

**Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission
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White males, and both are among some of our most active delegates, some speakers in this cycle have asked that certain traditions be kept in place.

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That is coded dog whistle language, and quite frankly insulting. Everyone knows that the push for single member district now is because in many people's perspective, from many people's perspectives minorities have gained too much power and influence in

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Stop using the minority community to accomplish those your goals. Many people feel that Governor's trying to single handedly replace one gerrymandering process for his own.

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Some say that anyone, everyone should have a turn at bat, politically, I say that a greater numbers of one party being elected needs to the intentional gridlock and deliberate obstructionism that we see in Congress and some other states that we don't

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need it, Maryland, is the land of pleasant living, we have achieved one of the highest standards of living and we need to keep it that way. And it's happened under mostly democratic leadership.

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We don't want leaders who incite insurrections what deny food and water to voters and discourage vaccination and climate change, we refuse to acknowledge and who also refuse to acknowledge, who the true President of the United States is, if that's what

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some call fairness. I say we can wait another 10 years until sanity starts to prevail again. I want to thank you again.

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Our next speaker is Cheryl Gottlieb from Baltimore County.

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Hi, my name is Cheryl Gottlieb and I live.

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And I also wanted to speak in favor of maintaining three member delegate districts.

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There has been data that has been done, the districts where the voters are electing three people tend to elect more diverse more representative delegates, then the districts that only represent allege one, you know delegate and Maryland is one of the

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most diverse states in the country and I do I believe that our leadership in the state legislature is to accurately represent the population.

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And I don't think that electing single member districts would be able to accomplish that.

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So I wanted to mention that and I also wanted to mention on the splitting of counties. The

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Congressional District one, as it is right now is, is absolutely ludicrous. And it shouldn't be going all the way across the Carroll County.

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Our next. Our next speaker is Crystal Francis of Baltimore County.

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While we're waiting for him is Francis.

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Just wanted to let you know there are three speakers who have not, who are not present as of yet Vontasha Simms, Richard Elliott and Carl Jackson, we will come back to them later on.

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All right, Kristin. Yes, good evening to chair Williams and members of the Commission thank you so much for doing this important difficult work. My name is Dr crystal Francis I'm the senior public policy expert by trade but I am also the chair of

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the Baltimore County democratic state Central Committee. And over the past few weeks I've had the opportunity to not only hear from voters and constituents in Baltimore County regarding their interests pertaining to redistricting that I hope to share

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with you tonight. But before I do that I want to do what I like to always do and lead with the data. Maryland is the seventh most diverse state in the nation, gender and racial representation in Maryland State House continues to outpace other states.

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According to the new national census of state legislature Maryland's increase in racial diversity over the past five years was more significant than our surrounding states.

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According to data, published in, on October 12 2020 by the National Conference of state legislature, and I quote Maryland legislature overly has become significantly more female and more racially and ethnically diverse with a number of black legislators

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and Marilyn Brett rising to 29% lawmakers of Caucasian descent decrease the 61% legislators of Asian descent dropped from four to 3% and there was no change in the Hispanic representation is for state legislature also want to note the Maryland, also the

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richest state in the United States of America. And regarding voter registration data, the likelihood of a Marylanders or Baltimore County residents particularly, but Maryland in general registering democrat versus republican is two to one.

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So with these facts in mind the Commission has a difficult job to balance all of the desires of this diverse constituency, but I want to call out these two things and I hope you keep it in mind to maintain proportional representation to ensure partisan

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and racial fairness without packing and cracking to preserve communities, without packing and cracking or benefiting one part of one group over another.

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Regarding the argument over a single and multi member districts, multi member districts have been able to produce the diversity that has been reported in the data in Maryland.

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Moving to single member districts may impact that level of diversity that we see in our state house.

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And in addition to that, I think it's very very important that we note. I've heard a couple of I've been on a couple of different sessions now hearing the argument, you know for single member districts so that, you know, a particular partisan group can

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have veto proof majority, but I just want to note that you know the redistricting commission has a responsibility to ensure that when they draw these maps, it is not to favor the desires of one political group or over another.

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So I hope that you use the data. And I would recommend drawing. Just a few different maps, not just one, because of the tendency for folks to strike down I want to litigate so being able to draw more than one met to demonstrate the various desires across

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the county thank you so much for your time. It was Francis, appreciate it. Alright, next. Our next speaker is Cassandra Brown.

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I apologize if I mispronounced your name from Baltimore County.

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Okay. Can you all see me and hear me now.

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Good evening, everyone. My name is Cassandra Brown MMO, and I reside in Essex Maryland.

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I am just going to give my testimony from LA perspective.

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I am interested in the committee, examining district six and district seven.

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It was mentioned about Mr. Cole w Jackson, and another representative, and it's really zip code 21206 that population of African Americans is about 68% and I think the comment was made that it's majority white, but based on some data that I'm working

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That's the information that I have district six and seven.

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It was discovered back in 2010, that the district line was drawn on Hopewell Avenue Hopewell Avenue is a predominantly historic African American community.

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I know personally because my dad owned a home on Hopewell Avenue. So on the left side, if you lived on the right side of hope. Well, that was part of District, six, and then if you lived on that left side.

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Split right down the middle you ended up in district seven, which went all the way up into Harford County. I also have been a long term substitute teacher.

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I have teachers in many of the schools in Baltimore County on the east side, the student population alone shows that there's a demographic graphic shift of in the population.

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And I also believe that the children represent mainly the demographics of a specific community. So, I would really like the committee to examine six and seven, it doesn't.

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I don't understand why it extends into Harford County which is basically republican representatives.

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But our particular district used to include Dundalk middle river.

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Essex, and that's a fair, of the population in those areas. We do not have any African American representation on the east side, and we have something what we call the good old boy network.

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So I hope we can change that. Thank you.

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Right. Thank you so much.

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Welcome. Thank you. Our next speaker is Joseph.

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Joseph has not yet joined so we will move to Bernadette Hoffman-Wild from Baltimore County.

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We can hear you. are you can hear me. Yes. Okay, good.

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I'm trying to unmute you, we can hear you. Are you can hear me. Yes. Okay, good. Um, I am a political scientist I have a BS, and political science to political side to find some American University, and I've worked in political campaigns from both sides,

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I like single member districts. I think it's much easier for campaigning, and I've seen candidates who are doing a lot of door knocking have unseated long term politicians, and I think it could bring a lot of fresh blood.

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And we got to think beyond the two parties that are in there now and I live in South West Baltimore County.

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And since the 90s, I've been represented by Senator, and Howard County.

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And I only have one delegate who lives in Baltimore County. The my representatives other and Howard, don't seem to make it over the Baltimore County line very much, and I feel that there is no reason that I have to be represented by people who live in

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Howard County. And I also live, and the third congressional district who judge.

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A Pope said that it looks like a broken wing para doctor lying prostate across the stage, and we have some of the craziest congressional districts, and my congressional representative sponsored the Florida people act which wants.

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redistricting commissions and Maryland is being the leader in that. And I think everyone for their service and doing this and I think Governor Hogan for leading the way.

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And I really appreciate everyone's time.

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And I hope that the legislature goes with your map so they are doing their own thing and I intend to test up testified with them as well.

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Our next speaker is Carol when of Baltimore County.

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Carol you're now our panelist. Thank you. Good evening, members of the governor's Maryland citizens redistricting commission. My name is Carol when I am co vice president of the bottom or county league of women voters and a resident of the seventh congressional

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district. The 11th Maryland the legislative district, and the third Baltimore council manic district.

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I am here to ask you to support transparent map drawing that keeps communities of interest together.

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There are a total of four congressional districts in Baltimore County, 123 and seven.

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My Congressman, Mr quiet as implemented is responsible for the seventh Congressional District, which includes parts of Baltimore and Howard County and greater than half of Baltimore City.

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Howard and Baltimore counties are the second and third largest counties in Maryland, where does that leave the congressman's priorities in the seventh congressional district.

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Does he know the issues that impact my home, or my community where my grandkids go to school.

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Baltimore City has a poverty rate of 23%, Baltimore County has a poverty rate of 8.9% and Howard County has a poverty rate of 5%, very different communities with very different needs.

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By the way, community means that feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes interests and goals.

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How can one person represents so many different needs of so many different communities, my county is made up of six legislative districts and I have three delegates and one senator in the Maryland General Assembly, representing district, 11, To be clear,

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the Maryland League of Women Voters does support both single and multi member districts when appropriate, but it does get frustrating not knowing who to call when trees in your backyard that are on county property, start to die, believe also supports

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a transparent redistricting process that endeavors to keep communities of interest together.

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The Arab and Pikeville is an example of how vital and important one such community of interest is. It is vital that every 10 years these folks don't have to worry about who is going to represent them and how their lines may or may not change.

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People must come together to work across district lines, or within district lines and have intention and a clear vision of what the community that they were elected to serve requires.

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Again, I am asking you to consider that the process of drawing maps be transparent and keeps those communities of interest in their entirety.

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Thank you for your time and thank you for listening. If you miss when. Appreciate it.

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Our next speaker is delegate Kathy Shalala of Baltimore County.

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Great, thank you. Well, first of all, how wonderful this is working on zoom, I must congratulate you for all your hard work and technology and how you've got this working My name is delegate Kathy Shall I go, I appreciate this opportunity to speak with

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you and to go on the record for redistricting.

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As you know, Maryland's congressional redistricting is notorious and notorious not in a good way.

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You know you've heard other speakers say the broken wings dinosaur. We've heard Inc spot we've heard crazy quilt.

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You know, it really doesn't serve the people of Maryland, I myself live in Perry Hall, a suburb of Baltimore County, and we have three congressional districts in Baltimore.

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In, just in Perry Hall, and a fourth not far from there so you know splitting up a community like Perry Hall into three congressional districts, certainly doesn't serve the people of Perry Hall, or Baltimore County, or the people of Maryland, and Baltimore

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City as well as you know, has a fewer population than one congressional district yet they have three Congress, Congressman that represent them. I'm just so thrilled with the charge you've been given and the effort to put forth a nonpartisan redistricting

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map for congressional maps, but I also am anxious and thankful that you'll be looking at our state house maps. You've heard some things about single 212 and three member districts.

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I have gone on the record in writing and here today publicly to advocate for single member districts. I am in a three member district, and I live in, I represent one of the districts that one of your previous speakers spoke about district seven that comes

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down into Essex, and goes all the way to Pennsylvania, it makes up Baltimore and Harford County, and it's takes me about an hour and a half to two hours to go from one side of my district to the other.

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It does not serve the people of Maryland or district seven well, to have three, three members in my district, and then a Jason to me Sue McComas is a single member in Harford County.

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And then there's a two member right next to me on the other side. So voters in my district get three votes and the General Assembly, their children are they themselves get three opportunities to get a scholarship and people in those other districts do

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not are not afforded the same fairness, it certainly seems to violate the one man, one vote principle. So I want to thank you again for all your hard work, and I'll look forward to seeing the work that maps that you produce.

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Thank you delegate Sligo. Thank you so much.

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We will come back to them at the end so our next speaker is Jay Hidden of Baltimore County

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Jay you're now a panelist.

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All right, um, I'm Jay Hidden. I'm a lifelong resident of southeastern Baltimore County, and quite frankly we haven't always been treated fairly. In the redistricting process.

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I'm thankful to the governor for establishing this commission I'm thankful to you folks from working on it.

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And the points that I want to make is, first of all, we have 24 major subdivisions and Maryland.

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Most of the tax dollars that come out of Annapolis are sent to those subdivisions. Yeah I know some of it goes to Annapolis or buoy or cities or whatever, but those are the vehicles.

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So I think it's appropriate that those subdivisions. Be as contiguous or distracted as continuously as possible. I've seen pieces of Baltimore County put into Baltimore City in Harford County and Howard County and and and Rondo County, and it dilutes

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the voting power the voting strength to the residents of Baltimore County when we get to Annapolis.

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The second thing is, is district splitting like I just mentioned, all these districts that gets shoved across different lines. I think that if you're going to split it any districts between two subdivisions.

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Any districts between two subdivisions. You should only do it once between the two. Baltimore and Carol want to split one okay don't do it three times, do it in one district.

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If you want to split with Howard County do it once not in three, three districts, then try to minimize that crossing of lines because you're diluting the voting strength and residents of that subdivision

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district size was a problem when Donald Schaefer withdrew the lines and Rowan County districts were over 100,000 Baltimore City districts are under, under 100,000 it diluted the strength, the man or the county.

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Natural boundaries boundaries in 2002 lines were so agree just that they restricted down by the courts.

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They tried to take two precincts in southeastern Baltimore County and link them with Anne Arundel county going across the harbor and saying that that Key Bridge was a sufficient link or contiguous.

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They had center of Dundalk linked with the inner city of Baltimore, they, they just made a mess at everything.

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Finally, I just want to say that democracy is a competition of ideas and fairness is essential to competition and making sure districts are drawn fairly and equitably is essential to that competition.

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And if democracy is going to work those ideas have to be competitive. Thank you very much.

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Thank you Mr Hidden. Thank you.

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Our next, the next person who is signed up is a Fergal Mullally who is not in attendance Mark Weaver is next and Mark I have made you a panelist, I'm Baltimore County.

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Good, thank you very much. I'll try to be brief, first of all, thanks a lot for donating your time like this.

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I, I can imagine that it's quite a commitment.

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Okay, I've been in Baltimore County District 12 specifically since 1981.

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And I concur with, with some of the other speakers in favor of multi member districts.

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And rather than be theoretical about it, I'll tell you my own experience I ran for delegate. Three years ago very seriously, knocked on 4000 doors, didn't quite make it unfortunately for everybody, but I can tell you that if I was only running in what

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used to be 12 a, and just the Baltimore County side.

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I would have been tempted to run a divisive campaign. I would have been tempted to do an us averse us versus them campaign.

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Because people in Baltimore County feel a bit like an underdog.

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And as it was, of course, I was running in the entire district which includes part of Howard County, and I was forced and honestly it's what I wanted to do, to run a broader, a campaign that reflected the broader interests of the Maryland people including

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you know environmental issues. And, you know, broader concerns that affect everyone.

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And maybe are not a hot button, emotional, type issue. It made me a better candidate, because I had to appeal to a broader range of people. And I think if even if I had one in that broader broader district, as it is now.

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I would have been a better delegate. Then, if I had run in the smaller district. Even if I'm a great guy. If I have made promises or ran on a more narrow exclusive platform to appeal to a smaller group, and more narrow group of people.

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It would have been harder for me to reach across the aisle or to reach across ideological lines.

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So I think the larger the multi member districts promote better process of legislating. And that's, that's my that's my point. Thank you very much. All right, thank you miss a waiver.

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So Rachelle with us. Yes.

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Um, and let me start the video okay. My name is Rachelle Varon. And I wish to thank the Commission for the opportunity to speak tonight.

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I'm a resident developments mills in Baltimore County.

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The work that the Commission is doing is more important than ever.

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It is now clear that there are not enough members of our congress who believe in what it means to be a representative democracy.

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One which represents, and includes all citizens, not just some.

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I'm a retired clinical social worker.

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And I spent my career, helping people to find their voice and empower themselves, not just people who agree with my values and beliefs.

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I've seen the toll it takes when people feel powerless to effect change.

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And I've seen the courage it takes to remain nonviolent in the struggle for sense of personal agency and struggle for democratic right to have elected officials who represent our views.

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For that to happen.

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It means having fair elections and districts, which reflect our communities of interest and boundaries, which are unnatural and existing part of the environment.

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It means having districts, which are not gerrymandered to provide an advantage to those who are already in power.

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My address is Owings Mills, but I and other citizens are cut off from the rest of the community by one block on the congressional map.

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Does that make sense.

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It is a diverse community, economically racially and culturally, and it's one of the things I like about living here.

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I would hope that the diversity of the community would be reflected in the delegation we send to the legislature and Congress.

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Having multi member legislative districts may help to achieve that goal.

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Whether it's Michigan, or Maryland fair maps and citizen participation in the process of developing the maps for state legislative and congressional districts is essential to protecting and promoting engagement in our democracy.

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Each of you on this commission are agents of change in the process of revitalizing our democracy and making it meaningful. I wish the best to you and to all of us who are committed to the process, and to fairness.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Rachele Varon, thank you so much.

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Our next speaker is Clifford Collins of Baltimore County.

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Yes we can. Okay. Well, good evening members of the battle and did this redistricting commission.

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Hi, I'm Clifford Collins second Vice President and political action chair for the Baltimore County n double A CP.

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I'll brands is committed to the advancement and protection of African American, and other minority voting rights, which includes full political redistricting in Baltimore County.

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In keeping with this commitment we intend to ensure that this commission will create congressional and state legislative districts that in franchise not disenfranchise African American and other minority voters in Baltimore County.

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For example, we question governor Hogan's motive for requiring the commission to look at creating single member legislative districts.

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represented in multi member districts. Creation of single member districts become another form of gerrymandering in disguise.

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According to one study, and I quote, independent Commission's may not be as politically neutral as theorized and quote today that the n double A CP virtual national convention hosted the redistricting discussion on redistricting and training that bowels

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of the redistricting experts, discuss several topics all designed to prepare our branches for participation in the redistricting process.

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The Baltimore County, the n double A CP and branches throughout Maryland will be monitoring and we redistricting process.

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In an effort to ensure compliance with the US Constitution and that will voting rights laws. I want to thank the commission for allowing me to speak to you this evening.

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Thank you Mr. Collins, appreciate your comments.

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Our next speaker is I William Zartman of Montgomery county.

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I'm happy to know about that.

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I'm waiting. And I'm professor emeritus at Johns Hopkins University. I'm a resident of Montgomery county.

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And I also for a local interest, organized a sister relationship between the port of Baltimore, and the port of Tangier Mediterranean the entrance into the Mediterranean Sea, which has been helpful to the Commerce and Industry and employment in the area.

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The Commission is facing a contradiction is search for diversity and represented as as come out in its various testimony we heard a contradiction between diversity of party representation, and it's important to people keep our two party system in Maryland

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alive and functioning keeps us honest, whatever our party is. And on the other hand, community, ethnic, social diversity in setting up the district, and we want to know who our representatives are.

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And we want you to know. We want our representatives to know who we are. And the best way to have this direct kind of contract is this single member district.

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And so, you can say that multi member districts get a lot of diversity in them. But in fact, they don't, they get some diversity that that depends on the party that nominates them, but the direct contact then between members, and the district.

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Voters is last when you have a number of people you don't know whom to turn. Now we had a meeting of the, of our local citizens Association at quite acres here in montgomery county.

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And we called in a direct representative of a single member district in order to discuss with us the problems that we had, and the concerns that he had in his legislative function.

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And that kind of direct contact, you can't have in a multi member district single member districts are not exclusive. They're not narrow focused, they are indeed focused on the interest of the community, and it's up to the community and it's up to the

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committee to form a district that corresponds to a community in montgomery county.

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We just turned down a provision for nine members in the county council to represent us and individual districts. And in addition to that we added at large delegates, who's our representative at large delegates don't represent our individual interests,

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single member district to do, and I hope you give any pays attention to that request. Thank you.

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Our next speaker is James Haynes of Baltimore County.

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All right, I'm gonna hear and see me for what it's worth.

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I will try to be brief about this. I am calling, essentially, on a point of simply process and procedure.

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I want to thank judge Williams and co chair Olson and the members of the committee for having this meeting, and I appreciate your work, your public service and your dedication.

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The reason for my call is essentially to offer the opinion that the best thing to do this time around, is to simply be consistent here in Baltimore County.

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We suffer from having single member districts. And then the rest of the district gets only two votes for the House of Delegates, as well as districts which have three votes.

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And I was looking, just to try to make offer you an example.

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The one that everyone uses 21204 not terribly large of the few square miles.

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But there are some residents in zip code 21204, who get to vote for three delegates that is to say they they own three votes. In order to affect the affairs of the House of Delegates.

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There are also some members of some residents of zip code, 21204, who only have two votes for the House of Delegates.

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And then there are other residents who have only one vote for the House of Delegates.

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I don't believe that any court has ever precisely addressed it though just to say where the legislature reserves to itself, the right to discriminate against anyone regardless of race, regardless of sex regardless of religion.

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If they simply decided to create a single member district, you lose one or two votes on the House of Delegates without your consent.

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On a apparently random kind of principle, which probably serves the interests of power brokers in Annapolis.

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So I would ask the board, or the commission simply to go ahead and adopt a consistent set of maps, which is to say, if we're going to have three member districts.

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Let's have nothing but three member districts.

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If we're going to have single member districts. Let's have only single member districts.

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All right. Hayes Thank you sir. Appreciate it.

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Our next speaker has been able to join Richard Elliott.

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I thank you, I spoke previously so I'll keep my comments brief, my request as a citizen of the state of Maryland, is that firstly again that this this commission, focus on reducing the role of Central committee's both Democratic and Republican and pushing

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rather than having appointments, being done by several political insiders that we move to a special elections, as was proposed and multiple pieces of legislation in the past session.

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Secondly, that traditional boundaries be used to demarcate the lines for example in District 44, which currently is within the city. If that were to be moved to the county, having organic lines that are very understandable for residents, I think, for

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example, stretching between Frederick road and liberty road or in South East Baltimore County separating at the Pulaski highway I believe it is would make it much easier to set the districts and.

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And thirdly, as the speaker who preceded me said, not having single member districts or dual member districts with a single attached, that are explicitly for the benefit of political leadership, It is distinctly possible that Senator Senate President

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Ferguson would decide to add Dundalk or add ethics, or add parts of northern Anne Arundel County into his legislative district, so as to make it more difficult to defeat him, or in a different circumstance, to draw another member of the city delegation

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out into the county, whether in 2000 or writers town or Pikeville, thus diluting their personal power. If we are going to do maps they should be drawn for the citizens and not simply for the State Leadership.

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Thank you very much and I can't wait to talk to you all at the Prince George's commission hearing as well. Thank you.

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Thank you Mr Elliot. Thank you.

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Our next speaker is out Mendelson of Baltimore County.

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My camera is often actually in a another meeting right now but was worth coming out for you all.

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Good evening. Good evening all, thank you so much for your civic participation. And I appreciate your patience with any background noise that I might have.

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My name is Dr Mendelsohn I I testified 10 years ago, or 12 years ago, about the unfairness of the, of the district lines. And unfortunately, nobody listened to me then I'm hoping you all are going to listen to me now.

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There is a unique unfairness to multi member districts, we remember in grade school when they said everybody form up in groups. And there was one kid who worked, and there were two kids who play tic tac toe.

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That's so often what happens with with the Maryland legislature.

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Beyond that, in under bankruptcy. It's supposed to be that the citizens are going to choose the legislators.

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However, in our gerrymandering system. If in fact the legislators didn't choose the voters. As a bill we are some form of chattel.

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And that really isn't, where our country with the, with many many years ago. The monkey member district was established for the purpose of the democrats achieving the blacks out of the boat.

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That's, that's been changed now the democrats are trying to cheat republicans out of that alone is not only bad politics but bad policy.

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But there's something about the seventh legislative district a republican district, having 8000 more voters.

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Many of the Democratic District, which of course are 1000 votes for

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Just as a concept of fairness, all districts be substantially equal in population.

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So that's what I have to say and I, I just like to say one other thing, and that is that Maryland can really show that redistricting can be done fairly.

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We didn't do it 10 years ago, I'd like to see it happen.

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Again, thank you all. My name is Al Mendelsohn on the vice chairman of bark at the Maryland Republican Party and the former chairman of the Baltimore County Republican Party I live in rice fish town.

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Our next speaker is Betty Tucker Saab but um she requested to speak in the chat section but it doesn't appear that she's with us any longer so I'm going to move on to the next person who was our last speaker in less Betty Tucker Saab rejoins us and that

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is William Hellman

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and William you have been promoted to a panelist.

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Hello there, how are you.

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Can you all hear me.

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Okay, well I'm going to be quickly straight to the point about this there is the two issues here of our congressional redistricting. And the district's, I'm going to start with congrats more redistricting.

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And the fact is, there are a lot of states of gerrymander but our state is the worst lot of people describe these districts as Tara Daniels, third district, I described it as a blood spot.

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I mean, first off, it does forensically speaking look like blood spatter, but it's a good metaphor to for how it is essentially meant to kill off any sense of democracy in the state we have a state with 6 million population of 6 million people, but less

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than half of them go out to vote because they figure the democrats gonna win anyway because we've gerrymandered things so terribly in 2012, our governor at the time, Martin O'Malley outright admitted the considerations for redistricting especially in

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Western Maryland in the sixth district was simply to take a seat away from political opposition.

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In this redistricting. We need to redistricting not based on race or political affiliation or any of that. It needs to simply be governed by both geographic and municipal boundaries, no more districts that stretch from Montgomery County, all the way up

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to Baltimore City, or all of that they need to be compact concise and just represent people and not a political interest. Which brings me to this concept of three member districts versus one member district, I actually didn't know that some of our state

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houses legislative districts were one member and others had three but we should be going to a single member system. Again, it's about having a compact district that represents people not political interests, there is no diversity in our house right now.

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Honestly, there was no diversity of thought and that's what matters is that we have diversity of thought. In, in our state house, because otherwise, this is the situation you get you have rampant gerrymandering, which I would consider quite criminal,

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for that matter, the way it's done.

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Um, if you want to look at one party leadership, you can look at the City of Baltimore where I am from. We've had nobody on the Republican Party in the, in the city council since the 1930s, and our city is a disaster because one party is allowed to run

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it, they're allowed to do whatever they want, and there's nobody to question them. They don't even there wasn't even a veto proof majority they just have an entire majority.

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So, what I'm saying is single member districts, a great idea to improve the diversity of thought, in our state house but most importantly in our congressional redistricting.

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It needs to be about making fair districts, not districts that benefit one party.

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Our next speaker is Delegate Rick Metzgar of Baltimore County.

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Delegate a Yeoman yes delegate Metzgar here. Yes we can hear you. Yes, I'm sorry that it just read, we went crazy here for a second ago, so I didn't know what to expect.

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So, thank you and good evening and I, due to the time factor because it came on it was over, but I just would like to say thank you so much for the group that's put this together.

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And years ago, Let me just take you back a few bit.

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The, the districts were broken up by boundaries and by the boundaries I'm talking about the natural boundaries, such as the rivers and the, the railroad tracks and that sort of thing.

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And when we talk about single districts and if you look at district six I'm a delegate in district six, and we have three members, and the, the area that I'm talking about goes from engineer to Rosedale to middle river, and if you're talking about splattering

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the ink it splattered pretty well. Throughout this area because it goes unique different districts in fact if you go over to the Rosedale side, we would do some parades, you'd have three districts coming there together six, seven and eight.

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You'd be shaking hands given material you had no clue who you were giving material to So, again, thank you so much, but I just wanted to stress the fact that the boundaries are so important to consider the natural boundaries of the rivers and a railroad

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tracks and I understand, single districts and moving it down, and six ABC whatever you want to do, but it's a it's a seagull district needs to be created and just do it fairly and his previous gentleman said, if you're going to have a single district

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let's do it across the state. If you're going to have multi districts let's do it across the state. And let's just be even and fair across, because we live in a democracy and in my area.

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I have a lot of minorities.

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And I have many people that I represent and I speak that I've represent, everybody. God bless you and thank you for the time.

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Thank you delegate met so Thank you

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Our next speaker is Danyell Smith of Baltimore County.

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Hi. Can you hear me now I was trying to unmute.

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Yeah, we can hear you. Okay, great. Hello everyone. So my name is Danyell Smith. I'm a member of the Barbara County democratic state Central Committee, and I am also a member of several local, state, and national organizations representing as chair.

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I am speaking as a voice for the voiceless.

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There are so many people cannot come over here to see what they have to say. And one thing I wanted to say that gerrymandering and redistricting has hurt the minority community, the district shirt reflect the residence, diversity in generational selection

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is important. We must include input from our money. Millennials are Gen Z years and now.

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Generation X, we can all benefit from our now, and not just our future leaders which are our young people, and a more seasoned leadership can benefit from sharing their knowledge and have the legacy of their hard work on set the foundation of floors floors

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for generations to come, maintaining our current status of legislators of three is imperative. There are also, there's also more accessibility for our communities as well so someone mentioned that it isn't but so many people like that they are accessible

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to more and they look for more representation, Baltimore County has over, 830,000 somewhere around 140,000 residents under representation under representation is evident especially in the black and brown communities, the inequality in an equity is evident,

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how schools on a scale of one to 10 is ridiculously low. It messes with the value of our homes which depreciate the value of our homes adequate shopping centers with businesses that also reflect the medium income of our communities, is needed.

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We shouldn't be forced to spend our taxpayer dollars and another community that will benefit from our communities doing that while Walmart is a nice place for certain items, we don't want to go purchase out nice clothing and furniture from Walmart, and

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our county council is also representative. Suppose someone funds for often they don't run right now we only have one representative. There is no reason why in 2021 we still have the first of any type of minority, especially since out both are very vital.

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We need to see promises that are made during elections come to fruition. We need to see that the boards and committees and the offices that make decisions need to be more inclusive of their black and brown residents who come out and vote for that.

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are affected by these policies and the legislation. While we appreciate all that you do. No one can speak or represented community better than the individuals who look like an up and understand their long term issues and concerns and needs. We don't need anyone who is self service, and we need

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is self serving, and we need advocates, and our voices that truly represent our communities. Lastly, call someone, someone said something about the Central Committee.

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So right there they are trying to silence the voices of the company members, and so we don't need that, as well. So thank you for this opportunity to speak.

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And thank you for everything that you do. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Our next speaker is Justin Gallardo of Baltimore County, and it looks like Virgil, Virgil McNally of Baltimore County has been able to join us, we will come back to him.

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Justin, you are now panelists.

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Yes. Can you hear me now. Yes we can hear you. Great, thank you. Sorry refreshed.

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First I want to say that Congress serves the people, same with the state legislator, we vote the men and every two years we determine whether they go back to the hospital.

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We have serious problems at stake in our communities such as housing exploitation and jobs and those are serious issues of public policy that are voted on.

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But for the past decade with partisan gerrymandering, not just this state but across the board. It should be no surprise that the institution of Congress and the state legislature has been taken as a joke, 2014 saw the lowest participation the midterm

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election over a century, but hopefully there is hope, 2018 that was one of the highest turnouts for a mid term and then last election 2020 was one of the highest for presidential one.

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So it does show your vote matters.

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But somewhere How are your districts are drawn because it shouldn't be a cat and mouse game of Cal we get quality representation again we have people determine the course of our community.

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Maryland is making it easier to vote by adjusting the early voting hours and a permanent absentee ballot list, so we need to do the same for redistricting.

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And I'm extremely disappointed that the very first two speakers refuse to address some other issues that do influence even redistricting. And that's the ongoing issue of Central Committee appointments that we're a closed primary state, and that there's

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a big chunk of people winning off a block voting winning with only like 38% of the vote that's not very representational.

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And I also wanted to add that I am from legislative district eight. And, you know, that was a very historic win for Mr Carl Jackson and Mr haven right but it should have not taken that long to have that kind of representation just the amount of money,

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block voting in for Mr Jackson's case he was a central committee appointment because of a previous member who had more money.

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And I should have had fun fact in 2012 the state of Nevada abolish its multi Member State Senate, and we should be looking up to them because they are the first, and they are the only for both chambers, a female majority state.

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That is all I have to say.

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And thank you for your time.

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Thank you. Well, thank you.

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That completes, those who have registered in the chat feature to speak we did have another individual who was able to join us for for virtual or Fergal, Murali of Baltimore County.

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You're now a panelist.

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Hello, can you hear me. Yes. Okay. Okay, thank you for, for coming back to me, I got pulled off to take my daughter to soccer practice, which naturally overlying with whatever meetings I had on this evening.

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My name is Molly, and I'm a resident of Baltimore County.

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I have to say I do not envy the task that is before this committee redistricting is inherently, no matter how hard you try it is a part of that process has very few clear rules, and there is no agreed upon, definition of how you can do with 30.

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We can all look at a map and see that it's been drawn in a way that is unfair, but it's very difficult to get a large number of people together to agree on what a fair amount would look like.

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For example, most people would like to be in a district that is represented by a politician that they agree with ideologically.

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This would argue for districts where candidates are elected with strong majorities.

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On the other hand, most people would agree that competitive elections are important for democracy, but that argues for districts where candidates are elected with a smaller reality.

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Simply put, this commission will disappoint people unless you put everyone in a safe district and put everyone else in a competitive district.

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I wish you luck with that.

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With this in mind, I want to recommend a process that is this committee, which will help reduce some of the complaints that you will never be get on the other side.

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In addition to a map this committee should produce a quantitative numerical method of choosing the map that you eventually decide upon.

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For example, if you wish, as the voting bloc. Voting Rights Act requires you to. If you wish to ensure that there is an adequate representation for minority populations.

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You can include a numerical score for the fraction and majority minority districts that you create divided by the fraction of the population that identifies them as a minority.

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If you wish to minimize the number of times identify communities have been split between districts, you could create a metric that measures how good your jobs do a deceiving this goal.

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If you even wish to create districts that don't look ugly that don't look like inkblots or spider webs or whatever the other names that have been thrown around tonight, it's relatively easy to come up with a numerical score which quantifies, how compact

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or districts that nothing you are going to do will eliminate all criticism of your mom, but by adopting this approach you can help yourself in two ways.

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First, you get to be explicit about what your goals are when you're drawing your month.

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People can argue about your goals but they can they can argue.

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They can't argue that you're not being clear about what you're trying to do.

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Second, rather than have your, your opponents be free to snipe at you. The onus will be on them to take your, your metrics and come up with a better map which means that this will hopefully mute, some of the objections that you that you reach.

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I wish to commit their commission the best of luck.

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Thank you Miss Molly. Thank you.

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We have had another speaker request to speak, there is a Lee Harris of Charles County.

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Hello. Oh, Miss Miss Harris Yes, yes, yes.

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Well first of all, I would like to make it clear.

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Can anybody speak at any one of the meetings from the live in any county. Yes. Okay, I just want to make that clear, the young lady wouldn't allow me to speak because I was from Charles County.

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Well, next week is going to be a hard meeting.

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My name of course is a Lee Harris I live in charles county.

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I am secretary of the Charles County Republican Central Committee, and I am black.

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So I am making sure that Linda Dorsey, Mr cap Mr. Collins from n double A CP and others who support it, that we do oppose it in charles county multi district representation.

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First of all, it requires gerrymandering to work. I lived in Prince George's County for over 40 years I lived with a single, Senator.

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a single congressional district.

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And I had a single member districts in the county.

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The politics are the very reason that we need to do away with multi member political districts. And that is because, Senator.

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But he wanted to continue to represent people in Prince George's County. So we split the districts and may the state have to have more single member districts in order to make his district the biggest and most powerful district in the state.

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So, I want to say that the liberals are looking to democracy size, and make the state more democratic to single member districts, not only follow the law, the US law because this states should be contiguous by neighborhood and boundaries contiguous boundaries

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were possible.

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I didn't get on tonight to have this meeting, turn into a political bashing, but I want to make everything fair, Miss Darcy spoke highly in favor her liberal liberal leaders, because that's who they want to run this state.

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We need fair contiguous leadership, and both representation in both political parties. I thank you very much for allowing me to come on, and yes, I will be in for the next for the next two meetings, because I believe they're going to be some rabbits pulled

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out of the hat to make sure that more people speak. It is true, not enough black people are speaking, but I guarantee you once educated, those that know will, in fact, no difference a single member districts.

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Thank you.

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Thank you welcome Miss Harris just to clarify, when we were asking what county you're from in the chat box it wasn't because you were from it. We just needed to know your county, because that is something that we asked people who have registered to speak

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in the chat box to provide so that we can indicate what county you're from. You're right. It does not matter what county you're from you can speak at any meeting, but just to provide clarification, it was not because you had spoken before it was just

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that we wanted to say what county you're from, and we didn't have you on the pre registered list of speakers this evening, but thank you.

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And with that, I do not have anyone else who has joined.

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I don't believe so Maria Can you confirm that.

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Yeah, I just checked. I am not seeing anyone I, there's a couple of hand raised. But if they're, if they would like to speak we need them to let us know where they're from and the chat box so we can add them.

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So that would be Jerry, feet, TP fights be.

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And I missed the other name, Jacob Marinovich. If either of you would like to speak.

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Please, in the chat box indicate that and indicate what County, you live on out you live in. We do have a request from Nia hug me a dozens of Baltimore County to speak, Nia, you are now a panelist

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Okay, can you hear me. Hi, at first I would like to thank the Commission for the work that you all are doing. I am a member of the Baltimore County democratic Central Committee space Central Committee, and also our resident of District 11 and I just wanted

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to chime in with respect to specifically multi member districts and I think that it allows for a greater diversity of ideas, it allows for greater diversity, social and ethnic diversity, and it allows for greater representation, when, when constituents

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are able to reach out to multiple not just one elected official but multiple elected officials to advance their ideas to also express any concerns, and then also to be involved, I think, it allows for, you know, a lot of a lot of diversity in many ways,

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and for greater representation. So that's really all I wanted to to add this evening and again thank you all for the work that you're doing with respect to this commission.

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Thanks. All right, Thank you Miss logins, right.

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Our next speaker is Lauren's wild of Baltimore County.

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There we go. I should be on now, a wonderful.

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Um, I want to say a couple things this evening and the first is that since time is limited for each speaker.

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The camera on the congressional level I think that everyone recognizes that the state of Maryland has one of the most gerrymandered districts, outside of say the state of South Carolina, it's something of a national disgrace.

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And it's time for us to end that practice and recognize such concepts as compactness and commonality of interest within communities, to ensure that a congress congressional leader is able to represent one district, and with a common set of interest.

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The representative for example of the center of Baltimore is going to be more interested in industrial and development of the port of Baltimore than say someone on the eastern shore, who would be more interested in the agricultural interests of that particular

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region, just as someone from Southern Maryland would be more interested perhaps in the development of the Metro Area Transit System around the DC area or traffic issues in that area and more interested in getting funds from the federal government for

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the development of the roads and mass transit within that region, I think that kind of goes without saying, and I think most people would recognize that on this level of the legislative districts, I would say that I am a strong advocate of the idea of

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single member districts, single member districts allow me to have one person who positively represents my community and the local interest. I will give you an example of an area where that work very well because I have a single member districts at present.

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The member was able to go in and get the local transit station the local Mark rail station upgraded in our area, which has helped to relieve traffic congestion or wrong one, and has given us a beautiful an absolutely beautiful train station now, as opposed

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to the absolute mile disaster area with it was previously.

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This is an example where a single member, knowing the needs of his own local community was able to reach out with the state legislature and get the job done.

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When a single member represents the district, then that district has one person that represents their local concerns.

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When you have multi member districts. For example, I'm put together in here and district 12 with Baltimore with Howard County.

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Howard County and can jam, all three seats, and both were county gets no representation. If you go to multi member districts. I do however agree with those who say that we're going to do it, do it all one way or all the other all small team member all

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Thank you very much.

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Well, thank you.

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Our next speaker is Jake Marinovich

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horror of itch. I apologize if I'm mispronouncing that name.

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Okay.

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Can you hear me.

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Yes, yes. Okay.

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My name is Jake Moravec, and I live in Baltimore County and the six legislative district parole you on in this presentation.

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A lady from Essex was talking about the possibility of having more minority representation within district six district six has

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district six has six different zip codes and living in this district, the zip code, 21221, which is predominantly Essex, and maybe touches a little bit of middle river

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has a fairly substantial number of citizens minority citizens.

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So I would like to suggest to the commission.

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The Commission is going to do a single member districts.

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Take a look at district six legislative district six and see how many people live in zip code 212 to one, to see if they have enough residents to make it a single member district.

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If they do come up short.

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Just legislative district seven.

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I think has 8000 extra citizens.

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And part of that district joins right next to district six.

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So, it would be wise to take a look at if you need a few more citizens to look at the health one community.

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And I think that could drive your number up to what a single member tester would be needed.

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And then my last thought is, We have another zip code, 21237.

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It's known as testicle Park.

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And it's been unfortunate but that poor precinct 21237 that zip code has been going back and forth between Dundalk, and ethics and Perry Hall forever.

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From what I can see and understand, I think, serve well that zip code 21237 become part of greater Rosedale, which is 21206.

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And I think that would give more representation for those folks.

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Thank you for the opportunity. You're doing a great job. And please give us some consideration. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Sorry about that my dog was barking in the background.

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Our next speaker is Sebastian Satie from Baltimore County.

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Hello, everyone.

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Thank you for having this meeting this evening.

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Yes. Excellent.

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So, thank you for having this meeting this evening. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. My name is fashion city.

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I wear many hats on different days but I guess today I'm just a humble Baltimore County citizen, and also the the president of the Baltimore County young Democrats, keep my remarks.

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Short and sweet onyx express my favor of multi member districts.

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They mean it's pretty clear that multiple member districts, allow for racial socio economic and generational diversity and representation.

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And as a young person and leader of young persons. I can tell you that young people are frustrated, deeply frustrated with the system.

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Men, that spans many different areas of government, but specifically to redistricting.

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Young people are frustrated that the maps as they are do not make sense.

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And so over time as people feel that the system doesn't represent their, their interests represent them.

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They disengage.

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And, you know, if we recognize that young people are the future of the party.

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Excuse me, the future of the state, and future constituents future taxpayers demystifying the process and drawing maps that made sense. And that seem fair and that are fair and equitable.

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I think will go a long way to keeping people engaged and participating in our form of government. So with that, close with that and I appreciate you guys hosting these meetings, like I say,

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Our next speaker is Jerry.

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I'm so sorry I cannot pronounce that last name I'm not sure.

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Jerry, you are a panelist, and Jerry is from Charles County.

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the multi member rationale that the democrats give reason for the multi member districts that the democrats give is absolutely a lie.

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I would gladly debate, the respective speakers of this position.

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I agree with Mr. Daley Harris is position.

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Diversity and race should not be the primary criteria of the candidate for redistricting fair and contiguous districts, the most qualified candidate should be the criteria for a candidate, a candidate who believes in liberty and freedom and justice for

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all.

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Believe believes America, Americans citizen. First, not illegal aliens jobs for all low taxes, and only assisting people in need, not people capable of working funding for the police, then would benefit in single member districts.

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Benefits of smaller compact districts, fundamental fairness dictates smaller compact single delegate districts.

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Single delegate districts are the most reliable method to ensure that all voters have an equal vote in electing a delegate to represent them in the General Assembly.

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Smaller single delegate districts allow a delegate to get to know constituents and the community's needs by living side by side with the people they represent the intimate knowledge that a delegate has of their own surroundings matters because that knowledge

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is the basis for the decisions that is not possible in these large districts, a delegate can be more responsive responsive to infuse a book constituents.

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When fewer constituents are living in a smaller geographical area.

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Creating smaller districts will provide some intimacy, to the relationship between voters and their delegates, whom they can hold accountable, a smaller compact district with fewer constituents will encourage a healthy competition of candidates, representing

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diverse interests in the community, a candidate for a single district seek can run a successful grassroots campaign. On a more modest budget.

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You have a tough job.

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We are grateful for your participation.

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And I thank you for letting me present this evening.

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Thank you. I'm members of the commission that is the last speaker. I believe that we have, um, I'm not seeing any additional requests in the chat box that list.

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Exhaust those who have requested through the chat box it does not appear that anyone else has joined to was not available. When we called them, originally.

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So with that, we have finished our speakers for this evening.

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Well thank you, Kristin for monitoring all about speakers and presenters and I want to thank all all of the viewers and participants and those who spoke for your comments.

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They were very, very helpful the commission will certainly take them into consideration.

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I took good notes and I do appreciate all that see it. This evening.

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Now a question will continue on if we have any business of the commission that needs to be addressed we have any issues.

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I don't have any new issues, just a couple of updates. Our second and third round we've developed a draft schedule that I will be sending out to the commission members either this evening or tomorrow morning.

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If you can provide us some feedback on that, as I said, this is a draft schedule for the second and third round of meetings, and you will note some greater detail on that and what I email you either this evening or tomorrow morning.

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All right, we'll certainly do that and tell the viewers to continue to look at our website, so you can get the updates for the second. And ultimately, the third round.

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Do the commissioners have video, or issues they'd like to address before we adjourn.

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Hearing none, I'll take a motion to adjourn and I will remind everyone that our next listening session and tool will be my gum Murray county and that will be on the 21st, is that right Kristin.

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Yes it is. The 20 year 21st at six o'clock so Wednesday record Wednesday.

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All right, good. I have a motion to adjourn adjourn. Alright, the second the second. Any opposition or discussion.

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Second. Any opposition or discussion. Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

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Aye. All right.

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Thank everyone and we'll talk with you later, Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Good night everybody. Good night.

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Thank you all.