don't want to. I didn't want to do that last night.

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I wouldn't be have been done by it by now, but also, I think, I think I've learned a lesson in this process with Maryland is that you've got to get the delegate districts done first before you even contemplate the senate district so, so,

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so yeah, that it's not I mean, when I go through.

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And I want you whatever resolution we end up with tonight I want to at least have a flex, if I discover a problem just in terms of the population variances.

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If for some reason I do the wrong count calculation and it shouldn't be because I was these delegate district tracks even tighter than the ones that preceded them.

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tell me, tell me what should I take closer to 2% instead of, so, so, so that

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some of the delegate districts right can be closer to 3%. If a delegate district that will be in the same senate district is farther under right so the men, all three average together would be under 2%.

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I'm. These because I was worried about that I tried to keep these close to 2% there's still some and I think 18 abs and C. like, just to give you an illustration.

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So, like, here's an example at MV is 2.4 318 A is 1.95 but a teensy is point five nine
So, so that means together, they're going to end up being under 2%, right, that
that's the senate district will because the average of these three numbers is under

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2%. Okay, um, and, and then the question is well hey why not just equalize them
out and the answer is because there are tradeoffs right so then if you look at for
example, like a teensy is, is this very circular district which is drawn according like

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copies know like where would you do it.

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And so I didn't want to mess with that. But a lot of the other ones and what's not to
give you guys more information than you want but this line right here, the 16 be
line, and the fact that you only have one district going over into Baltimore

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County is actually a huge constraint on the plan, because if you're going to draw a
district with the Jewish community is kept Hall and Northwestern Baltimore
County, you have to all the deviations of each one of these districts has to be
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the, what is allowed by this district. And so, I believe all of these are under 2%, I'll
just show you the deviations 21. Yeah, it was the 2122 2324 all negative deviations
under 2% snow right these are multi member districts.

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But, um, you know that that's as a result of keeping 16, if you know if we had 16 be
going crossing the border also then you wouldn't have to make all those negative
population districts but keeping that in here, and then 69 I think even 16 be is
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yeah, it's all basically equal population but that's a consequence of that.

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Right. Thank you.

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All right. Anything else km good judge. Okay, great. Who else has any rational questions you want to ask the professor?

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Yeah, I thought about the Bella Addison adjustment, and it'll look a little weird, but I think I'm okay with.

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I'm okay with making Bella Edison whole into one legislative district and senate splitting. Okay.

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Um, should we - should you change now, or should we what is the commission want to do.

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So, I can see it now. Yeah, let's see. So I'm going to put up the border that Walter described before.

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And I'll and, you know, it's been a while since we've drawn lines together so.

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So, this will be fun.

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I'm going to show you just the precinct lines and then then I guess is we'll end up will end up breaking the precinct in order to make this possible.

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You need to go into the census tracts I'm afraid. But so there's one precinct. And then, and then we'll, we'll do the blocks and presumably you want this little area here as well.

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doesn't have any people in it. Oh yeah.

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Huh. Okay.

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Pretty sure

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let's just on what misrepresenting and let's just make sure so.

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Yeah, that's 112 people right there.

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It'll tell us a little bit what's happening, and I yeah it won't be it should still be fun.
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See how long this takes now because of.

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I've been talking to the people who make the software that I think what's happened is that I've done some of this map is so complicated computationally that now it takes a long time to even select the district so Are we clear that that's what I'm moving.

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Let's try it out.

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How many people are in there? What's the number, 2708 oh okay so that yeah that's significantly higher than the 2400 that I had to. Okay.

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And to be clear, well, so it changes the African American percentage and 23 up to 52 went to non-Hispanic, it increases this down to 61 but then we're going to make up for it.

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And I don't know one thing to think about as you do this, is whether you want to go do it. Treat the park differently, whether that would have because you could do that as well as my

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message just know since. I hope that not the people who live in the park are actually registered there. No, no, it's not it's not so much that that as it is it that people are looking at this thing and say what is this belly button doing here.

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And so you could try that. There are a lot of tricks to the trade that are kind of underneath. So, if you go all the way down to Hamilton Avenue.

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That's going to be a pretty good first approximation because 20 of it went. Most of the way down to Hamilton, with the 2400.

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Just my two cents I wouldn't split the parts because we're when we have these anomalies it's clear that we're doing them to bring communities together.

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So, anytime they're explainable like this. I don't think we should try to obscure them or cover them right it's my two cents.

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The first thing I do when I do this is I put the precinct together so they're.

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That puts that precinct together and so we're still the deviation and 22 is still under 3% so we're going to try to push it, much higher as you said going to Hamilton Alvin.

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Think I just figured out what I'll be for dinner tonight he's a word in

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this is that almost does it will you'll see one of the problems now is we've got, we actually put a little too much in there.

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So district 23 needs a little more and now this is where I want to.

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It's still might be a good, good place to draw the line.

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It looks like 23 is now pushed down in terms of the black population but let's see. So the question is do we do we not go as far here.

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Or do we make up for it, maybe somewhere else in the park yeah so, it's near the park. And so, let's make that change. And then I'm going to go, and we if you saw it right now, we've got it. we've got to find, just a few more people for district 23, it does

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This can be done easily, for example, like right here.

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Right, so how many people live there it's like a lot of people might live there. It's the Baltimore Hebrew congregation for what it's worth.

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Well, see, this is what happens. That's just a sentence block right. Yeah, it's only 17 people. Okay, so it's probably not worth it to create a shape like that again unless you wanted the ballpark in.

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So let's look here.

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There's It seems that there's no population in areas I'm choosing right now. So,

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so that that puts us just under, 2%, if you want to do that.

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Again, I don't know if this is breaking up another community here. You always have them. It seems to me that going back and doing a little bit of the segment is

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more likely to not disrupt things than having to tell people to one doesn't follow the major roads closer to the center of the city. It's really an advantage to keep that East West passage in particular.

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So, I, I appreciate that the problem is now we're going to, we've got a, we've got a nice road here as well in the sense as far as if he got called over to the far-right words close to that different neighborhood on boss.

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And really, I mean, what is it 100 people were talking about or. No, just to take a little bit.

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Yeah. Eastern. That'll do it.

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I don't know if

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people who own the Hamilton food Mart and Baltimore happier kids, although I think it's.

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Yeah, it's a 2.01 to stop me check one more of a little box somewhere there.

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No, it means we took too much. Oh, because okay it's 22 right so I say okay well that's 500 and comfortable by white Ave.

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Yeah, we're actually yeah that

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Just if you if you took the thing without that little hit thought, here's a word circle.

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Then, then your number, sir. Oh no. Okay. Yeah, you're right. That'll do it. Yeah.

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You really okay, sure, because these people are going to be upset, they're going to be upset related areas.

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I can't. I've seen hearings where it's even worse. I mean, so I mean, I just sort of looking at this again these are the things that it's good for you all to see what I'm thinking about in terms of, you know what, what, what people raises concerns, we

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we could do we could also do like just here probably okay what do you try that. I will say this set of changes, so far as I can tell, really much improves keeping that neighborhood set them up together and you know by moving the line down some words.

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What was that that's also an argument that's a good one to do the chain, but we can also do the change in the southwest there because you're already, you're already crossing over.

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No seriously this this mobile with the Harrison Spence apartments gets the numbers. Very good.

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Yeah, I would go with that. Right, or Baltimore commissioners, okay with that.

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Let's see what we have.

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The final one. All right. Done.

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Within springs apartments now as a district 20.

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No doubt we move some candidate's residents into the brakes. Okay. Um, so we're good them those are all member districts that doesn't have any implications for the Senate map

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that people want in Baltimore City.

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Oh, should we try to do this change here. make sure Thomas.

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See how to do this.

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Yes, let's take a look at. Yeah, um, yeah, so, so this I'm really going to be watching the ratio percentages as we do this because it may be affected.

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And so we just, I mean these are all, they're all very compact like I don't see any sharp problems and racism the fact that we're going through this, but it is worth to keep in mind and so what I'm going to do is I'm going to go all the way up into the

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park and use that as the barrier and then I'm going to come down here. my guess is that that's a voting district to

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you're aware of this make this change first

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So this is the other thing I can be aware of is the possibility that you're

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It's all gonna start by bringing it down to Lafayette there.

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Just to see like that, that right now we still need that we need to get a much more significant percentage of people so

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like that that's part of a problem here I remember now why I didn't do that, which is that this is all the way down.

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Anyway, well yeah let's see if we can let's see if we can.

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If we didn't do it like this.

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We still got a ways to go, so it might work out, we can maybe go all the way down to what is that 40.

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We're almost there. As you can see me looking at the numbers here right negative 24 negative 2.37, and so we just need another percent or so.

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population here in so this is probably going to be too much. And let's just see.

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Yeah, so 24 now is gone too far so you have to make some kind of decision about.

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So for example, let's say, Edmondson is that is the barrier instead.

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And then I'm going to reverse this change in the second one.

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You see how I end up getting the lines that I do. So I'm looking right now 24 still needs to pick up some population.

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So I'm going to go up, I think, using fair What is that Franklin town road.

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Maybe that'll get us there that's also another nice.

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We got that problem. Let's, let's see.

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So you see I'm trying to get this down to just under 2%.

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Let's see here.

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All right, that will do it.

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198 as you can see here.

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I'm 51% I think it drops the black population tiny bit.

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so let's just let's just zoom out for a second, see what we've got it.

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We still, we still need to pick up under 100 people, and put them into 2224.

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So I'm going to suggest we do it right here.

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As I look at the sort of lines that go up just like there. And so we'll, we'll just add a few to try that to try to deal with this string shape here.

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That does it

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See 191. Its district again, Jun 24 will the black population, goes down a little bit, but still majority 51% non-Hispanic black adjusted 53.2%.

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Black voting age population roughly 35% non-Hispanic white women population, these jets, I can't. This is the shape of the census box you can't deal with this, but these are these are zero population areas, right there, I think.

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Let's zoom out, so you can see what it looks like and what do you think this is better.

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What do you think, is this a little better?

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And we see the racial makeup so far 2322 21.

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So here, here is, here's everything here is that adjusted non-Hispanic black District 21 64.9 District 22 61.8 District 23 51.8 District 24 51.2.

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And like I said you add about you add about two to 3% I can give you the actual voting age population which I have over here somewhere.

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So 67.4 64.28 54.32 and 53.28.

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And then here's the here's the white populations. Right, going from 22.6 126, right, those are those are

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all right. Other questions, other reactions.

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I don't think I'm going to do I'm going to make sure we didn't lose any like I do, I worth it actually for you all to see what I do is that when I do something like that.

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You do a continuity check to make sure that you didn't leave any, like, Aaron census blocks stranded there, and we didn't sell it, so it looks good.

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So what do you think we have?

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I like it because it keeps Evanson to go.

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But you can see from this exercise both of these that

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One of the challenges it because it's so tight that these are all underpopulated. And so you've got like what we just did breaks up many precincts, probably, and so, and that's basically what we have to do here it's not a big problem in the urban

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areas like this because they will redraw the precincts with the, with all the new district thing but, but that's like I said why it's very tight.

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And let me ask our Cheryl whether she has any questions has been some revisions to Baltimore County layout of what we did with the dumbbell Essex area.

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Cheryl, show you have video reservations or questions, concerns.

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Don't think based on the population, and what they requested I think you'd agree.

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Actually, that would be it would be useful for you to. I mean, I don't know, like.

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So here's the way is defined as engineer, right and then this is all done, Doc. And so, you know, it is a little weird, right, this part, this part of Dundalk and then this part of Dundalk.

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But I can't, the only alternative is that is a business district goes all the way up here and then this district you'll see, I mean basically you can.

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But then you can see what happens with 20 be which is that then it goes up. And then over in a pretty thin line now again.

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It's a saying, either way Dundalk been split.

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Well, right, yeah dogs can be split.

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Yes. Yeah, it has to be because engineer cannot sustain the district, if engineers kept whole than the leftover you know population has to be made up in Dundalk and so the question is which, which area.

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And so I did it down here now.

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Again, this is united you've got the highways that join you know you can go from one part to the next, so I'm not worried about the water issue.

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But if you told me like, no, no, no, the community of interest of Dundalk the way they define themselves is entire area adjoining the county, city line here is basically north, south, is the way they orient themselves.

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And that, then to add Rosedale would make sense then you know we could do that the problem now.

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There's also 20 be also joins sx a little bit right so we'd have to rotate quite a bit, because what you would do is this would go up and then this would go down right so would go up and over and down, or the.

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This was a little bit of a struggle. So, so if you just sort of do the mental exercise right, we've got three different delegates districts here, if you if you start rotating them, you can draw 28 and a compact way that goes like this, and down, and then

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you do 20 be goes up, and then all the way over this like all the way over. Right. And then this would be, you could go to the, the, the water here and what is 20 see the net with the Essex, all together.

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If you did that, yes, it would but then it would mean that you know you basically have Southern Dundalk united all the way in this kind of L shaped district the middle river now.

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I saw like yeah that would be strange right that's the problem, which is like, you know, and then that kind of consideration affects a lot of the districts in the plan.

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Like, for example, when I was showing northern Baltimore County.

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Like I was, I was thinking about, you know, if this district 18 a, because it goes all the way from the, the northern border of Maryland, all the way down here, like was think well why don't we swapped say this population here with this population.

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Well, because then district 18 be goes all the way from the eastern part of the border and Harper can it. All right, almost no gear and then this would look so this would look like a kind of, I don't know, east, west Yes, correct.

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made a little more sense. But, but, but this guy if the public is listening. You know, these are the kinds of rules of the road kind of changes that are each one, there aren't there aren't normative reasons that those particular boundaries would determine

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the way they are, but if there are community of interest considerations that the Commission should consider in these it would be useful to hear them.

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At the same time, there's just something you know the districts have one person, one vote requires you to put two different communities together some time and so that's just going to be the way it is.

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But there are lots of, you know, different ways to make these changes.

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Well that's also part of the tradeoff. And as I read most of the comments on yesterday, they were interested in making sure that the water river communities, somewhat stayed together.

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Yeah, they just didn't see any Community Ventures inside Baltimore City that that really was the I mean, I was actually telling I have always evolve of red and blue thoughts just use it was like 40 some people that were just saying separate city.

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There were 5050 some people who said, you have to keep done Paul Essex engineer for Howard.

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Miller zones barrels point and greater Dundalk together, and then they were about 26 people said you have all those areas good middle Reverend Rosedale but with a number of people, some of those requests me and difficult, nor to draw you know appropriately.

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And so, I feel like you did your best between A, B and C. To keep, you know, those areas in the same Senate District. I'm trying to keep together in 43 be the remaining parts of our middle school.

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So I think it's, I think you did a great job this is a lot. It came together quickly and.

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And you really kept together as much as you could, what was discussed him request against with the challenge here.

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This may seem like a childish thing for me to say but if there wasn't so much water this would be a lot easier. You know, it's like the problem is if you look, if you and this is of course one of the things that do that that affects our Caroline

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county issue right and that the contributing. It's like, because of all the water here, you end up, you've got to draw these southeastern to Northwestern on districts, right, in all of these areas right because look, I mean, cuz these, some of these

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are not like small pieces of small bodies of water right these are, it's not easy to get from one part to the other, so I'm always looking at. That's why I bet you made this decision I was like well there's enough highways down here that Southern Dundalk

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can engineer, you can justify it. Same thing with this area in northwestern Essex, going in this way. Um, but you, you know, you can't cross here, right, you have to come up and around.

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If you're going to go in that direction.

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I'm now look we can, you can draw districts that are contiguous by water. It's not like that's a bar but.

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So, again, I mean, he wants to be home, but given it done to us as at Southern part as well as,

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you know, engineering everything else, it's small, but this is again as we call on the community to, to make you know make the case here.

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If sex is made a hole here, then 20 being has to go up in this direction, and that is you know that sounds like a reasonable option if people live better than what it will affect the compactness.

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First, I just want to confirm, because I'm looking at in 20 A where it says Dundalk, the smaller letters that that portion to the left, that is, that's Baltimore City right so none of none of the Dundalk Essex, all that area that's in Baltimore County

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is strictly in Baltimore County is that correct right this is this is the county, the city life separation Yeah.

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Where did you see was there a little something about boy? The left.

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Seven yeah down there to the left, to the city fire you up in the city.

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You're saying that parts of city.

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This yeah oh you mean this area here.

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Yes city. This is the city line, which was one of the reasons that I think you all were originally thinking like well that's a natural place to make the intrusion because it kind of, it's not like you're going into another country near it sort of a continuous,

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you know, transition So, um, but we leave her differently about that that's Yeah.

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Well, it is a question as to how far you go, you know, how far in what point does it become distinct, and so I you know, you just deal with as it is.

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So just, if you could go back a little bit, not that I want to be disruptive but you're just saying well we could keep Dundalk together if we went up north, its assets, gonna be no matter what Dundalk has to be split.

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Yeah, it's too big. Because of because of engineer.

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Here, you know I'm okay, unless you were to do something kind of crazy which is like, just do water continuity here. Yeah, but okay but I mean there's two, I'll tell you the things that I worked on that that would that I wish I could do, and you know

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we can talk about it so this is an area, I would have liked to keep this line at college.

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Yeah, I put that down south.

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Right. But then, that's this is heavily pot that's a significant population there. And so then you go, this is going to go down.

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Basically, this population over here does not equal that population over here. Right, so you'll end up going all the way down into engineers and then you end up splitting engineer, and it's like yeah, and you can't do the reverse right where you go like

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up this way and then this goes down because this is this is heavy population. Okay.

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dcvc is part, to me it's like fire of old thunder, because I'm thinking about the schools in there we talk about Logan. Yeah right, the schools in a feed into the high school in the hospitals next to CBC.

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And, you know, if community members are listening, if they can figure out a better way to draw this boundary. I'm all ears and like I said one of the options is 28 going up and then 20 be going down all the way, shape, But this year, yeah, That's what

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you mean.

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I mean, and went up, you going to Rosedale from Southern thunder.

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You'll go further, probably because here's the part of the problem also, you've got this area, unless we rotate it, and then I mean, the earlier version of this I think when all the way up the middle river because up here, and then all the way

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basically getting what's left over from respecting these districts and so these communities,

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Middle of ever already split middle river is split up. I'll show different ways right yeah let me just show you what's happening there.

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I noticed that I actually had that question on that little sliver from 43 be that seems to go into 20 say.

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So now do you see why that is on your Are you looking at that. Now I see why that is yes yeah.

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That's the African American population.

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And so we talked about how 43 be is a, I believe was 43 be, remember 23 as the kind of opportunity district.

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Well, another aspect of that isn't some of that Dundalk area on the water the marine terminal, where there's really not much population that split between Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

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To the left of the boy.

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Yes, it was. Yeah, it So this right here you.

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Yes. Yeah, that whole point, that split is part of the Marine Terminal so, yeah.

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Not really. It's not like the Dundalk community where people are living at my notes up Sure, yeah and I don't mean that when I was talking about David's name before this is, this, this is a county line right and so and the previous districts were

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joining on Dundalk all the way with, you know, the center of Baltimore City and so that that's why I think you know you all justifiably said let's move that that entry point into Northwestern Baltimore and.

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And so we did.

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Professor I think you did a very good job with the challenges that you're faced with, with the numbers and making sure that we're sticking to the appropriate things that we had to do with the Voting Rights Act, and I think we have responded to the community

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to the best of our ability to make that separation between the city and the county, I think that was the major thing.

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And what we heard from the emails, is that people would like areas to join but the reality is, the numbers don't make that happen. You can't do that, and I think that's probably the part that's a challenge for the public to understand.

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And what a what Kate we can do once we put the map so they'll have your Monday to make any additional final suggested for operations, which will consider.

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Right, Yeah, so at this point I think they've done the best again.

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Right, yeah. And we just so we're clear we got.

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Kristin is listening that we now made some changes, I need to redo all of those tables and the images just so we're always quick, every time you make the slightest change.

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You know, it's important to do redo all the images.

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And one thing. Well, look, I mean if you're comfortable we can, you can actually vote on this map now.

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And we are subject to maybe reconsideration on next week. Um, there is one other thing, Judge Williams mentioned Carroll County before, and I wasn't sure whether he was echoing something he heard in the, in the, the submissions.

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But there was one person who had talked about adding instead of doing this line down here doing a precinct adding a preaching to that this would five beat go all the way up, and five cn five a with pinch at the bottom coming in so basically think about

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this, this overall moving up to the border. I don't know whether that I we hadn't talked about that, but there was something in the comments on that.

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And look, if we're making changes and you will wanted to make that change you can do that now as well.

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Yeah. I did see that, and it just never came up in the earlier, but instead it was from a state senator Justin really.

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And I will say that that happens to be two areas of Carroll County that I just don't know personally I know quite a few of the other towns, but I don't know about those areas, there's not all that much population he offered some reasons such as people that

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are in the same school district and a couple of other things that seem plausible, but I don't have direct experience myself to evaluate.

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Well, if you don't go out go, yeah.

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It's fine with me to do it, but I thought, that's why I didn't kind of bring it up on my own because I.

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It does seem like a reasonable thing I think it is idea is that there's a tricolor little neighborhood called silver run up there, and the.

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And he said that it is, it's where the lines split in, you know, North of Westminster were five days five being five say come together is in that little neighborhood and he started making the chance would do that right around where it says unit

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Mel's there.

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So the idea would be do, to have this district all the way up and put into court, more or less straight north, the Pennsylvania border and then it would lose territory, down the southern end.

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Right, five and five see would pinch together to, I wouldn't want to touch 14 A because no I wouldn't touch what I did spend a little time with the things and you can make five and five 610 to pretty easily at the bottom to compensate for the, what's

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going on up north and Walter when you do that how far up does it go does it go as far up as Carol Community College.

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Oh no, no, no, yeah, it will pinch down oh well okay yeah no well because that that would be the ideal. Otherwise, this is going to look like a very strange disconnect.

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Right, so, so, well I'll see, I mean, do you want to do you want to try it. And yeah, Let's try.

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Right, so, so what I'm what I'll do is five be.

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It's going to take that whole preheat said just take the precinct newsletter.

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And his letter. One thing I should say, I want to prepare you all emotionally for this, which is that I suspect that there are there are going to be criticisms of this, of what we did in Baltimore city and county that we do not know yet, right and so

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this, so this you'll see that this changes you know this is 4000 people that were putting in almost 5000 people. And so we'll put that in there.

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And then now we've got it we've got a deal with five eight and five. See, and we got to make sure to keep the senate district in mind.

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And so you can see this had a nice road that I was going down and now we're going to have to, we're going to have to break that break it up.

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And so, you know, first thing I do is I do the three things.

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And let's see if we can get at some of those reasons.

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So that might do it there. Let's see.

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Not, not gorgeous but.

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And then we're going to take five see.

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No, no, no, no.

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I gotcha, I gotcha.

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Okay, so then five see all right now five beers a little under.

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You see we've got a problem here because of the shape. And so I'm going to do that for now and then we're going to make up for it.

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Because that so yeah So Cal Community College is going to be, it's going to be okay, just about, and now we're what we've got to do is we've got to take some from five see elsewhere.

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And I do remember dealing with this with these, so the question is, you take it from up here.

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I'm going to suggest we just take like this line right here.

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Actually, I realized where we've got to do a lot more because this is this is underneath by 5% so

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you know let me let me reconsider this, I think, in order to get the large enough population we're probably going to take from both sides. So what I'm going to look at here.

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So five a is under by 2.695 B is under my five points, and five see is over by three. So we've got to move.

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Five be into five see yes is

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brought I'll take all this area up here.

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Just looking at five see now but we've got it we've got to really get a lot more population.

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Okay that's good for those districts.

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Let's see about 5858 needs population I believe it's got to get, actually we could just do it at that level because this is, I'm just looking at the senate district. We should be okay, right, because 74 and 269 up north near the Pennsylvania

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Londo Yes, the Christian talk a lot of five he said, I don't think it worked well. And I just, I mean what he said was, he said take the precinct. Okay.

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No. Yeah, no, no I know but that I you know it's a, it's very difficult to come up with some other theory here about what what's the what's the right way to do it and I do like the idea of

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like the ministrations perspective. So let's just look at the shape, let's zoom out and just look at the shape it's basically taking Westminster and Carol Community College and then going all the way up to the northern border here.

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Okay, man.

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Oh, I guess before into tweaking single member districts that could. Is there a way to look at the eastern shore and the Caroline County split, because I think being a county, they're a little bit higher up on the pecking order and maybe if we can do anything?

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to alleviate that.

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So, so here's, here's what I hear from others as well, maybe as well if she's still on.

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Kim was warning us that she was having connectivity problems might have to try to reconnect. I don't know if she's made it back on.

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So, so the only way I see to solve this problem, right, you've got to solve the problem of 46 see coming this far in right and so you've got to find some because we're dealing with a corner of the state, you've got, we got no other place South that we

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can go we got to just take this population which is I think four to eight or 8000 people, I think. And then we got to find another place to pick it up, and the only place without splitting Caroline, is to go up into this area.

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because it, you know.

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Unless you were going to do something a little lacking in my go 46, he goes up, 46 he goes over 45 he comes down. Right.

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Well, you know, it just depends on your trading, you will add another counter that will be split, it's just a question as to whether one county split three ways is better than two counties that split tools, but this would be, I mean, just to

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give you a sense of, we're talking about this entire area.

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We need to be joined in and you can see the water is the big problem here.

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You know, as you know I circulated it, not this afternoon. That, I think, gets the right population and does some a color wacky what I was the best case that I could find for trying to get Caroline out of its difficulties I'm not going to say that it's

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a, an improvement, but maybe if a Christian could put it on the screen so I could explain it involves crafting the bridge part of finance, with the water part of chocolate and introducing that split means that the towel, the towel but district could

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go out and take 45 D thus reducing the number of splits in Carolina two to one instead of two.

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Kristin Are you wrong. I am I am but I just my only issue is that I am not logged into my email where that map is, so I need to go. I can try and I've got that, make sure I can find it.

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Aside from it splits clans coming in a different place.

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It introduces a split for taba which is not a problem in principle, but the split unfortunately because right up to around the boundary of Eastern and so it's far as I can see it.

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We haven't seen them out yet, but it is, it means that the northern and western and southern outskirts of Easton would all be in that aquatic district with the waterway parts of Quinones.

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Right, so, St Michael's will be in a different district from the sun, and the remember can talking about that she thought Easton and St. Michael should be together right-handed, that's at that time we were discussing a somewhat different idea which I

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think was pushing Dorchester district up there. In order to remove the dark festival Conoco district. I agree, and I think that the separate and Eastern from set Michaels would probably get a lot of people annoyed, I, I wouldn't go down that path okay

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I, as I say, I thought my mission was to make the best case for yeah there you have it.

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The line between the blue and the purple scripts right up against the town or city of Easton, and I think, you know I.

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Aside from the problems mentioned already, I would say that a lot of people in Talbot County and also Queen Anne's County are going to say why did this come out of the hat at the last minute.

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You know when they're going to find problems but they're also, especially going to feel weren't enough so you know those are all reasons, even though I'm the one, putting this out here, why I would understand completely if it did not arise any enthusiasts

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said something else is something's wrong with this map because you'll see that the there's the loss of make, I think, I think I understand what happened, which is the day, the green karma lobster here retweeted and that's what leads to kind

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kind of kind of q&a this is from an older mouth that I was fun. Right, right. And I can, I can show you what because I was trying to do this as well. Um, if you want to see what I mean we could just do the exercise very quickly want to see what this looks

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like. Sure.

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Does Christine Can I share my screen. Yep.

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Okay, so.

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So, here, so here's what here's where I am in that solution. You take the area of 46 see that was over here and you put 46 eight, and then you take 46.

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See, and then you start going up into, into Talbot County. And so one thing you learn quickly, these water areas and the problem is you're going to see in a second right, so we go like this, like this boom, and then you start kind of shaving back you're

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getting these areas and maintain continuity.

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Okay, that's too much population right now. We'll see the

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Look at the deviations here. So this is now 46 seniors overpopulated by four and you know almost 5% District 46 A is under populated by over 6%. And so then we've got a, we've got a sort of shave back.

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And then, the problem is that the water.

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So, so here. So right now, this is just an example of the popular, if you will do. I gotta, you gotta deal with that over there but I'm.

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These, these are these are high population areas so notice again we're overpopulated by four and a half percent and 4060.

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And you have unless you go into Eastern, or if you go all the way up, and then create those kind of strange under Yeah, there's, you know it's wacky either way.

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My suggestion and put those as far as like setting Michaels up with clowns. The problem with this one, even though you don't have to urge quite as closely as soon as that this has been linked with what comic con, I mean that's a pretty wild

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it's, you know, already enough of a stretch to put it with Queen Anne's County, which is a different content but it's at least it's geographically close by. But again, the people from Caroline County or watching this, you know, these are the difficulties

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difficulties that you run into in trying to get a different answer than the one that we have been stuck on for all these weeks I we really have tried; I think many of us have tried many different directions to get Carolina better deal and just have not

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Hey, where is this split in Queen Anne's county because Queen and county population is over 51,000 so it's a happy to share population with somebody with role that that's the thing that it's this, it's this 45 be overarching district that gets all of

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of Queens and then goes down into Carolyn. And if instead you put it down around questions on queens Tom, then that would free up the you know then it could rotate around the and 45-day could shed its Carolina question that you'd better but you still

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But you'd better but you still have the 333 districts in that then you would have to rotate the top of District into carillon to take what's been moved out from 45 be but again that's the, you know, that that's the other attempted solution which is in

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the mouth that ice circulator. I don't feel comfortable making any significant changes without heavy Kim here.

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She's of Dorchester County and she should have a say in all this.

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I sent her the phone number to call in and told her I could just promoted to a panelist if she wanted to call, and I just haven't heard back from her yet.

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Well, you know I I'll, I'll draw that I mean Caroline County is just in a bad place in Maryland.

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They just literally are they're squished up against Delaware and you're coming down from the bottom and down from the top, and unfortunately be, you know, with the population of only 33,000 there ended up being to build tear to everybody else who also

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has a low population.

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That's why I was asking about Queen Anne's because they are one of the more popular counties over there.

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Yeah, I agree that we're going to go back to what we originally had discussed and leave it I think we have to yeah, I do to leave it there.

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And then the Walter I don't know if you have any contact with Kim before Monday, but she has any thoughts on this.

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Well, I'll you know chemists do is very important on this I think the defaults that we're all out is that you know we haven't seen a strong reason to change from the traditional maps that we've been using.

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I don't think that Kim has, you know is going to weigh in saying that we need to change it because she had, I think, very accurately.

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Give us a critique of one of the, you know, attempts to fix it a lot I, I suspect that your view is going to be the same about the other one. So, I think, you know, in a way, you know, bringing this up was an attempt to provide more explanation for

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what I know is a discontented group of people and Caroline, rather than because I actually thought that, you know, at this stage, we could go with anything different.

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Yeah, and marriage correct I mean we try to make every effort to try to make it work but it's just not the doable thing. Yeah also 46 B is another constraining factor, yes well.

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Well, here I mean so I agree with everything that's been said, and the.

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So this is, this is one example of a district that would satisfy. But there is another option which is that you rotate 46, a around so that it gets it goes from Caroline into

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the into Dorchester County. Right. but you.

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Part of the challenge here is to try to predict how upset people in Talbot are going to be upset people are going to be, you know, because once you make these changes and especially the last minute here, we know what the devil we know right we just don't

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know. The devil that we don't, but you could in theory, and I'd have to see if the numbers were, but you could have the 46 seed district going up in the west side here, I don't know whether Eastern is such a large population center that maybe it's not

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possible. But then if you look at the way this is drawn right 46, a could go around into these areas. And that doesn't Dorchester wonder couldn't split into three pieces at that point.

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Yep, yep, it does.

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But the thing about Dorchester is

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because of the Voting Rights district, it is, you know, it's got some strange shapes in there. Right. And so in some ways that you can draw a more compact district that goes along the water here, but as you said you've been basically taking Eastern and

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Western Talbot County and joining it all the way up to the Board of what you know what's it's all very.

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Yeah.

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What will come ago county but salt great the city right and so, you know, I'm not just in a Senate District Benton and a delicate district St Michael's would be competing against the suburbs of Salisbury which they would be right to complain, I think,

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you know, I think because we haven't heard anything. I mean we've heard about Caroline County, but I think if we made the split that route. Initially between East and tablet, first of all, we would be going against what the recommendation from one of

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the commissioners who lives in that area is but awesome. I don't know what we're going to gain.

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I really don't because I think that people in the tablet, Eastern area will be rattled, and rightly so we make that change especially now.

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So should we close the door is there a consensus to close the door and not pursue this done and I think that, well, that's my I give up.

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You know that settles, yeah.

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And I did not make just you go That was it. That was all totally separate Matt, called the Caroline County experiment that was actually doing using.

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It was a science fiction with it. Well, so, yeah, this this is our map right now or are there any other all the all the areas you need to discuss this evening.

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Well I guess we just made that Carroll County change so that that was significant one thing I definitely want to make sure I didn't screw up the senate district they're

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all three are in the same Senate District so it should.

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Yeah, okay so yeah so then it should.

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It's all within.

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So, five, so we're clear find a DNC yeah, we've talked about this before, this will average out to under 2% under, under negative 2% and then 14 eight has its to unify all southeastern elders Berg boundary there.

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Alright, sounds like we may have a consensus on the delegates maps.

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Many anyone disagree.

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So what's the next step.

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Well, two things First I want to I will sometime in the next

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15 to 20 hours. I'll get you a.

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I'll do the, the file here on this. And so the delegate map will then be made public, I will also tomorrow.

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Certainly tomorrow but maybe by Saturday, get you the senate map. I just, you know, there are there's a lot of opportunities for errors especially this stage in the process and so I want to be really careful about combining the districts, making sure

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that that I'm combining the right districts together and everything.

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I want you to authorize me, you know, if I see sort of problems to address them on the fly like if I see a deviation problem at all, of course, I'll explain it on at our next meeting if I do see any problem email you as well.

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But the idea would be to then release both the, the delegate map and the senate map. In the next 48 hours, so that you can get any final comments on it before, before Wednesday.

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It's before Monday at noon, for the public to comment right but so we have a meeting next Wednesday in the writers we have a meeting, but the public wants to say anything it's noon Monday.

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We certainly could make it; we could make it work. But if we're not getting the senate maps until Saturday, I would push that deadline back a little bit for the public to really comment, because they're the only thing is they can get you know you can

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see what the senate districts are based off of the delegate districts but, um, but I agree with that.

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Just in case I discover something. Um, but we'll look I'll try to get it to you tomorrow. I just I'm

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just absolutely there's no reason why we can't make it noon on Tuesday, because what we'll be doing is we'll be getting that written testimony and through the email and we'll just be putting it together for you guys like we have in the last couple of

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days. So we certainly can make it that that just gives you guys the time that you need to consider anything before Wednesday's meeting at which you would kind of give the final vote.

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I think that tonight.

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I will I guess you can't really do it tonight but what you could do is kind of approve what the professor is putting together as you're kind of final proposed maps, because we don't really have that.

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This is very different from what we have posted right now is the final proposed map. So, what I do need you guys to do is say that when Professor personally puts these maps together and send them to us on Saturday.

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We either need to vote now that those are the maps that we're going to put under the final proposed maps, or we can kind of do an email vote. When he sends them to say yes, I'm signing off on these based on what we've discussed on Thursday night.

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We should close you.

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Well, I think the boat has to be in public I don't think you can do an email though, can you mean in terms of Open Meeting Law was.

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Good point. I mean I think that in this particular case if you, because we've had a meeting and you vote on it. As long as those maps, align with what we're discussing tonight.

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And there's no significant change as Professor kind of fixes these lines as he said there might be some slight modifications that I think you guys could vote tonight, if there's an issue that then he can let us know via email and we can address it

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that way. But I think that the best course of action would be for you all to vote tonight. to make this map.

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As per the changes you've approved, tonight, your final proposal draft map again, you're still going to have to do final vote on everything on Wednesday, there's still could be tweaks.

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But if you do if you make that vote tonight for this to be the final draft propose the final proposed draft map, then we can put it up on the website in that section and people then we'll have maps to if the legislative and the Senate and congressional

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to say okay these are the maps that they're moving forward to potentially putting through on Wednesday, said we need that we need a motion to have

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right we need a motion to approve today yes Matt one question before the motion, Walter that significant change we made in Carroll County was it based on just one comment via email or was it also in testimony for many people or not and testimony.

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This is based on one photo request Yes and was this a delegate.

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Do we don't know where he lives because that we, as a senator he represents all three districts so yeah can I teach in the same Senate District because this doesn't change that at once.

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Now he could have other reasons and those could be something that, you know, could be good reasons for bad reasons but it doesn't protect his precedence.

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Because, as far as I know I mean I just I don't know worthless but the chains on these lines will not change, where a state senator can run because they're all within the same state senate district.

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Motion to approve these proposed draft maps and allowing Professor facility to make minor modifications based on the need to do so. Regarding the numbers are the deviations.

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With final vote to come from the commissioners next Wednesday. So the motion is to approve the suggestions for the night that we talked about. And I incorporate them into a final proposals map.

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Yes, condition on any alterations or visions and he feels babies, larger.

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All right. Is it a second to that?

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I'll second that.

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All right, is there any further discussion,

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All in favor say aye.

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Aye. Aye.

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Any opposed.

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Any abstentions.

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Alright so the bullshit is carry.

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Now, what about the congressional maps. At this point I really like all four full commissioners Kim's not here, but we pretty much decided that the congressional maps is what we want do you all want to vote on that now or you want to vote on that.

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Wednesday to congressional maps, and he thought, I think we could do it now we haven't really made any changes based on the last time that we had a whole discussion on the congressional hoping to get more feedback from city residents on the congressional

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So do you want to hold off on that then, and Wednesday. I would but if the commission sees otherwise and it is what it is.

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So I think it's important for Kim, to have all nine available for that significant about impossible. Absolutely. I like that.

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Your Wednesday on the congressional mess. Okay, see if we get any additional feedback, let's do that.

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All right, any further business this evening.

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All right, thank you all for joining us. So we'll go ahead and take a motion to adjourn.

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So, all right, the second that. All right.

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All in favor, just raise your hand. I already have a good night so much. Professor Persily to did a great job. Yes, boss.

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Go to sleep. Right. Yes. Okay. All right. All right, guys. Bye.