

**Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission
Census Data Release Update and Commission Planning Matters
Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

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On the 30th, but we do have a reentry day, the 27th for first graders so it's 27, the first students come in for a half day.

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And then everyone comes back when the 30th of August.

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I was indeed. Yeah, we have, we have one together every for just this past fall with Cooper we didn't, but every fall we get together for that.

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We have a Starbucks on our campus which is really nice. Oh, nice, nice, my, my daughter just finished her third year as a Starbucks barista part time.

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It's a really smart marketing mood to limit certain things at certain times of the year, whether it's summer elves or coffee. Yeah, really smart.

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All right. Good evening everyone, William.

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I've missed you all so much. I haven't seen you all in so long.

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Let's see what you're saying in two months. That's right, that's right.

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Right. So Walter is going to serve as our chair for this evening's meeting. Welcome to those members of the public who have joined us for this working session of the Maryland citizens redistricting commission.

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This evening's meeting is more of an update from the Maryland Department of Planning to the members of the Commission, and an open dialogue among commission members with regard to a couple of outstanding items that need to be addressed.

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Prior to the redistricting map drawing, taking place. So with that, I introduce you to our mission co-chair Walter Olson, Walter.

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Thank you Kristin. Now we have had a round of everyone introducing themselves I suspect that most of the public members attending know who we are more or less.

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We also have names below our faces Is it okay to skip that this time.

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Absolutely no objection. I'm just going to launch right in and the earlier parts of the program are going to be a chance to be briefed by the staff so I won't have much to say as Chair later on we'll have a chance to discuss, where we go next, but I'm just

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going to turn the microphone right back to Kristin for the agenda. The first item is census data release which of course is the most timely of all of the items so Kristin take it away.

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Yeah, so, so really excited for tonight's meeting we have a lot to update you guys on. So it's going to be a pretty packed agenda. The first and foremost item though the thing that's kind of the most exciting for us at the Department of Planning is that

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the census data is being released tomorrow. We've spent the last couple of weeks prepping for that, so that we can turn that data out to everyone as quickly as possible so that not only the members of the Commission have that data in your hands as quickly

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as possible but also that the members of the public can access it through the Maryland State Data Center website.

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All of those links will be made available tomorrow. So tomorrow there is a press conference between one and 2pm by the US Census Bureau. We are told that the data will start to be released at 1pm tomorrow.

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We don't know when Maryland's got Maryland's data is going to arrive in our you know into our inbox is, but we should be getting that sometime between one into our data team who some of you have some of you have met are outstanding and have been prepping

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for a really long time, as to every aspect of how tomorrow is going to work and how that information is going to be conveyed to the public, the format that it comes in.

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And I just want to remind everybody about this in case you're talking with other individuals about it, the format that it sent in by the Census Bureau is something called a legacy format.

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The reason that Maryland is able to use this format and not have to wait until September 30th is because it is the format that we've used in the past we, we have the tools we need to open that data and review that data.

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And so what we'll be able to do is take that data and translate it into tables for members of the public that are easily readable downloadable Excel spreadsheets.

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They will be posted to the website as quickly as possible tomorrow, what we are saying is close of business.

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We, we hope that that is by five o'clock, we just simply can't guarantee it.

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But it is our goal, to have all of that data posted as quickly as possible. Now one of the things that we're going to do in advance of that website going live.

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Of course there will be a link on the redistricting page that as soon as that data is available, you'll be able to link to it from the redistricting website.

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In the meantime, while all of the data folks are getting those tables together to be able to post that data, we are going to a kind of glance of revelation for now and we'll get that out as quick as possible.

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Tomorrow we won't, we won't have to wait for the close of business for that, and that that quick look is going to be.

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So, that little kind of fancy of Maryland, we're going to be able to kind of shoot out to everyone. A Maryland's total population. And then by county of Maryland, it'll populate each county did.

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Kristin has gotten the rear get her, get her a text message that yeah, I'm texting her right now. I'll pick up mid-sentence, she was trying to say we'll get out the population by county will get out the number from 2010, and the number from 2020, so

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you'll have the numeric increase and the percentage increase in each county throughout the state.

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We will also be endeavoring to put that on a map so it's kind of easy for you to see at a glance.

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Actually the Census Bureau may be releasing things based on smallest jurisdictions first. So it just depends on which way they decide to release the data so we won't be the first to be getting data but once we get the data, it will be compiled in a way

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that will be useful to you, and useful to the public, and then we will try to create the tables. And then after creating tables, we will try to create the maps, you will see a map that has merit increases and decreases, and you'll have a map that shows

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percentage increases and decreases. So, then you'll have kind of bandwidths kind of almost like a heat map for Maryland about within this range of percentages, the populations went up and the populations went down.

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So, Kristin I was just trying to cover as the lightning took you out for a little while.

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Sorry about that. So, um, so it sounds like Rob kind of brought you up to date on that kind of that quick glance how that's going to work, how the census is going to be released.

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Of course, I'm Rob Did you bring up the whole prison reallocation in when we're expecting that back.

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Rob Did you bring up the whole prisoner reallocation in when we're expecting that back. No, I did not. Okay, so, so now tomorrow, is that broad data that that initial data that tells Marylanders how many Marylanders we have, where they all live, and it goes it trickles down

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drills down significantly to sentences block to municipalities to lead to local jurisdictions, by, by race by gender individuals over the 18 and all those tables are going to be available to you.

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And I will send you guys a link to that website tomorrow as well so you can go right to it. But what we have to remember for redistricting purposes and what the public has to remember for redistricting purposes, is that we can't use that data to start

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drawing lines, until the population of Maryland's prisoners have been reallocated to their last known home address. So that means that the numbers in say for, say for example the numbers in Toronto county will be potentially, then they will be after that

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prisoner reallocation, because there are correctional facilities in the Jessup, part of Maryland, same would apply for Western Maryland eastern shore and the like.

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So just keep that in mind, that's the reason why we can't use the data, because all of a sudden census tracts that you might be trying, trying to draw lines with all of a sudden those census tracts don't have as many people in them are all of a sudden

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have more people in them. That's the whole, the whole rationale is prisoner reallocation, and it's the law and Maryland that those that has to occur before we can use that data to draw lines.

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The same applies for any Marylanders, who are going to be submitting maps, we are letting them know, here is the data there is a disclaimer on the website.

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Here's the data for you, but we cannot accept maps into the prisoner reallocation data is finalized and utilized for any map submissions. That's the whole, the whole purpose of that, again, all of that information will be posted by close of business

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will have that information to you as quickly as possible.

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I sent you a couple of things. This morning I apologize I didn't realize those links were still on the publication page or the pre-publication page.

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But you'll have everything that we have tomorrow. As soon as we're ready to go live.

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Rob did you want to add anything to that with regard to the census.

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I can just remind about we've done all the pre work we can do with the prisoner reallocation to shorten that timeframe.

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Actual dropping a person on to a geography, with all those attributes about the person is something that will, we will double check after a contractor does it to place it into the map.

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So male female age, race, all those attributes of a person will get dropped in it's not simply a matter of a one slash goes into one block all the attributes of the census attributes of that person get dropped into that census block also so we're going

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to, we will double check that. And we'll get that data to you as soon as we have it done.

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Does anyone have any questions for us with regard to the census, the census data released tomorrow?

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at an earlier meeting someone gave an estimate of the number of prisoners who are being we'll be allocated wonder if you have that handy, because it could affect people's planning for all the numbers will differ.

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You went out on me a little bit there. Okay.

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Could you recall the estimated number of prisoners who are being reallocated?

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It's 16,000.

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Don't do not quote me on that do not quote me on that. It's like, Let's call it a writer, right around 15,000 plus or minus. So, it could be a size 16.

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to make sure we confirm every address that can be confirmed. And so, that process, we were able to have the good addresses, we were able to have almost 96% success rate in the reallocation process geographically so of the good addresses.

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Now we don't have a good address from every person, upon intake, maybe several years ago, that didn't match up to an address that still exists today but everything that we have that we can confirm as a good address, and sometimes the North, or the south

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part of a street, we had to figure out there's not enough. No three hundred on North Main Street so it had to be 300 South Main Street, and if they gave a partial address of falls way falls road.

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We've figured that out. We've done all that pre work to confirm those addresses and set them on XY coordinates, so they've all been done, and your question was about the number.

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And I would say just a little bit above or below 15 was a number I was been working with in my head, 15,000, and in your models of this.

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And I'm sorry to invite speculation but would it be fair to say that no single county is likely to rise or fall by more than maybe 3000 or.

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Is that too speculative.

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Charles and I'm not sure.

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It may be just about that or just a little more it's okay because I asked because I know some people in cutters are going to be buying those figures very closely to see whether they have more than two state senate districts are fewer than two that sort

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of thing. And so to the extent we can give them guidance about whether they're there, reliably on one side or the other one is some of them will be interested in that.

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Okay, I understand that question and if there's anything else we can provide that would help you with that. Before the attributes in the person get reallocated, we'll take a look at that and see what we can provide.

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Also the counties that would be losing those prisoner allocations as well.

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Yeah, the gains and losses I have.

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Let me, let me make sure I can get something for you that makes sense.

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Um, alright and so that's what we have on census, lots of updates tomorrow you'll be getting some emails from us again check the website as well. And without Walter we can move to the next item.

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Okay, and the next item on the agenda is commissioning plan and timeline, there has been a rethinking of what I had with.

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Again, I'm going to turn it right back to Kristin to explain the logic of that but it's something that will concern all of us So, Kristin Please go ahead.

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Right, so, so we've been talking a little bit just now about that whole prisoner reallocation that we'd hoped to have back a little bit sooner than we're going to have that.

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So, so we've been talking a little bit just now about that whole prisoner reallocation that we'd hope to have back a little bit sooner than we're going to have back, but we are going to have it back, the first week of September.

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What does that mean well we had originally planned to hold some initial round to public meetings.

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In the last two weeks of August, and in the first week of September, so we originally had about four meetings scheduled for round two prior to the time that we can actually hold those meetings.

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That means that we have to push those four meetings.

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Back or rethink the way we were going to have meetings, given that condensed timeline that we have in that period of time in September, up until the time you guys need to start drawing your maps, and then trying to get all of your, your maps done in time

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to present them to the public. And for the public to be able to provide you feedback. In the event that you want to be able to tweak your maps change them in any way before the holidays.

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We probably need to rethink what you had planned that we all had planned for the,

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for the structure of round two, and round three.

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The original dates that and I'm looking at the calendar that I originally sent out and I'm not going to post it just because I don't want anyone, particularly members of the public to think that any of this is set in stone or to utilize this so I'm just

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going to go through dates because I want to reiterate, this is all draft, this is all up for discussion among the commission this evening.

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We had originally scheduled to hold some public meetings for round two. On August 25, August, 31, September 1, and September 2 those four meetings cannot be public meetings for round two, because we won't have the prisoner reallocation data back yet.

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and the whole purpose of round two is absolutely not to be a regurgitation of round one. That is not meant for members of the public to give us their thoughts and concerns on their feelings about the process of redistricting.

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The purpose of round two is for members of the public to be able to provide you map submissions input on other maps submissions input on the data and how that may impact your drawing of the lines.

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It is a data driven round that focuses on district line drawing.

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And you can have statewide meetings because they're all virtual anyway.

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And so I wanted to just kind of put that out there for discussion among you, because what you might want to do is condense the number of meetings that you originally were going to have in round two, and have fewer perhaps a little bit longer than they

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would have been meetings in that round, between September 9, and September 22.

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There were already three meetings planned the ninth, the 13th, the 14th, and then you could potentially have a fourth meeting, the 20th 21st, or 22nd, but that is really a discussion a decision for the commission to have so Walter I'm going to let you

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lead that discussion about round two. Before we talk about round three. But while you're talking about round two. I would then clarify for all of you that you start a working session on the 23rd of September, and that's just a date that we have there

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we put that date in there because we wanted you all to have a significant chunk of time to actually draw these maps that is not going to be a quick process and Walter we'll talk more about mapping on this evening.

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However, right now as it stands, you have from September 23 through October 21 to draw your maps, we've put on the schedule.

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New meetings on Thursdays, they don't have to stay that way but that's what we have them on as of right now new meetings on Thursdays starting the 23rd of September, and carrying on through the 21st of October, then you would start your third round.

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And I want you to think about that because we have a lot of regional meetings on the schedule. And I'm not sure you. I'm not sure this is a discussion probably you'd have, if you have those structured in a way, we have them structured in a way that we

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can get through them all. So, you may want to condense the number of meetings.

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discussion with the commission. Before we have Walter Come on, can I get again the clarity again the purpose of round two meetings. Sure. round two meetings is.

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So, after the prisoner reallocation data is finalized. There will be a portal and I'm going to talk a little bit more later on tonight about roadmap submissions by members of the public, and by the Commission how those maps will be submitted for review.

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But that can't start until after prisoner reallocation because people have to use that data to draw the lines, and you have to use that data to draw the lines.

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So the purpose of round two is really for members of the public who want to provide testimony, either about the maps that they've submitted, or potentially about maps that they like or dislike that they're seeing because maps become public record, they'll

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be in a portal, there'll be posted to a website people will be able to view them.

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Someone could could provide that information, or someone could say, the population of this county grew by. However many percentage points, I'd like you to take that into consideration and then they might provide some specific district lines, they want

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you to consider with regard to those numbers. And so that's the purpose of round two is really kind of that data driven, members of the public who want to provide you information that you can utilize when you draw your maps or input for you to utilize

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when you draw your maps, and then round three would be after you draw your maps and present to the public for the public feedback about the maps you've drawn.

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But I promise we will get back to that subject by the time you've let me turn on for a couple of minutes looking at other commissions who have passed exactly the same task as we do.

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And we have to that serious preparation between now and mid-September or whenever the numbers come out and serious preparation is a couple of categories at probably the most important single one is something that has been called a criteria workshops it

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Governor has ordered list a bunch of criteria, like compactness like respect for county boundaries.

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lists a bunch of criteria, like compactness like respect for county boundaries. It rules out a bunch of others, such as use of political data and then is totally silent on yet other ones and let me raise one or two that the governor is our executive order

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is silent on it doesn't say for example, when looking at the state legislatures mouth, whether we should treat the existing mouth as deserving, a little bit of difference as a starting point that's often something that people do instead, they try to carry

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forward, historically, where a district has been.

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We should probably have a discussion among the nine of us of what we think of that idea, whether we want to start on a completely blank slate, whether we want to give a tiny bit of respect, or maybe a lot of respect, and that depends on, you know,

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each of our nine views so that each of these concepts which we've heard about a lot.

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I promise turns out to be more complicated compactness sounds so good that every single step practically except Maryland for congressional districts asks for compactness, but there are several different ways of defining it, and they have different implications.

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And we want to learn about that so that we aren't unprepared if someone criticizes us for having a person district that's good on one kind of compactness but flunks a different definition of it we need to learn about the tradeoffs, the more compact

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you try to make them out, the more you may be invited to split counties, which is also not good on something as simple as equal population, again, for the House of Representatives it's out of our hands because it has to be exact.

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When it comes to the state legislative district. Again the governor's order, probably gives us some discretion to we have it at plus or minus 2% derivative plus or minus 1%, there are advantages and disadvantages of doing it.

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Again, we need to bring these issues up devote some time to learn each other's views. Allow the best arguments on both sides to be Eric from the nine of us. And one reason this is important and I'm taking this directly from the seminar that did on national

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Conference of state legislatures put on is that problem that Commission's get into changing their mind halfway through, they think that they don't care about some Carter and then they can help with his mouth, and they say oh wait a minute we do care about

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it so they begin drawing the district's differently, and it's at that point that the public yells and maybe even someone thinks they should hire a lawyer, because different parts of the state are not being treated under the same principles.

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You want to try to think of these issues ahead of time, rather than afterwards so that different portions of the state are getting the same principles apply to them, and also so that we don't stop halfway through some interesting geographical question,

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and have to go back and spend an hour, sorting out what we think, what is it possible sort of spend that hour before September 30 or whatever the data is.

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So all of those reasons are reasons why we need to spend some time on getting into the toolbox of criteria is one more thing that I think it would behoove us to spend some time on because it would prepare us for dealing with the maps that are going to

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arrive in mid-September, which is to think out the logic of that you can call it decision trees if you want, what are the different ways not to go and if you look at the corners of the state, you can see, is to ensure can attach up north or can attach

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it at the Bay Bridge, and there aren't too many other options but, you know, let's add in Southern Maryland, you can split Southern Maryland between Charles and the other smaller counties, or you can unite if you're not if you added on for Congress to

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construction or to enter Randall, these are ways in which, if we get 2000 bucks from the public. Most of them will fall under family trees, in which they treat Southern Maryland one way or another way or third way.

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Same with Western Maryland, and by learning.

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What do you want to call it concept maps or just looking ahead to the types of decisions that we will face with every map that comes in is our area areas we're spending a little time before September 3 can will save us from a lot of flailing around and

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a lot of catching up.

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After we want to be as prepared as we can is commission. Now all that having been said, the purpose of that second round needs to be different from the purpose of the first round.

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Some of it will be driven by public submission which we will hear about later on the program.

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We don't know for sure whether public mouth submission will involve a lot of plausible mouth right away, or whether the public might be slow or might not be submitting as many matches we hope we can't stick all of our hopes on that drive in the process.

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So, we need to be prepared for members of the Commission, all nine of us should be given this some thought to possibly proposing ideas ourselves for how we would like our section or all sections of the state, because something needs to be driving that

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public discussion, because the public for the second round should be reacting to something, some of them will be reacting to numbers, but more of them will be reacting to someone's proposal from one of you on the commission maybe.

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Oh, you know, they were talking about doing without to these to ensure I hadn't even thought of that. Is that a good idea? Well, that's what we want to hear second round discussion of not very general stuff we heard the first time around, but also

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not something that is purely mathematical we want to hear people respond to the different concepts that are why along the different branches of the decision tree of wisdom step could be handled.

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Sorry I know I've turned on for a long time, but that's my idea of what are the second round of parents could be about and be very productive. Now, I'll get off the floor, please.

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Someone else jumping on with so you don't have to listen to my voice more.

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Well, the only thing I have to say a Walters and you got to be clear to the public as to what you're looking from for him or what you're looking from looking for from them.

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And you said a lot of things, but again if we want to have condensed hearings, we need to maybe put on a website, something that we're looking for them so that they won't repeat what they said before, and give us something that's meaningful and rich,

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that we can use. Exactly. And, again, looking at other states.

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I believe that Arizona, the first steps that try to get independent citizen commission, put out.

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It would put out like you know here are A B C D and E ideas, what's the public's reaction and it got lots of reaction because once people saw different possibilities and they could compare saying oh look, this map keeps us together with the content of

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the West. This map comes together to kind of the East, they have opinions and they have informed good opinions. So, Maryland, which has been one of the most successful sets of getting a lot of online comments did so by giving some people something to

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And I know it can seem premature or hazardous in some way to put up to throw ideas out there before we're sure about them, but in a way that's what can make public opinion or public comment.

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Rather, the most useful is if there are a bunch of ideas out there, you can.

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Everyone knows you have to choose between them, but at least people know what the ideas are.

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I'd like to agree, and I'd also comment that we've given us a start date for when we want to accept maps, but I think we're going to be accepting maps, literally right up until we vote, you know and have maps to consider.

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So I don't think the public should feel that they've only got three weeks or something like that to get a map into consideration.

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As I understand that there hasn't been a decision, set yet on when the window closes public enough submission.

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I think it is important to close it before our, our own deliberations and so that we are forced to.

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Suddenly, consider a good proposal without enough time to do it justice.

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Yeah, thank goodness, Walter also, I guess it as a commission, we need to meet and talk about the ideas, and the issues that we want the public to director, and whether we have a session, we're going to do that but otherwise it's going to turn into Julia

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the same comments that we heard from our round one.

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And, and, you know, I have enough notes on that I'm looking for something a little more specific right now, but we need to figure out what issues are we going to advance and give to them that we bought their reactions.

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I couldn't agree more. And so the, what I was calling the criterion workshops.

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I think tied directly because once we figure out whether there is a consensus on particular issues, such as the, you know what, what's the population tolerance on a district savour.

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Later on, perhaps, a consensus on do you keep counties together as much as possible, that guides the public in both how to submit maps and how to comment on them, we can't live at all just a trackless wilderness with no guidance, we have to generate the

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guidance, and we need to do so.

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If possible, with the best input from all nine of us, because this is a citizen commission in which every single commissioner has something important to add that the others are not going to know that every single voice to be heard.

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And so again, it's the public needs that gardens are they, they need the stimulation of having particular ideas and choices that they see us discuss discussing and eventually looking forward to deciding even though we can't make those decisions until

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later. But, but they need to see, you know, branches of the decision tree if you want to call it that way.

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I just want to mention about the value of establishing criteria and I remember Mary bring this up quite a number of weeks ago, that that's really going to serve as the foundation for the work that we do, and to hear that you heard at the conference that

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we're states ran into trouble; is they start to switch gears halfway through the process. And that has a domino effect on anything that you have thought about in terms of maps.

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I really don't think we want to go down that path. So, in my mind, the most important thing we can think about is what that criterion is established that these are public meetings, people will be able to hear that they can throw in your two cents on that,

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what they think is important.

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I think it might be a bit challenging for the public to start submitting maps, really early because they're not responding to anything.

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So, if we could focus on how much time that we need for the discussions about criteria and getting commitment or commit consensus that of the commissioners we're on board with those criteria.

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I think from that point forward I think we also need clarification about the map drawing. So, you know, we may we will have nine different maps. Or maybe not.

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Maybe you know in terms, I think we need to talk a little bit more about that process. We were all going to get training about doing maps, but do we really need nine maps or maybe not, it seems to me that that would not be a good use of our time, especially

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since we have very limited time to do all this, because our ending is really December now. Yeah, we, we do not need no masks wraps nor are we asking for non-part.

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As far as public submission.

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One of the things, if you have peaked at some of the public redistricting sites around there like David's redistricting over district are, you know that out there are members of the public have done, dozens and dozens and dozens and dozens of congressional

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maps and quite a few legislative maps, and I'm guessing that without amount of interest in the subject.

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And with some groups like the little woman voters and common cause haven't made it.

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You know, put considerable energy into guiding the public into realizing that they can submit and also well here in later about the details about submission and I don't mean to anticipate that but it's some parts of it a little bit technically challenging

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but other parts are easier, for example, as I understand it, that people don't have to map the whole state, in order to submit, they can map the part of the state that they're interested in, remix it a lot easier.

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I just I'm probably misheard you then because I thought I heard you say the commissioners will be doing nine maps, I mean oh no no no no no, I don't think, I mean if we were up to me I don't have a single mouth because I see a different pluses and

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minuses and different approaches. What I do want, if possible is for people to be thinking about, particularly as maps begin to appear, or ideas from apps began to appear and concepts of your luck you know do you try to keep

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it checks color coding all over or do you divide it or making it so which we did try to sort through your ideas, well enough to bring in, you know your perspective from your part of the state or perspective from something that you know as a citizen.

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As I said by the after the window opens I, I'm pretty sure we're going to see maps that represent different families of thought, you know what there is probably going to be someone submitting them out.

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That does cross the bridge for the eastern shore and someone else who is. And there's probably going to be at least four or five different mounts, different treatments of that issue to look out.

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And it's so don't try them out of your own just as I said, try to figure out what, you know what, what recommendations you think we should be here.

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Alright so that brings me back to the criteria, because I think you can't begin to even think about what a map should be until we have consensus among the commissioners based on what we've heard over the eight public hearings about what the public is

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looking for and then that gets joined with the governor's executive order, and a combination of both of those is what we need in order to establish the criteria and we need to have a date by when that criterion has to be met.

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Because you can't do anything else, so I think we need to think about when do we have to have this done.

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Let me just ask my team about set criteria within aptitude.

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Secretary recorder you able to speak about that or I can ask conditioned to join us as well.

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I also had a discussion with Charlie on the phone this afternoon. So I am up on a couple of those issues.

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The map security internally provides one measure of compactness on the

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It is possible to score it using other scores.

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Using available tools. So, anytime we move into actual working mode we will be able to move to have access to several different compactness scores for someone's proposed mouth.

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Likewise, uncanny splits although I don't believe that not to keep a running score, those things can be scored and put in the supporting material from up on the variance and population for state legislative mouth so again magnitude will give you a thought

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it's very good at. returning those numbers.

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And as we get into Voting Rights Act issues. Gratitude is also very good at returning race related demographics, which are going to be crucial in discussing the Voting Rights Act issues as they come up.

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Yeah, I can say that I will be happy to take a look at some of the some of the foundations and some other the kind of relatively neutral sources that have propose some criteria and rankings of criteria.

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And we can get that to you. You can review it, get to think about it, and then I'm also going to cost him that you, you give yourself the flexibility to to achieve a purpose.

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If you have to if you, if you violate compactness to keep a community of interest together for instance, or you go beyond the boundary of a municipality because the actual municipality boundary is one thing but then there is a community that's considers

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itself part of that area. Anyway, so there you need to give yourself that flexibility.

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And you, be prepared to kind of Bump.

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Bump a criterion. If you are achieving a different purpose that's more important in a particular area so I just want to remind you that if it was that easy.

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And we could just have the computer draw it for us because we can put the criteria. But your judgments based on what you've heard, as Dr Hetherington said, based on what you've heard, based on what you know.

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And based on what you've seen from the public may indicate that you might want to bump up one of the criteria give it a more weight in a particular circumstance geographically, because the area.

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There are some areas of state that can be big giant piece of geography, and some places that will be very small piece of geography because the population is so dense, and there's plenty you'll hear there'll be places that you know those hundred acres

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used to be a farm. Now they're all condominiums, and do they associate with the people across the river, or do they associate with the people down the street from them.

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And so the natural boundary might say, hold the river, but what you've heard from the community as we feel like we're part of this larger area so I'm going to caution that you.

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I'm going to encourage you to rank those factors. I'm not going to discourage that I'm going to remind you that based on what you've heard, and based on what you've seen from other map submissions you may be willing to, to not violate but to to alter

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the way that the factors in certain situations that seemed like you are accomplishing a different goal that's even more important, so you've heard a lot about communities of interest, that's easy to say and harder to define on the map, but you'll hear other

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discussions about those as other maps may be submitted to you so I'll try to see if I can make some resources available to you have some relatively independent organizations that have come up with some potential criteria and rankings of criteria.

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That way you can, you can choose whatever you want to do right but at least you'll hear some of the, the reasons why some of these criteria percolate to the top seven will percolate to the bottom, in some analysis so yeah that'd be great.

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Thank you for that and you know that other reminds me also have to talk not only about the criteria but about the process, because will be at some point we're going to say, have to make some decisions and have to vote on, you know okay there we have

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all these variables. What is going to take precedence based on some of the things that you just said, Secretary of court, because that's the rationale that will be given to the public about the maps that we're going to draw withdrawn and that's pretty

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much telling you why, whether or not people agree with it, they may not but if they understand the rationale, I think that's a little bit easier for people to swallow, as opposed to just looks like the willy nilly, we use this criterion for this group,

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this criteria for this part of the state. If we give the rationale. I think that will be helpful. So I think we also need to talk about process.

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Yeah, I agree. An example of that might be when we talk about variants with legislative districts, if we set a target of 1% for instance plus or minus 1% in the actual population figures for district.

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We know we may have to vary that if we're near an urban area or city and to keep neighborhoods together, but we ought to have little say, Our target is 1%.

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Here are the reasons where we would deviate from that. And these are very specific reasons, not, you know, not just oh we were in that part of the state, and it looked like the nice thing to do, we would have to be very deliberate reasons about going outside

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of that, I think, our intent is what we're doing with this criterion. Not that we will you know not deviate at all but if we do it with rational decisions that are already laid out for the public.

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So would it be helpful, guys.

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So right now, as a secretary and record indicated we can try to gather some independent resources for you all to consider.

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If you'd like, you could utilize that Wednesday, August 25, or Monday or Tuesday, August 31 date to come back together to finalize and determine that criteria, so that we can publicize that for you.

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Prior to map submissions that will likely start the week of September 6.

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I'm certainly open to those days to use old someone get talking about criteria.

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And I would like any rankings that Secretary can get for us I think that would be very, very helpful for us to look at and of course, the, the, the bottom line is that Marilyn still unique from other states, and we have to least you love some of the knowledge

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that we have about Merlin when we may have to deviate, depending on the circumstances.

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From the criteria. So, I would like to get the crowd cheer like to discuss it. And keep in mind that we have to be somewhat flexible, when necessary.

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Trish Williams any other views from members of the Commission,

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I think that's a good battle plan, I think that will find ourselves with plenty discussed, if we use those dates to begin discussing some criteria and if we work through it to our satisfaction before.

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We thought we would then that will be a pleasant surprise but, I do think setting that time aside is something that will be cleared out, it will,

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mega, mega so much more effective commission when the decisions, began arriving. 25th and the 31st is that the 25th and the 31st. Yes, sir. And you could also utilize both or either of those dates to continue our discussion to finalize some round three

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dates and structure. Um, it would probably be a good thing for us to discuss and kind of come to some conclusions, if possible, or at least come to some options and then sleep on it kind of things for round two, because we do have that condensed.

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We have had the data, the prisoner reallocation data, ready to go for a long time the Maryland Department of Planning has had that ready to go. We are the minute the Census Bureau releases those numbers, we're able to get that done.

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It does have to be entered into magnitude essentially that's a third-party vendor. In order for people to be able to utilize that data, specifically in that software to draw their lines members of the public that will take what they are telling us up

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to two weeks, from the release of the data which is the 12th.

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So we are expecting to have that complete as I said that first week of September. With that, again, those public meetings in September for round two, which are solely for people to discuss maps and data and data driven district lines suggestions.

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And again, just like we did in round one. We will have a policy guidebook that we would list with the meetings and when people register for the meetings, we would remind them that you could set those meetings as I said, Have for statewide meetings on those

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dates now remember we have some Jewish High Holidays, within those within that second and third week of September. So there are some dates that we cannot hold public meetings.

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And so what we have currently is September 9, September 13 September 14, and then some optional dates, the 20th 21st and 22nd.

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So that I think is just something that you guys' kind of probably need to decide thing because we need to publicize those meetings and make sure that even though they're virtual and people will join from wherever they would like to, but that they do have

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noticed that that's when the meetings are going to start the ninth doesn't necessarily give a whole bunch of time for people to get maps in. Once that data becomes available, but there will be plenty of people who are working on maps, who will then utilize

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the data once it is finalized, to keep to find to make sure that all of the criteria is met, so we should be okay for that one.

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the public criteria. I'm sorry the criteria for maps you me Mary yeah, the criteria for our deliberations right. That would be the minute you guys finalize those criteria, we would post it to the website connected to each and every meeting, just like we

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did with round one if you went to the schedule of our meetings, it would say above it. You know policies and procedures for round one. It would be connected to each meeting; we would add to the registration information about how that would work so let

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me just give you I'm going to jump a little bit and I'll come back to this when we talk about map submission. But essentially, are our state dental data center folks, and our IT folks have put together.

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I'm not going to post it because it's still in draft form a pretty comprehensive document as to how map submissions will work.

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It is a proposal for submissions guidebook, this will be a public document, it will live on the website, and it is step by step, how people will submit their maps.

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We would then have the criteria that you finalize with this as well, so that it would be very straightforward as to if you're going to submit a map. Here's the criteria that the Commission has determined that they will require, and we can go from there

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but we would. We also could do a press release on that as well as putting it on our website and do some social media links to it as well and publicize it far and wide.

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When are we going to check our calendars and look at these

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That's the data the cheap judges, getting her retirement celebration Barbera so I have to be there for that. But the other days I'm fine, so I checked with the other commissioners and see what you all want.

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our questions able to look at their calendars and one as if there are problems with going ahead with that reservation of debt.

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On September 8, and September 15.

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So it would be very difficult for me on those two days to join the other meetings those days.

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So there's so the meeting dates that was the other question right there the meeting potential meeting dates are the ninth 13th 14th 20th 21st or 22nd.

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So you could do a combination of any of those of those dates for statewide round two virtual meetings, which would be again, people to present maps discuss maps.

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And I'll talk a little bit more about how that would work when I talk about the that submission guidebook.

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So how many days are you suggesting for.

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It's up to you guys. I'm given the short period of time that you have before you have to start actually drawing the maps.

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Again, it's important to remember that during that entire process the minute the, the minute the preserve reallocation data is loaded, and the system is ready to go.

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People can start submitting maps and not only can they submit maps, they can submit written testimony and so we can combine that written testimony that they submit with their with their map submission.

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And so people can people will have a variety of ways to provide their testimony whether they join virtually or whether they want to submit it in written format.

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So, Kristin, those dates are fine with me, except for the 22nd we are talking about the evening again right.

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Yes, ma'am. All right, was my question Do these meetings have to be at night, or can they be during the day, because that could affect my availability.

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Um, you know we have them in the evening, but certainly if you all wanted to you could hold one during the day.

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You could hold one of your meetings during the day.

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Look up we hear from the other commissioners as to what's available what's not available I've heard, Chris.

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Okay. What did you say you weren't available what was that the 20th judge just on the 22nd, we had actually reserve some of these dates before so they were already on my calendar for the evening?

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Okay, so it was just the 20 21st and 22nd. We were just talking about and have those three dates. The 22nd is not good for me, but the other two are fine and Cheryl said 14.

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Cheryl is that the yes sir tire is that the entire day.

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That is the evening. Okay.

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But there are some dates, you know 12 o'clock, or principles little difficult sometimes, so I will make you know every effort to do some of the new work sessions, but there will be some conflict because of require principles meetings and things in the

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school, so I just wanted to make you aware of the daytime me, I'm just one person so just wanted to let everyone know.

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And what else Sean.

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Thanks, Molly cuz I will I'm good for, although these listed My only concern with the daytime meetings are we really expecting public input, do we really expect most people from the public to be able to sign in on a day while at work.

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To do that, but

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I think the evening meetings, probably make the most sense.

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At least one of you is important because some members of the public will be frustrated if it's only evening or only lunch, you, you want to open up that option as much as possible for people who, who are committed one of the other.

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So are we are we pretty much are we pretty much blocking out and committing to September, 9 13th, and 14th, and then you all need to pick the 20th or the 21st as the 22nd doesn't work?

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So is there anyone who has a conflict with the 20th for the 21st. And is it best to use one of those two dates for the, for a new possibility for a public hearing, just don't want to do when I have a couple of coaching commitments, but I can probably

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rework those in evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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But again, maybe I can get one I can't maybe miss another one I can probably try to work around, and that would be the ninth 14th and 21st Tuesdays or Thursdays, and one is when my wife has a conflict with our childcare, so she's got a staff meeting at

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a hospital so I have to cover at home, so that'll be challenging but other than that I think 13th and 20th and 22nd are good for me in the evenings, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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He, the 20th for me may be a little difficult. I'm just saying now that my daughter has a early dismissal that day at noon so I wouldn't be able to take a new meeting, for sure.

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And that night might be a little tricky, but the other day should work for me is, would anyone have a problem with Lisa one noon or afternoon, and obviously the knife will be good for me is anyone having problem with the knife in the noon or afternoon,

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We have to keep that one to an hour, that's the only issue is that we would probably have to keep that one to an hour because of Commissioners needing to get back to work.

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I don't know if God will in our judge which today's Did you say for noon the ninth on the lines tonight so that's what I'm. That's the only problem I have is nine.

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As another day that someone would like to propose a date. But just for clarification, if the round three doesn't begin until the end of October, we're basically jamming in all around to into two weeks.

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If you want to have a if you don't want to have any meetings during your, your working session map drawing sessions.

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Then you'd want to get them taken care of during that that two-week period of time that you could certainly have a meeting.

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You could absolutely do that and have another meeting after you enter your working sessions.

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Can I ask a more general question about timing of things? So there's reports that the General Assembly may call a special session to tackle since congressional specifically congressional lines.

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How are we factoring that into our work because we will want our maps to at least be presented to them before they do that.

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And that of course will be when you are presenting your maps. If your maps are completed, and the current schedule has you guys completing your maps. By October 20, like, October 21 would potentially be the last.

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The end of the working session but you really still would have the 25th 26th 27th. Currently we have the start around three occurring on October 28, then that would give you October 28 through thanksgiving to pretty much complete them.

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the week of October 25, the week of November 1, the week of November 8, the week of November 15, the 22nd, which is the Monday before Thanksgiving that's just a bad week to have public meetings I realized that people who are out of town.

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It's harder to get facilities, but you certainly could do meetings on the 22nd, if you wanted to, if you needed that extra date, but as it stands you have 123444 weeks to do round three, which is presenting your maps.

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I think that the original hope had been to be able to do

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more regional meetings, couple of factors to think about there.

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One, we don't know what's going to happen with covert in the fall to the, the original thought had been that we would plan things to plan meetings at community colleges and local colleges, whether or not that will be an option because of their rules

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and regulations for their students.

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Code vaccinations, whatever it might be, that might present a problem.

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So again, you probably need to condense plans for the third round of presenting your maps to the public. We are, we are prepared and have the means to present them in a hybrid fashion, meaning that if you wanted to plan.

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678 meetings in various parts of the state to present your maps, people could both come in person, or they could join in a hybrid fashion, we have identified individuals in our office who can help run that we have the equipment that we need to make that

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happen. So that if somebody wants to join virtually everyone in the room at the at the in-person site would be able to hear them. And if people are tuning in and watching it would be very similar to what we're doing right now.

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You know a Christian just based on the changing landscape regarding covert. I think we can put what how the format for that around three on pause right now, it's good to know that we have that possibility, but it's just changing all the time and any of

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us that are working in education, we know that it's like every day's a new day. Same thing for most businesses so I think we can put a pause on that but know that we have that option I really think we have to get back to what is it that we're doing in

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round two. And you know I'm folder I'm thinking about your comment about having a daytime session, and I'm really wondering about that.

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And, Like, if most of us can only speak for like one hour because we have to get back to work. I'm wondering if it just makes sense to just keep with the evening.

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I mean, I'm thinking my local county, when we have hearings, people come at night because they have childcare, they got their job they got everything else going on here and they can make arrangements for evening.

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And if we throw a day meeting, we might have an abbreviated session because many of us will have to get back to work, you know I'm just thinking stick with evening.

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You make a very good point I hadn't been thinking about the one-hour limit, and the last time we want to do is to have people turn away because too many people showed up with the daytime thing is,

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you know, the attendance was inherently limited back when we were doing geographical things that people had to travel to and in those it was more than one parts of the state, where we tried noontime parents at any rate, I agree with your point.

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It is better to promise hearings that we know we can stay through them cut people off. as we might have to do with new Eric's.

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So with regard to nine two. I'm sorry, with regard to the just going back to those round two meetings and I'm just looking at some, some dates and considering some, Some holidays and whatnot.

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Um, it looks to me like the night 13th 14th, and potentially the 21st, make the most sense I do realize that there might be a couple of you who can't do the 21st.

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I'm just kind of a note from someone in the chat that the 20th is also a Jewish high holiday or a high holiday.

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Just might not want to plan something for that date. So if I'm looking at the calendar and I'm listening to the feedback that we're getting the ninth, 13th 14th, and 21st might make the most sense for your round two meetings,

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we just call it the ninth at 12.

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Yes. Okay. All right. No problem. I'm just telling you how I can't be the online myself. That's all right. Thank you

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again to all of the commissioners just reminder that these are going to be a lot of public meetings because we want the input of as many people as possible and you all have done a great job of, of being available for that.

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If there are dates that you have to miss their dates that you have to miss the great part about these meetings is that they are recorded, and you can go back and you can watch them and hear that testimony.

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We also provide written transcripts as well, when we, when we we review those transcripts and we post them as well so you'd have you'll have that if you have to miss a meeting, it's just important that you let us know if you're going to miss a meeting,

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because it's essential that we have a forum.

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However, we are, we said on those date night 13th 14th and 21st.

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And you guys are going to talk about criteria on either. Did you say 914 20 and 21 913 1414 and 21.

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Yes. All right. Yes. And then, was there any preference for 22nd to 21st or is that just because I might have that conflict on Tuesdays.

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I must have 14 I'd like to maybe, I don't know, again I'm across the entire group I don't know that that's right.

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Gotcha. Yeah.

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So, and then you're supposed to start your plant you're working sessions on the 23rd so it just the 21st made more sense.

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Because then you would start your working sessions on the 23rd, you don't have to that's just the date that we've had one hold on you. And then again, you have optional hold on August 25, and 31st, and first and second to schedule a meeting.

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Among the commission to discuss and finalize the criteria for us to post and post and promote.

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Can we at least commit to us on the first of those dates for a preliminary

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criterion workshop as I say I, I think the amount of discussion that we make it into maybe more than we want to confirm to just one medium, but we got to start somewhere.

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So I'm going to go ahead and schedule a commission meeting.

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The. There will be one agenda item criteria and other any other new business matters that will essentially be the agenda item for August 25 at 6pm virtual meeting of the Commission.

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Should you all want to plan an in-person meeting, by the way, we have space in Crownsville offices in the, in our building in the Crownsville office we have space in our Baltimore office, and we can certainly acquire space somewhere central for the condition

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if you would like to do a gathering in person.

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But let's make that something possibly to discuss when we get back but I think it's, it's, it's too fast and too sudden to decide that now where we've got two more bigger agenda items tonight.

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Yeah. Okay. So, um, we, you know, if you'd like to move on, Walter I can talk a little bit about the map submission process because we already haven't, I don't think it'll take me very long given.

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If we could move on to some things that we've talked about this scheduling issue. Please tell us about map submission and then we'll go on to number two.

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So as I mentioned that our team has put together this comprehensive document, it goes through all of the steps for submissions from members of the public, and how they would do that.

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So if I go to the redistricting website, or the state Data Center website. I'm going to find a link that provides me information on how it is that I'm going to submit my own map, where am I going to submit that map.

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What is it, what is expected on that map, what is the criteria of that map? And so, basically, the guidebook would be posted. I'm going to share this guidebook; we just have a couple of edits to make to it.

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We had a pretty lengthy meeting today, to kind of finalize this and make sure that we have our links where they need to be.

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So I will share this with you guys. By the end of, tomorrow's Thursday, but by probably by the end of Friday. I'll shoot this out to everybody so you kind of have this document.

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But it goes through the Maryland district in requirements, the submission, you know, for example, it says you know be compact and form have substantially equal population have do regard for mutual and political boundaries.

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And so these are the types of things that will be in this document, I will get it to you as soon as possible. It then goes on to submission guidelines, how's that going to work.

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I'm a member of the public, how am I going to submit my map. There are three ways you can submit it through magnitude. You can submit it through other electronic tools, and you can submit a hard copy of paper copy, and we will make that work.

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we want you all to have as many resources from the public as you can. And so, we will try to make those maps work, provided that they meet the criteria that that you that you require.

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And so there again 233 different ways they can submit them. So I decide what way I'm going to submit them, and then we would provide them information on preparation guidelines for plans submitted, if you provide it through.

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However, you're going to, you know, if you provide it through aptitude if you provide it through the hard copy, if you provide it through some other electronic process or electronic tool, I'm sorry, we give you, how that would work and and what where you

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would go and what format to utilize in.

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And we go through each of those whether it's hard copy or, or electronic process or map attitude.

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We go into the submission procedures; how do you actually submit. With regard to each of those ways, each of those submission methods.

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And, and then kind of we are going to assign each submission will get a unique ID that unique ID will enable us to say this is this person's map and where it lives because those maps become public record.

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And so we'll be able to have a listing for you, and on the website that says map number 1234.

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And you can pull that map up. So let's say we get to the route round three meetings, and I register to speak, and I want to talk about my map. When I register, I would indicate what my map is my I've given a bit I'm soon as I submit the map, I'm given a

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unique ID, and I say, I'm registering to speak, and my unique ID is 1234, then when that person speaks will have a methodology to pull that map up for you, virtually in order to see it in round two will still work that out and we can talk about that more

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another time. But we will have that capability and.

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And of course the public will be able to look at other maps submitted, so that you know if I say, Okay, well, I actually really like this map and here's why.

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I can then present testimony saying, I've looked at this person's map and these are the reasons this map makes a lot of sense. So, so that is.

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That is how that will work. We will also have, of course the disclaimer that you're under that you're not under an obligation to comment on those maps provide feedback on each map, and the likes and then of course will provide contacts and useful information.

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I'm last not really sure what I'm supposed to do, how can I figure this out, here's, here's kind of a way you know here's an email to troubleshoot at two, there will be a sub middle a unique submitted email address those submissions won't come to the

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redistricting commission@maryland.gov website they will come to a separate website that we are finalizing now.

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And you can also email them, and we will provide the address if somebody wants to mail one that they've colored in, they can and we will make that happen for that so.

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So that's how it's going to work, I will send you this document when it's finalized, are the team has also put together a flow chart to kind of give you a visual of that I am, I will also send you that flow chart when I send you this document in its final

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And that is that is going to be the submission process again, couple of tweaks to work out, but we're ready to go.

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discussion with that before we move on to not to train them.

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Did you have a tentative open date and a close date for submissions and that guidance.

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No, that was one of the things. Well the open date will be as soon as the prisoner reallocation data comes in which will be the first week of September.

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The close date, it's kind of up to you guys.

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That's one of the things we need to discuss is when, when do you want the close date to be for people to submit maps for consideration.

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Round two ends it you certainly could make it during the time that you have your working session.

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And you could include it during rap, you know, people could submit maps during round three that you could take into consideration.

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In the event you want to make any final tweaks. After you have the third round and have presented maps and gotten feedback from the public on them. So you certainly could make the deadline for submission of maps.

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You know you're scheduled to finish your working sessions on October 21.

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You could certainly make it before that, or you could make it into round three.

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into into November, Secretary McCord you have any input on that.

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With regard to the deadline for map submission.

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Um, I'm trying to recall how long the window was open, last time we did this, I think the window was open pretty late, but you're going to need to have considerations for lots of different sorts of maps coming in that might not be the whole state, either.

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So, you're going to have to, as a commission decide. Here's the cut off that we're going to take, where you can be into your deliberations are, but before your final deliberations because you don't want somebody saying, I gave you the best, the best map

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and you never considered it so you'll have to figure out that date as a commission. And that I'm going to leave it up to you guys, I do think that's important.

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We want to give people a wide enough window so that they've got a fair chance of submitting but it's just asking for trouble to give ourselves too short a time to consider what someone will consider the best idea because it's their idea and suggest that

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And I suggest that we not figure out what that date is tonight, but put it on our list of things that we have to come up with, it gives us a little bit more time to digest, you know what it is and what makes the most sense and perhaps when we have a future

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meeting, we come up with a recommendation maybe just pick a date we put that on the agenda, so that the public will now.

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Yeah, you could even include that when you guys reconnect on, on August 25, yeah because that'll be that'll be just about a week before that prisoner reallocation data is in and that way, we would be able to post it that when we post those criteria.

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map to training map that you are trading.

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Alright so we are going to do at least two sessions of magnitude training on Shelley April who I know Walter spoken with I know Mary has spoken with is in our office.

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She is very well versed in aptitude.

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She is going to provide training for our commissioners, and we're going to do two. Two trainings will do it smaller group training just to make it easier for questions and assisting people as you go through the process.

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If you'd like we could do one, we could do both of them be daytime meetings like just lunch I, she said that the online version that the initial training of that would take only about an hour to get you up to speed.

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You could have subsequent meetings and Walter will talk more about that. But we could do one in the evening one in the day, or we could do both in the evening.

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We're both in the day to get feedback, we could start those as early as next week on Tuesday or on Tuesday or Thursday of next week.

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If there's anyone available at noon on Tuesday or Thursday of next week.

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So I know that I know that Tuesday is awful for me during the day next week. I'm sorry, Jonathan Did you say Tuesday. Tuesday will be during the day, on Tuesday will be awful for me anything.

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Okay, but we're going to have two sessions so two sessions so if you'd like. We don't have to do that right now, we can, I can send out an email, and then everybody can kind of get back to me.

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We don't have to put our schedules out here right now.

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Everybody get back to me and I'll put out some dates, and then people can kind of just sign up for those dates and we can take it from there. I want to reiterate, just because these are going to be the first two sessions, we set up, they do not have to

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be the last two sessions we set up. And they, it does not mean that you can't reach out to for support.

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After those sessions are over. And I think that that is, is very important.

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Map attitude does have training modules online, those modules are for the public. We can add those modules to and videos to our websites and members of the public can learn as well.

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And so we will just make sure that people are familiar with how to use that program.

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Christopher, if I could put it out.

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Once you create an account on the multitude online site.

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To me, but are the best resource that I found was the quick start guide which may appear on your first screen without bidding otherwise you can get it to the help come out, but it actually was quite logical and straightforward and explaining what started

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out as being a tremendously confusing.

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And then, Shelley was able to very efficiently answer further questions I had but if you count schedule

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You know, think of jumping in because I found that Jared, with the help of the Quick Start Guide I don't think that it's beyond our means.

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I didn't do any work yet with the legislative districts because I found some challenges and how those for representative magnitude but maybe Shelley's figured out a better way or world.

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I think having, you know, just the ability to text each other or Walter Shelley as we're doing things might be useful or whoever, some other experts are because I think we're going to learn tips and tricks as we really get into using the real data.

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And then we'll want to share, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it was good. So, we can all do this I'm sure.

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And what Mary and Walter are talking about is you know just kind of going in and kind of practicing with the, with the software.

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You know, obviously no maps can be drawn until after that prisoner reallocation data comes in.

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But, but you can still kind of get familiar with how that program works, so that you're ready to go when that data comes in and you're not learning that, how to use it.

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Yeah, the biggest difference is watching somebody push the brightness, and then I'm going away and having the buttons all right there in front of you and you having to push the buttons yourself.

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So that's why just playing with those and getting used to some of those is is very useful, even though you're not really doing any real match yet you're figuring out what were the different commands are which tools do which things and run through a few

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few exercises and then it gets a lot more intuitive, but I do agree with Walt looking at it initially with some of the guy that's out there.

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makes it look a little daunting, but it's not.

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And I sent you, some links that we just kind of found out there, found, you know, out there on YouTube, and one magnitude that you guys can just review and look at Walter had sent one or two of those as well.

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So, so you do have.

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You do have that ability to do that.

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One of the things that that we did that we have had difficulty with is getting a session scheduled with caliber with magnitude for a training session for the full Commission on the online version.

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That is the version that you will be using which is the version that the members of the public will be using.

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Because of that, is it a canned training, it is basically the links that we're talking about? So, that is the training. Those are the training links that we will be able to provide for the public.

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As far as a public training session or the links that are offered as far as they prerecorded training sessions, by magnitude. We had originally thought that we would do a essentially a larger meeting of the entire group where you would all be able to

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talk to the people at Caliper, however, that has proven to be a bit problematic because of the fact that the online version is a -

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We were kind of told us is kind of a canned version of a training. And so, that is probably not going to be the way to go. Again, though, you know, as we've, we've mentioned to the public that there will be public training on how to use map attitude,

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we will absolutely provide the links for the public so that they can utilize that program as well.

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Questions or comments from commissioners.

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It is a lot to learn.

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members of the public should remember that.

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And there was a good question in the chat about what about people who are not so computer savvy.

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It is not the only way to participate in the process.

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Kristin was mentioning, I think that if you generate them out to other man's and send it in.

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There are ways of incorporating getting into the same process by which computer submitted mounts, get considered, and we will be looking at the full written record including maps devised by people who may not have a lot of computer capability and may

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not be able to tackle getting up to speed on multitude.

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If you can't get up to speed on aptitude so much better of course and you'll have more tools to work with but that's not the only way to participate and mouse submission.

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Right. Okay.

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That completes our agenda.

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Do commissioners have other matters that they'd like us to address before we hear a motion to adjourn. Hearing none,

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Anything more from the finance department or kind of, they don't believe so again I will get your, your meeting links out for August 25, I will send an email out about with those links, again, with regard to the map between training, I will work with

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our with our web masters to make sure that we have those links for the map to training on the redistricting website so that the public can get up to speed on that as well.

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And then we will get you your census data tomorrow we're kind of excited about that. And you're meeting for August 25 your meetings for September, 9th, 13th, 14th, and 21st.

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In the evening they will be second round meetings for the public they will be virtual.

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We will have criteria set forth to provide to the public prior to those meetings beginning that criteria will be listed with each meeting, and will be listed with the registration, we have put disclaimers all over the websites that we do not want people

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to start submitting maps. Now, prior to the redistricting. I'm sorry to the reallocation data being published the first week of September, that disclaimer is going to be pretty much everywhere tomorrow when people are able to start accessing the data

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that's what I have. Okay. I'm hearing nothing more, or do I hear a motion to adjourn mentioned Twitter.

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Secondary by Jay. All in favor say aye or Wave your hands and opposed. Okay we are adjourned.

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See you next time.