

**Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission
Round 3 Public Meeting
October 13, 2021**

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Okay, well you're just real quick. I'm just want to make sure you're talking about the email that was proposal for change in Washington County Hagerstown area, which one they had was done area as currently.

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And secondly the changes that we would consider making to it.

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With me welcome everyone to this evening session here with the Berlin citizens redistricting commission.

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I am judge Alexander, Williams. I'm one of the CO chairs of this nonmember of commission.

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We excited to have all of you tuning in.

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This evening for another session. And I will say that the hallway.

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We are live a few more minutes till six o'clock all right yes, you're right, bro. And I was just waiting for you to tell.

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Kristin, Do we have anyone know missing this evening.

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George Williams while we wait for any more of our members would you like me to go ahead and go a little bit out of order in the agenda and quickly run through the policies and procedures here or do you want to just go ahead and get started at six o'clock.

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Before we get public testimony will have all the permissions introduce themselves that's no problem. Sure.

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Correct. Correct, yeah to work commitment and as I name is unable to attend. All right. Thank you. Well, ladies and gentlemen, these are eight of non-commissioners of three democrats two republicans and three independents constitute this commission.

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Kristin, Do we have any details I can walk through from a historical standpoint,

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I think, as of right now we can move to the speakers and then handles any anything that we need to follow up on during the working session after our speakers.

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All right, great. Okay, let me just have just a couple of additional comments before we call on the speaker. Again, the public meetings began on May five.

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Oh, probably almost 100 citizen maps from the public over 177 77 Okay, and we've hosted 30, a more public meetings I think 31, and just continue to receive a lot of feedback and comments and reactions to the maps as to what people like what they don't

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like and so forth. We put a lot of emphasis on social media on social media posts with resulted in a lot of impressions on Twitter and many many messages on Facebook.

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Again, we've had public officials testify against citizens testify. And we have a number of hot issues that still burning but everything is transparent, everything is basically on our website.

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And please tune in and look, if you want further information on previous meetings and everything that we're doing. No determinations no actions don't meetings are taking place, except those have been in public.

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Kristin if we can go to our speakers who have signed up, who's first. Today, our first speaker is delegate Robin grammar of Baltimore County who's going to speak about the congressional and senate maps.

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Delegate grammar you've been made a panelist you'll just need to unmute and start your video.

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Nice to see you and thanks for coming, you as well. Thank you so much. Good evening, Madam Chair, Mr. Chair and Mr. Chair and members of the Commission My name is for those of you don't know me, my name is Robin grammar, and I appreciate the opportunity

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to share my opinions here tonight. I live in Essex, and I've lived in eastern Baltimore County for my entire 41 years of full disclosure, I am the state delegate currently representing Eastern Baltimore County.

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The goal of Governor Hogan was to restore trust and fairness to our political system, and to eliminate partisan gerrymandering I agree with those goals.

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The proposed Baltimore County legislative maps have some problems and achieving the goals laid out by the governor and although I could go on about that, I'd like to limit my comments to the east side.

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The proposed legislative maps completely obliterate Eastern Baltimore County which has been a joint politically for 19 years.

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And a few people want contest at the communities of Dundalk edge mere Essex for Howard middle river and Rosedale are of similar interest, number of times, a political boundary may be traversed as finite.

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And these maps us Eastern Baltimore County as the filler for both a political crossing into Baltimore City, and into Baltimore and to Harford County. And these maps would assert that the communities for Howard an engineer or more similar to federal Hill

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The maps would assert that Sussex has more to do with Aberdeen than it does with the other half of ethics, which is on the other side of the street.

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Additionally, these maps rip Essex and half one half of Essex is connected politically to Aberdeen, and what would be the new district 43.

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The new district 19 would leap a body of water a state highway and the railroad tracks to rip the actual Essex Community Association, which is precincts 1512 1513 and 1514, it would rip the Essex communities, Association, out of Essex, and connected to

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the new district 19, which appears to connect the park villains house and I encourage you to explore why this map suggests this change. This change would leap physical boundaries and bifurcated Essex, to create this new district.

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If you talk to the folks of southeastern Baltimore County, you will see just how similar their interests are and I think we should do everything we can to keep the district together, not the split us into Harford County and Baltimore City, I understand

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district six lost population so that would certainly need to be additions geographically I think we could achieve this simply by consolidating some of the Rosedale precincts into eastern Baltimore County.

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Or we could even extend in the middle river arrow acres maybe take on Hawthorne, we could do it that way, for example, that would be a simple change that would consolidate communities have similar interests not bifurcated us also briefly just want to

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touch on single member districts. There's one option for fair representation in Maryland, that is single member districts.

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Right now in Baltimore County, one of our hot topics is more minority majority districts. If you believe in arithmetic single member districts is the best way to achieve more minority districts and also provide the most fair representation for every male

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under. With that I'll close thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to participate tonight.

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Thank you delegate grammar Thank you.

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Our next speaker is Jay Gerard in from Howard County. Jay, I've made you a panelist and you'll just need to unmute and share your video if you'd like.

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Can you hear me. Yeah, certainly can. Yes, you're not getting my video though, I guess. No, I'm sorry.

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And we have that you'd like to speak about the congressional map, so we put them on the screen. Yeah, my video now, I'm not sure if it's coming through right.

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All right, thank you very much for your patience.

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First of all, I just like to compliment the complete panel here for doing an excellent job at the congressional level.

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It's 1,000% better than what we've had over the last decade. They're contiguous, and they're compact, and somehow, you've been able to get the full 717 or 771,000 in each one of those eight districts.

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Fantastic. You could describe where you're at, to anybody else in Maryland. With these districts the other ones were impossible.

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But I also wanted to just bring up the possibility. I, we have 47.

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Senate districts in Maryland.

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If we could just increase it to 48.

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That would be a 2% increase in the number of our senators. The population is went up 7%, what would - what can we do with 48 districts, we could do.

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We could do six.

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Senate districts, for every congressional district completely contained within each congressional district, so much cleaner, each district would be about 128,000 and you'd have six of them, per every one of these districts.

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So, and it'd be they'd be 100% behind one congressional district they wouldn't be dividing their time between a couple districts, it just it's much much cleaner, please consider that as an option, draw that up and have the governor and the legislature

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at least see what that might look like six senate districts, for every one of our congressional districts, increasing the number of senators from 47 to 48.

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There's 43,000 per district, if we went with single members. Some of our viewers, we've had member loyalty members.

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Whenever I see that I always see a very limited number of it quickly involves to just one party unfair.

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If we can say we'll do our elections and have only.

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You know, one party get only two of those seats and the other party get one of those seats, there'd be an incentive for them to do a little bit better in the next election, but we'd still have enough people.

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They'll be willing to run in those districts, and every person in Maryland, where wherever they're at, whatever, wherever they live, they'd have at least one member of each of the two major parties, they could contact.

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That would be your comments, appreciate your comments on the three minutes is up on and nobody comment on have the rod and is that to change the set addiction some 4748 that would take something act Bobby combo about people to change the constitution

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and laws so certainly beyond our power but I thank you will certainly pass it on to the legislators right like they should at least consider it thank you very much drugs for me it would be much cleaner.

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All right. Thank you.

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All right. Yep. Our next speaker is Daley Harris of Charles County daily I have made you a panelist you'll just need to unmute and share your screen if you'd like.

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Hello commissioners How are you all right what are so nice to have you.

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allowing me to speak again.

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I've listened to the members of the permission, and I bread memos Mr. Austin. And I'm, I know that this particular meeting is really about Baltimore County in Baltimore City.

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But when you look at what you're doing in Baltimore County Baltimore City, and what the previous speakers just offered about adding the 48, Senator.

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I think when you When you create a hybrid.

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Mix hybrid, and you look at the population, what you're doing, in order to create the hybrids in Baltimore County and Baltimore City, and the gerrymandering that you're doing you also affect the southern state as well.

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And while this is about Baltimore you affect Charles county in your numbering. And I'm really opposed to the hybrid solution that Mr. Olson is recommending, and I hope that this commission was stick to what Governor Hogan has recommended and suggested

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in his executive order, whereas a single member this district compact and contiguous within the boundaries. I live in heels Ville, Maryland, Maryland is in southern Charles county.

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right on the St Mary's line, and my senator is going to be in Clinton, living in Prince George's County. That to me is not, cultural, it's not.

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This is gerrymandering, It's you changing the district numbers from 28 to 39 which will confuse people which okay that that happens every 10 years or so.

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But why should I in southern Charles county, have a senator, that's going to be impressive I just counted in Clinton.

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That's gerrymandering that's political partisanship is illegal is unfair. And while I appreciate the Commission's work and dedication to this project.

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I think the commission needs to stick to the executive order and do what the governor has recommended be done. Thank you for your time.

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All right. Thank you, Miss Harris, just saw correct your one thing. The hybrid is a discussion that has come from a number of Commissioners it's not anything attributed to Commissioner also know he was just putting a number of thoughts together based on

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that discussion but don't hold him responsible for any want to correct that. Yeah.

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Okay. Thank you. Next.

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All right, are you, next speaker is Senator Paul Cornermen of Washington County, who is who is requesting to speak about the proposed Senate District maps montage Sims is also listed as a speaker, but she has yet to join.

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Alright folks, can you hear me.

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Yes, sir. How are you today. I'm doing well thank you, I appreciate it. First of all, thank you to do all the work you guys are doing here, very much appreciated.

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I just wanted to speak a little bit towards the senate map along the lines of dominant grammar spoke to but obviously the concerns that I have a lot of our constituents are here in the western part of the state.

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We understand how is the population loss of the curtain district one and understand that district one is going to have to move east.

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But muscle same home lines are w grammar spoke to, we're talking about trying to keep things is continuously compact as possible. There are some issues that have come up with this proposed draft, specifically in Washington County, the district would now

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now as drafted here would extend district one that is extend east and north. Essentially what would by sector by suffocate.

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The northern portion of what is known as basically Hagerstown, and in Hagerstown proper while the city itself is left intact, just north of the city of Hagerstown, which is a large population the suburbs.

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The airport things that nature. We didn't fall into district one. And so you would basically take the two largest zip codes that are out here and the entire county and cut them in half.

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While we are in a rural area. The challenges around the city of Hagerstown, or re are very different than those in the rural part of the county especially in district one.

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We have a lot more concerns and challenges and issues in regards to, you know, things that happened more than urban densely populated area, and again while we're in a rural area that that population center around Hagerstown again has quite different challenges

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and the rest of the rest of the county. So my suggestion would be, if possible, I have tried to go on and played with the math to myself unfortunately I don't have the ability to some of the folks have had to put some of these things together and I'm working

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on that currently trying to see what also happens could be. I know the commission wants to, to keep the population deviation to a minimum and I do respect that.

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At the same time we would like to respect the values and serve the western around particularly three most western counties have tried to keep them as intact, to the best of our ability that they have with regards to representation.

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That is a big concern here I know with them with Hagerstown and likewise to the southern portion where we're trying to respect boundaries and southern portion of District two is proposed to go into Frederick County.

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And I think that is completely unfair of the folks down in Frederick County.

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There's an again vast difference between the two counties, we have different forms of government just locally, we have a county commissioner form they have a county council the Kendall executive, there's a lot of different issues and challenges just between

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the two counties and to draw district two over into one's County District three across the mountain in the district was getting into Frederick County.

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I think unfortunate does a disservice to the individuals that up that let me try to accounting. So, again, understanding that we're trying to do the population deviation to a minimum.

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It is possible using the numbers if you extend that out just a little bit that you could keep district one district two in a similar fashion within three months Western county so that's all I wanted to add is like we're trying to keep these things as

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compact as possible, and I do respect everything you guys are doing and appreciate the time you allow me here this evening so thank you.

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All right, thank you so the corpsman and will certainly take your comments into consideration. Thank you.

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Judge my might I put in a word at this point because it's not sometimes that the audience necessarily knows but

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having heard this critique of the treatment of the Hagerstown area. A couple weeks ago. And for more than one person, I decided that yes, it could be improved, very much along the lines that Senator quarter mindset and I took, I did draw them out, which

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we will see later this evening, which offer for consideration by the other commissioners, I don't think that we can give satisfaction. On the issue of crossing over into Frederick County because the population equality is just too big of the fact that

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there but as far as the treatment of the Hagerstown suburbs I think that the senator's point is very well taken. And that we may have a repair that he may find better than the initial proposal.

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All right. Great, thank you. Walter for those comments.

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Okay Kristin back to you. Yeah, I had, I've already presented our panelists delegate Kathy, Sri Lanka.

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Thank you, Mr. County. Thank you. Thank you so much. I want to thank the panel, the commissioners for your hard work I know it's a lot of work and I just appreciate all that you're doing.

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The Congressional map looks so much better than the current map so I, you know, kudos on that.

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I have a small suggestion that you read number them to look more like today's numbers for instance, I live in district one, which is now numbered is district, eight.

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You know it's a small change but it's kind of confusing and you know district one on the new map is I think seven or eight so just, just a very small suggestion, they are also on the congressional map.

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I would love to see a map that goes from St Mary's through Calvert up into an Arundel County and keeping like communities together a gorgeous and Charles.

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I think the Chesapeake Bay creates like communities with Waterman and boating and marinas. And I think that makes more sense for the congressional map.

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I also wanted to just way in briefly on the delegate map.

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The single member map I want to thank you so much for working on that and I did testify at a previous hearing and advocated for single member I am a delegate from Baltimore I represent Baltimore in Harford counties.

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And, you know, I think, a single member map I'm in a three-member district, I think a single member map would serve the people of Maryland much better.

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And I want to encourage you to continue keeping the population as close as possible my district right now district seven is one of the heaviest population in the entire state.

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It was overdrawn like plus 8% when they made the map 10 years ago, and other districts are minus, you know, eight or 9%, we obviously that creates a huge population change I would like to weigh in on the communities of interest for Baltimore County.

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I agree with delegate grammar that we shouldn't be splitting up the Essex Dundalk area communities of interest, again, I would say I represent district seven which is adjacent to district six, and district six needs to grow.

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It should grow up into middle river, taking in Hawthorne, but again, along the water along the Chesapeake Bay, those communities of interest, the communities are much more similar.

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And the crossing into the city and then into Harford County and one on the eastern side of Baltimore County, I just don't think that will serve the constituents well at all.

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And I wanted to know when the deadline for me to submit a map is and what your timeline is as you're are winding the conditions work up. All right, thank you.

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Helen called Kristen Can you answer the delegates questions about the deadline.

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In fact, I just did by trying to open my calendar and I don't have the date but I believe that we made it. The, the Wednesday before the, or I'm sorry the Monday before the last meeting, which would put us at October 25.

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Okay, October 25 is the deadline to submit maps. I believe so, and we can double check that for you as well and get back to it. Yeah, I noticed on the website it look like that timeline at already passed.

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So that's why I brought it up it looked like it was in September at one point was what that was for round two. Those were for the round two maps, this is for the round three maps, okay and Is this the final round.

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Yes. Okay. All right, so any citizen, that wants to put a map and needs to get it into you guys by October 25, or roughly, I'll look on the website will have that posted on the website if it's not already posted.

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Okay, thank you. Well, thank you again for everything you do. Keep up the good work.

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Alright, our next speaker.

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Maria I'm going to need you to promote Jerry fight, beef, from Charles County.

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Yes, we can hear you, Jerry.

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Thank you very much.

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My name is Jerry faith, I'm a member of the Charles County Republican Central Committee, the republican Central Committee republican Jewish coalition, the National Treasury Employees Union, one person, one vote is a concept that most organizations, believe

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in the democrats want this unconstitutional Mossad member approach because they win in these areas.

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They do not believe in fairness, but control and power. Take for example, Charles County, which is similar to Baltimore. They enjoy their multi member districts, because they when they have no concern for fairness, but only a concern to continue their

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Numerous supreme court justices have disapproved of the multi- member district.

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If the commission wants to do a good job. They will universally recommend single member districts. There's no compromise. When considering fairness. We all know what is fair single member.

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Therefore, I firmly implore all of the deciding officials to vote for single member districts to bring Maryland into 2022, with a new image.

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You need to stick to Governor Hogan executive order compatible and contiguous districts.

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And as far as Charles County is concerned.

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There's approximately, 170,000, people in Charles county, according to the new census.

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128,000 is the concept for one senate seat. So we according to that a numerical approach. We should have one senator and a third.

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And as far as the delegate count.

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We should have approximately four delegates, and we have three right now.

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I appreciate you working on this very difficult project and thank you for permitting me to make my presentation.

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Thank you, Mr. Feith. Thank you.

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All right, you have another note that's it and we have not yet had anyone request, Maria unless anyone has in the last couple of minutes.

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We do not have anyone that has requested to in the chat section to speak so that would bring us to the end of our speakers for this evening.

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Well, again, let me thank all of our speakers. This evening for giving us a very helpful testimony and suggestions here, certainly will take all of this into consideration as we further deliberate, all the maps.

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Okay. So this concludes the public testimony portion of this agenda and will now go to our workspace session and again we invite the public to stay in and listen, because everything that we do.

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Again is transparent and all decisions that we make up to that effect.

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And so I suspect that our call on our expert.

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Yes, Judge I'm right here. All right, great. Professor Oh, you want to give us a recap on Indiegogo or revise of maps that you have been looking at and have submitted, and before you do that.

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We talked earlier about looking at the, what re numbering, is it we said we would look at that, at some point, so we may look at that today.

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and still on the table, of course, the delegate proposals, we've got a number of some mixed.

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So we have to look at that. And we also have additional discussion, I believe with the Baltimore City Baltimore County was reference to the senatorial on delegate districts.

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Did I miss anything I'll Walter Are we going to discuss so the Washington County and the hang of town situation.

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They are for discussion. So, I don't.

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You know, we don't necessarily take any action on them, but I think that they should at least be put out there so that people mentioned, should we do that now it's up to you. Well, why don't we go ahead, Professor you mind if we just go ahead and take

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Walters comments right now yeah, I'm also not sure what I know there's a lot that I can talk about but I'm not sure exactly where to begin myself So solving this problem, and it may be that there are three areas, whether we just heard out today that

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we can also introduce, but the Hagerstown fix is one way we could is one place to begin and then the other is looking at this Essex issue, and then but most of I think what we want to discuss in the various multi member districts scenarios that I would

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share all right that's great. Okay. Oh, altar. Yeah.

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Well the screen is being shared I wonder if the other graphic could be shared which is of the current proposal that went out a few weeks ago is can we get that second one church.

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Walter is that the other part of your email, I'm not sure why so yeah there were two attachments in my email.

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It's a more colorful one with the districts.

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Yeah, we can share that. Okay, that's good enough. Yeah.

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So, to back up a bit.

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I've been hearing for some weeks. Criticisms along the one that Senator Cornermen told us about of the handling of the immediate Hagerstown area right after we put on our son have not heard from someone who's not from Washington County but doesn't know

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know what Western Maryland well you know you made a

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you know fluff on the way the first district is sent him because it takes too much of the Hagerstown area and it would be better to allow Heather's time to be within district two by sending the district one south along the Potomac instead which is generally

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quite quite rural and not made sense, probably a week or two after he posted it, I also saw senator Portman's Facebook post along similar lines and by that point I was already led to believe that because I looked at the map for a while and drawn much

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much the same conclusion. So, with some help from neta I've drawn this mouth adjustment that would address that issue that I would like to just share the original proposal is on your left and the new proposal is on the right and let me start out by saying

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something that is not true, which is the city of Hagerstown district two is entirely unchanged between the one and the other, and its edges are very jagged because it follows the municipal boundaries of the city which are themselves for a jagged dynamic

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previously gone up along the Pennsylvania border, all the way to the Frederick County line in the left mouth would be rotated around so that instead of following the Potomac and the right now down to around, Sharpsburg, and in doing so, of course it would

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pull back from technical the northern suburban area that Senator Cornermen mentioned. Now in order to make the population come out, equal between these three districts, the whole district on the left, losing some of its territory would move up taking

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And also, just touching the southeastern most rich of Hagerstown city proper so as to avoid the dreaded doughnut hole effect which newcomers may be possible that but we've all been hearing about the donut hole effect will you allow one district to be

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entirely contained by another so moving on to see over a thought way keeps its general collection of socio economic, you know, pretty much the same.

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And it allows to be to more effectively move around the city and touch virtually all of its close in suburbs. So, this change would require a change in the senate mouth too because you notice that one seat is in a different Senate District so district

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one would change it would include the Potomac area instead of the Pennsylvania border area but here we have it. As I said, we don't have to. Besides, not I'd like to get this out here because, particularly if it has flaws if it's all made as unintended

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consequences of its own, the public should have time to point those out. And I just wanted to get this out there for discussion, particularly about Washington comic, and other effective Dibble.

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Walter. Where were the pushback be who would not be happy with this revision?

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I mean you could argue that to see is being made less, less compact, that it's a little structure.

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It may be that there are people in the southern reaches around

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the Sharpsburg, that, you know, would prefer to be in with district to it. I don't know what the objections that come from because to me this seems like a pretty clear improvement.

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But again, you know, I, there may be a constituency is out there for them it is. So that's what public comment is all about.

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Can I ask one question.

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So one other, so to avoid the shape of to be where wraps around like that one option is for one see to come in to the, to the western border of Hagerstown but does that, that's equally problematic because it's, it's getting essentially some suburban quasi

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urban areas there and you want to keep it with the more rural Potomac areas is that is that right. Yeah, I think nothing is really can by doing it that way, you still wind up with.

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And in that case, it's a different state senate district that is contingent on the immediate Hagerstown area with to see doing it it's still within the same state senate district which means that the division of responsibilities between the two states

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states senators is a little clearer in the revised version, and it's muddied up a little more, and if once he is this the one that that comes in and touches to God and professor would ask you all the legal issues that we should be concerned about if we

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approve this adjustment or. This is a deviation from the other senatorial district as to how we handle this.

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If not, and there's no one person will vote problem I mean looking at the deviations that are on the screen and so yeah this is, this goes into the, you know, many ways to skin a cat kind of category where, you know, and I think it's exactly the kind

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of, you know, really good community of interest argument that I hope we get more of which is that, you know, the way it was drawn originally was to go over basically to go along the northern border, which visually has some appeal but if, if the community

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really essentially goes along the Potomac, that, that makes sense. I agree with what Charleston was saying, the only objection I could see is whether the shape of to see is something that will lead some people to make similar objections.

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In the sort of North Dave whether folks in Washington County conceptualize it as essentially Hagerstown and then east and west, right, because we have it basically Hagerstown in north and south, but I'm percent looking down got public

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input that says that this is the right way to do it. So, so that's makes a lot of sense.

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I have a question judge I just have a comment and I agree with this reconfiguration, and I think we just put it out there and see what we hear from the folks that live in that area through something we're just not picking up there.

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I also agree with this configuration, and it doesn't change the number of splits in the counties, as well so I agree with it.

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Anyone else wants to chime in here at this point.

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Hearing no objection, I guess, can we reach a consensus that this should be our next guest final proposals, or revision of this particular area, we comfortable with that.

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Anyone opposed to it.

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I also agree with it Walter and with the synergy says I certainly agree with that. So, Professor let's go ahead and adopt that as we continue to put these traps out these final drafts up.

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Walter anything else?

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That's it for that issue. I think we've got other issues that we need to get under.

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All right.

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You want to talk about the, the ethics issue that we heard this evening.

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Can I put up on the screen what how to solve that problem or what can be done what cannot be done.

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All right, yes, put it up right so I'm

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really fortunate we got multiple screens on here let me get Let me see if I can do this correctly.

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So, but basically what I want to say it all and hopefully this will be able to come up, is that we can unite sex. But the one of the criticisms was not just you and I are you able to see my screen now.

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Okay, so, so the area that we're talking about is here, right, let me pick off the existing state house districts.

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What you can do is move 43 see up in order to get this area, so you could put all this exhibit in the one district and 43 C, and then 19 will go east into middle River.

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Right. And then 43 be will go south into this area bully's corners of that kind of so you could rotate these around what that doesn't do though, if you heard was that the senator or delegate who was making the argument is that it doesn't unite six with

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Dundalk an engineer, because he was saying look, they look over the water to each other. And that what's happened with Dundalk-Edgemere is a product of making the decision to go to have the crossover district between Baltimore City of Baltimore County happened

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in the southeast as opposed to somewhere else. So, unless we wanted to rethink that right which would alter you know the plan considerably.

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My suggestion is that we make the, we move. There's about 4000 people up here, you move this up into six this will change both the Senate districts and the delegate districts.

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19. This is 19 as a multi member district, just to be clear, but it doesn't implicate it, you know, single member district we move, we move it out this direction, and then 43 being would come in, more in this direction.

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The reason that was, it was done the way it was to keep this district, sort of closer to that boundaries of Baltimore City. This will have it go out just a little bit but that's not significant and, and if SSX which is not a municipality if it makes

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sense to United, as was the testimony, may I think that can be easily done. What's the demographic change if we make this revision?

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A large minority population into 19 from 43 being.

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It will make the, the crossover district between Baltimore County and Hartford,

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a little wider, but it'll have a relative, you know, increase in 19.

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Neither one of these are majority African American districts, but it'll increase the percentage in 1909, if you take if you add part of ethics part is closest to Rosedale to 43 See ya, increased seminaries and 19.

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No, no, it's that not increases the minorities is from the move from the middle River. So if you're just right so look here, right this area I lose in the African American map, push this out.

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So, essentially, 19 would lose a white population here and go out which you know this looks like a cohesive.

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You know that. That's another benefit is to move, move this out.

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Actually I think it makes sense. Yeah, clean, I mean I actually live in Essex, I can see my street down and where it is but, um, I grew up in Dundalk and now with Essex and so keep it ethical, make sense to me.

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And, adding that part of middle River. Yeah, the other district. I mean, something's going to be split because of how we set the map up in the first place, coming down from Harford so your Middle River still going to be split it just will just

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be a little bit farther in here and that does that make sense. Okay.

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Who else thinks but?

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Who else has a comment here on this proposed Yeah, I agree with?

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Cheryl, and especially since she's a resident so I think her input in this particular instance is very valuable, but it just makes more sense and what we've been hearing from other people need to make an adjustment.

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Right, because there was a proposal out in addition to the individuals that share today so.

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Okay. Does anyone else have any comments on this.

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Sounds good to me too.

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I'm sorry. Did you ask me something there judge? Yeah, I wanted to know whether we have Thomas and any thoughts. Oh.

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Okay. Anything else

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just but I just said that I agree with making that adjustment it makes it makes more sense and as I said Cheryl is our resident expert, literally and figuratively for that area so I concur with her judgment.

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Okay. Kim.

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I have to agree this role as well. Thank you. Okay, where

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the only thing I'm wondering, did the speaker also supported single member districts and this is going to move part of that and to a multi member district.

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Right, it'll be.

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I just had the multi-member map on the, on the screen, it's going to be a single member district here, I mean I can go put that single member district map on the, I think I was just being prepared to talk about the multi member district.

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But like I believe I want to make sure I got the right map up there but let's.

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This should be right involved in the Baltimore area but let me just make sure I've got the, the single member district map that we've come up with, and.

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so yeah, so say that what this is what it will do is that 19 see will come out in that direction. 43 see will go up. 43 be will come down.

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Although now I'm looking at that there's something with that buggy here with the deviations because this might be an earlier version but basically, that's what would happen.

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Thank you. Yeah, right, Jonathan, you have any impressions.

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I think it's all been said I agree with that change. Okay. And I agree with it okay so festival silly. I'll make that change. All right, great. Okay, I think, are there any other separate issues before we begin to talk about the hybrid situation that

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we've been looking at from the last few sessions.

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Oh, sorry. Go on, whoever that was, I know that. Um, I don't know if we want to just look at it again. I know that several people in your testimony did bring up issue of a bundle, and it being split.

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I mean, I initially did not see an issue there with it, but I know we did work on ethics. I didn't know how that impacted Dundalk and Baltimore cities but that didn't want to bring it up as a discussion since and the testimonies and comments on the plane

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came in, and I'm referenced that as well.

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Yeah, this is a that that is a consequence of making this essentially this Senate District go in through the southeast So, and you'll see that the district, and the way we did the delegate districts single the single member right is to go in and you know

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basically follow the water here and then have a nice, kind of, you know, right straight line there.

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And so of course this can be saw you could unite Dundalk but think about this way which is that all right if Dundalk basically 20 be goes and gets done doc that everything has to shift this way and then you've got to find some other way to come into the

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county from the north or elsewhere and so it basically would change the whole map in that area, but that's you know that's your call as to whether we want to open that up.

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And guess that's a whole other piece will we get to the issues with while providing the west side of Walmart.

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In terms of looking at communities of interest because one of them was talking about.

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The Jewish communities and being split across the district.

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I'm trying to see numbers, that's around Pikeville Yeah, yeah.

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Yeah, that came up several times and testimony and because you know that's something we really hadn't discussed I know it came up last time we looked at it.

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Um, but that is something that could potentially end up impacting what happens on the other side.

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So that's just something to think about, um, when we look at that again more closely.

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Well, so that if you remember the when we started doing the delegate maps or even the senate maps, we had it going in from the northwest, that was in that would have united that community, I believe.

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And so it's because we then, you know, respected this boundary, and then only decided to go into Baltimore right one intrusion of course you can get you out, but depending on what you all decide about the number of intrusions across county lines right

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you can you know you can go in and out of Baltimore County.

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But, but this, you know, there's a philosophy here which is that you go into that there's a senate district that crosses with Dundalk into the harbor area, and that that is the way to think about the vacuum.

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Now of course, you know, we can make arguments like that for every, every border here right so some multiple Highlands and how that might go into southeastern Southwestern Baltimore County, or like you're saying Northwestern Baltimore City, and going

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into the county so it really just depends. I mean, when we arrived at this it was in response to the original map which had that intrusion in the Northwest.

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So, so Cheryl you want to continue to reflect on that.

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Yes, sir. Yeah, we'll go ahead, and we'll leave it the way it is right now, Professor but again. Everything is open to further consideration and discussion as to where the intrusion to be on the calendar.

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I can make a comment.

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Yeah, that would completely change a lot of things because Baltimore City has four complete senate districts.

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And this was the partial fifth one. And we, there was a lot of discussion when we decided to join it with that southeastern section of Baltimore County and a lot of the thinking was it was uniting that industrial area that's expanding, so that it would

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unify more of the port of Baltimore. So, I'm just speaking in favor of, if we take that philosophy out.

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It really is going to change a lot, I think, I don't think that there's. Well, Professor magic I know but no you're absolutely right. You're I mean it changes everything.

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There's also potential but you know, we can deal with the voting rights issues, but you know, the, the, it changes every district inside Baltimore City, as well as probably every district that borders Baltimore City.

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Yeah, well I didn't hear. Sure, I'll talk about any permanent change like now she just go faecal. Oh yeah, definitely I'm just trying to think, Oh, yeah, That's all well table.

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But I agree that we put a lot of effort discussion about boating right there toward Dundalk for that particular central district. So, yeah, I'm a client, like that but again I want to make sure that the show gets an opportunity to think about it.

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comments that may come in and go from it become and that's all. That's why I look at it and say what we were thinking in terms of our rationale to make sure it was clear I think these are the exact trade I mean these are the tradeoffs, you know, and

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so we started with the northwestern Baltimore because there are several different communities that cross the Baltimore City boundary. right, and the question is, how many of those crossovers, do you think are consistent with both the state constitution

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and the governor's order. And so since we're trying to minimize crossovers, you know, it's just a trade off as to which area you're going to go in from judging in this spirit, could I point out one other small change that I want that might be useful.

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Yes. So, so I was I was looking at Prince George's County, because we had done the.

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We made some changes here that were, some of which were making Voting Rights Act required. You'll notice that this district, this is now this is what would be Senate District 35 is going all the way from basically the border with Montgomery county, all

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the way down to Lake Arbor. And that's because of the shifts that happened here, and we can talk about why that happened but what I would like to do, and the numbers work out.

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Is that a minimum, to put most of Lanham into this, it basically cut it to move to do a swap between 36 and 35 so that lake Arbor and this area goes into 36 and then the Lanham area, goes into 35, and maybe some of this area which doesn't have people

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in it, and so that would, you know, make this more compact and a little bit less.

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In the number of communities you see if we're trying to respect each one of the municipalities that's in here.

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And that will continue to be the case but it's just I think this was in some ways a casualty of a lot of the changes that were happening here, and it makes sense to move it back.

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Yeah, I hadn't thought about that.

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I think that it's a great idea.

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As long as we're thinking about that.

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Let me just ask the other random folks if they want there was another thing that occurred to me, but it just involves moving a precinct.

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That is, Annapolis just the little area of Annapolis that's down here but it's just a compactness issue and I was looking at it. This is an enormous precinct right here that goes like this.

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And so, while it is technically contiguous that you can walk from here up here. I was, I was trying to contemplate whether it makes sense to essentially cut off the appendage here and have this go down or we could just keep it as it is with respect to

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the precinct lines.

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Instead, an Annapolis precinct that you're talking about. So let me just show you what the precinct is

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because Annapolis is had you know has their own government is.

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So anyways, right up right up into the as you can see this is I mean it's large, it's 2200 people that we're talking about and so I was you know when we were starting out, I was just, I wasn't breaking up precincts and so, you know, I'm not I wouldn't

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put the entire precinct in here I would probably just slice it off here, but I don't think this is necessary.

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It's just something that occurred to me as I was going through the map. And so, you know, and maybe if you're, you're from Annapolis, it makes a lot of sense to do it this way.

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But as we're putting finishing touches on these kinds of things. It was something that jumped out at me.

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I don't know if you know that area. Well, I need, I need to take a closer look on the street map one that the state put out itself if that's 30 see.

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I look at it and go, here's the street. I mean, basically. Now, again, there may be some reasons why they throw the precincts like this but a lot of the time it has to do with the way the congressional districts are drawn or something like that.

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But the idea would be that just make the border is Bay Ridge Road.

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And, and take this pocket and then compensate by going down from 30 seat now. Now, it might not work, it might not be worth it because you might end up splitting up this area here in a somewhat irrational way.

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Um, but, but I would do it just to make sure that there's, you know, equal population there.

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But, but I would do it just to make sure that there's, you know, equal population there. Okay, I'll take I'll give you some feedback, frankly, you know you could instead of going down this way you could also have this go up to take in this part because

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you'll notice this this single member delegate district is in a C shape around the that district.

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Okay, anyway, I don't think I don't think this is a no one's testified on this it's not it's not a critical thing, but it is something you know it's one of these things as you go through a map 100 times, you're going to find 100 different things like

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You will go ahead and make the adjustment, was that said district 35.

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Yeah, yeah, yeah, I'll take a look at it. Yeah, go ahead and make the proposal visual.

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Yeah, it doesn't change the racial composition much at all i mean it's 1% here there but it's nothing that implicates any legal issue.

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All right, I think we can talk about I can direct the discussion on multi-member districts, or you all can I you know we.

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There's been several different types of proposals on the table. And now we're kind of a wash. In, maps are you able to see my screen.

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Let me just say actually let me let me stop sharing for the moment, and then let me make sure you're seeing the right thing.

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This is the hybrid maps that you are working on. We can talk about hybrid maps, you can talk about density maps these, This right here is the senate district density map.

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Um, but we could, but the basic question right is which if any of these districts. Let me try to enlarge this here.

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This is just I'm doing it with, and we can do it on the map to Jupiter, which if any of these districts should be kept as a multi member or move to multi member as opposed to single member so the three families or proposals you have on the table are one

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one that focuses on counties one that focuses on Senate District population density, and one that is a hybrid.

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That, in general, the commonalities, of them are that there's going that you would have lots of multi member districts in, but all almost all of the Baltimore City districts except the one that we were just discussing the crosses over into Dundalk

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would be multi member districts.

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All of the districts that touch Baltimore City, that are in Baltimore County would be multi member districts.

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Almost all the districts in.

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in Montgomery county would be multi member under this if you see them here except the to the more rural area at the top here as well as some of these other districts which were made for community of interest reasons dealing with both Latino and African

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American populations African American population along the border here, Latino populations in Wheaton, all the way to the border.

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And then when it comes to Prince George's County.

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It depends on which philosophy you're going with, again, for some community of interest reasons dealing with the cohesive Latino communities in northwestern Prince George's County, we have some single member districts, but then as you moved out.

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You can include bully and 36 as one of those multi member districts, as well as some of these others it depends on what threshold you're using for multi member districts.

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And then, in some of the maps, but so here's Baltimore City and County. Right.

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It depends, again, which ones in this version of the map, 17 and 15 are multi member districts, all of Baltimore City is got multi member districts 19 is in other versions, you grew up together all of 16 into districts into a multi member district.

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I'll say with respect to Howard County, there's only one that at least has been on the table from you all. and that is Columbia, and it's a potential single member districts being united into a multi member district.

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Right.

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Now if you drop the density to 1500 from 2000 which was you then that implicates Frederick, that city of Frederick and Frederick County, as well as I as I said it changes some of the districts in Baltimore County as well.

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Perhaps what I should do is, I don't know what you want to. It's hard to I tried to give you documents that show the changes that happened when you move from one principle to the next.

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So, I don't know where to begin. If we're going to have a discussion about this, I can show you the hybrid map the last one that we were talking about, and, but I really, I sort of await your direction as to how to think about this.

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I wish your preference.

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Well, it really just sort of depends on what you mean.

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Here's the way I see the conversation really which is the are you going to consider voting member districts or not. If you are going to have multi member districts, what is the philosophy as to where multi member districts are going to be does density

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get you where you want to go just counties get you where you want to go does a hybrid approach get you where you want to go but those aren't.

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You know, I can keep showing you more and more maps, but fundamentally, it depends on what your principal is here as to as to what you how you want to decide where if any multi member districts are going to meet them where they should be.

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And I can't really help you with that. That's really just up to you all.

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Alyssa, I'm sorry, say that again, which maps and uh based on request is the last time you made a hybrid. Correct. All right, and.

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Okay, here's, here's the hybrid app but I can do it on the

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iPad aptitude if we want but let me just do, I'll do it the same way because it's a little bit quicker right now.

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So, so the hybrid compromise I said as specified by Charles somebody, obviously, I just truth in advertising here obviously Charleston's and favorite single member districts, but just as specified to me.

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So, all districts except to the for the crossing into Dundalk will be multi member districts in Baltimore City. The two West county districts in Baltimore County plus the park bill overly air district northeast business city would be counted Prince George's

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County, except the districts I was talking about before, which are in the northwest, that have other special considerations. Montgomery county, except district six 713, and then how are the Howard County, a Columbia district that's the compromise

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that's being proposed. And so you can see how it how it shakes down let me do well, you can see I think here, where.

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So, so here's the single member district, and recovery county six agency, as well as the district seven and district 13 are broken up into single member districts everything else right the Gaithersburg Germantown Rock School districts are multi member

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in Prince George's County. Right, it's basically, all of them are multi member districts, including the one that dips into Charles county would be multi member right except the ones in the northwest where we're describing the kind of community of interest

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concerns, which would be single member district, and the ones that crossover into inner Rundle would each be single member districts right 32 A, B, and C.

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Then, and Baltimore City and County let me, let me shrink this a little bit.

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You'll notice. So, 16 is kept as single member districts, but 15 and 17 are multi member under this map, as is 19 in Baltimore County, but the Baltimore City districts almost remember.

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And then, Howard, the district has mentioned before, which is Columbia, and its western suburbs would be in that, in that plan.

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And then I just showed you all what I won't remember district in. In, Charles County would be but that was because I spoke to judge Williams, just wanted to see what it looked like.

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And so that would be the multi member district in Charles county that that is not part of the hybrid compromise as I understand it, but just so you can see what it would look like that is that is the multi member district that's their equal to one workout

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It's Baltimore County, it's just 1517 and 1918 1719. Right now I mean here I'm just following the directions of course you can, you know, if you want you think 16 should be a multi member district that's another option of course but

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Right, maybe at some point, we should talk about the numerical elements of the formula that generates this because I don't think we've entirely specified why it's a hybrid what you know what goes on and right so I should be my guest yeah, I think you take

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take that over. Okay, I will step in and try to formulate that, then those who watched our last session remember that we discussed the one option of doing it by district density which didn't produce results that entirely satisfied.

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All of us. The other possibility of doing it by the density at the counter here and then flipping that all carry over the multi member, which again had some pluses and minuses to members.

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This would be a hybrid, in which all of the districts, with more than 2000 population or per square mile would be critical number, but also counties that exceed 22,000 persons per square mile.

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would also get a presumption of being trouble member, unless they fall into one of the exclusions, such as crossover which indicates that you know the county crossover districts are to be kept similar member but with a couple of special cases that

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are worth knowing about further exclusion of a district with the density below 500 persons per square mile not that's not quite world but that's a, you know, only one quarter the density of demand threshold, and it only affects one district which is the

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northernmost one in Montgomery county The so called to aquifer research district. That would be exempted from triple member status and the district's dips down from Prince George's Charles could remain to remember, even though it crosses the county line

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because the population and Charles side is so small that it can't make up the core of a central district, no matter what you do to it. So, and then the further rule.

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Everything has to be one or three no to member districts.

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But that those are the roles that that generated a 2000 threshold. Applause both for individual districts and four counties taken all their districts with them, except with the above the roles.

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Any further reaction to that.

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Well I support the density level. Being at least 2000 per square mile. I think dropping below that is just, I don't know, doesn't seem like the same density level that we're talking about, know the one issue that I think we need to answer and

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understand from a professor Persily is, if we're creating if we've got a part of a county such as Montgomery county or PG County, that our formula says should be a three-member district.

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Now, on the other hand,

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for minority, you know, opportunity type districts would want to prefer a single member district is what you're going to propose. So those two things, those two things here in kind of opposition of one another, and I think would demand a bit more explanation.

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If we're saying this is being driven by the numbers, because that decision clearly is not being driven by the numbers.

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well and I was just going to also say that if we're looking for.

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Opportunity type districts because Maryland is diverse, getting more so, and particularly the urban areas between Baltimore and Washington, including Howard another account and Howard Montgomery PG County are growing so fast.

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We only do this once every 10 years. Are we in fact, by eliminating single member districts, and all but a very few specific location based on the snapshot of the census in 2020?

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Are we in fact may be denying a better future outcome over the years, if we had more, knowing that the growth is happening, knowing that the growth is primarily minority, that we are maybe going to be limiting by only picking one or two of those districts?

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to say well we'll make these the same will make these this the big district that we will break up into single members, but the rest of them are not going to break up just a little bit of something I was thinking about, because you only do this 10 years

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this is like our moonshot to make a difference for the next 10 years. So, once again I'm in favor of this single member solution and using it as broadly as possible for opportunities for minorities.

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I'd like to comment about the 2000 I agree that I would not go below that, for determining the density number.

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I do think we're at a point where we have to look at a hybrid. And the reason for that is, I think, you know, I, of course.

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Want to be mindful of what the executive order is also mindful that we have to reach some conclusions about what we are going to present, and that we've been hearing from people across the state.

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Those in favor of multi member and single member districts. and it's not unified opinion across the state.

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So, I think for in order for us to proceed and put something out there for again to have public comment.

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My, my opinion is we go with the hybrid, as described by Walter and course, this is what we asked for based on what Cheryl had suggested last time, and proceed with that and get public input and then ultimately, we have to make a final decision but at

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this point I think it might be the best thing in order for us to proceed. Other than that, we're going to just keep going back and forth about the at you know the things that we think are best about single versus multi member and I'm also mindful

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that across the nation, more and more states are going with single member I you know we see that, but I don't think Merlin is at that point yet, so that's why I suggest that we look at a hybrid and have the public continue to comment on that.

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Okay, well I concur Okay, before you say it as just removed from bear. I'm hoping to get more comments and more reaction to these maps before we reach a final decision, I've been doing my best to get the public and officials that I run into the please

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go online and look at maps and come in and I haven't got enough.

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I've been in contact with.

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Blackwell Aparicio, and she keeps me abreast of what the thinking is by the Latino community and. And while I heard a number of people tell me that they support things the way they were.

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Again, as, as Mary said we've got the certainly provide opportunities for a growing and significant minority of community and in Prince George's County that certainly be districts of 33 and 34, which seemed to be an increasing number 40 district which

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has to call for, it's not required on vocals right back, but it's certainly coals for suggestion for a single boom and districts there.

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And then also conclude by saying that I mentioned before that you had some concerns about the Charles County because of the success that they've had on the multi member, but I'm looking for more comments, we've gotten a number of comments from people

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who want the single clearly the Charles County? Charles County does not fall within the formula, we know that.

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But again, I'm just waiting for comments.

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Because as Professor facility mentioned to me in the three member districts propose a single-member districts proposed to Charles County, they all are heavily minorities that right, first of all majority African American and then you know when you even

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add in, I mean the white population is under 40% all.

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Yeah, so, so you know so again, my argument doesn't hold water, you know from that standpoint, so I'm being realistic it'd be unfair. But I'll wait. Listen to see if you're any comments but as I said, I've been urging elected officials all over the state.

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Please let us know your thoughts you like it you don't like before we reach a final decision.

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But that's my spiel judge Williams. If I could just add something to piggyback on to something that you just said from kind of a housekeeping standpoint, for the commission.

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One of the issues that you might be facing right now is that we don't we don't have, we have Senate maps that are post but as the final proposed draft maps, we have congressional maps that are posted, even though we've talked last week, and we need to

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talk a little tonight about getting those read number, but they're posted. We don't have strength straightforward legislative maps posted for people really to comment one, we've got kind of a hodgepodge, so I don't know if people.

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If the public really truly understand where kind of you are right now, with regard to the legislative maps and I think that this entire conversation.

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Kind of epitomizes what we're talking about, which is, we don't really have kind of that, that draft map that we're really working from right now that we have posted on the website, and I just I just wanted to put that out for you there for you all to

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consider that that's kind of the one thing that still hasn't been posted and Kristen that's why I'm suggesting that we post, what we were just looking at.

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Yeah, in terms of the hybrid, so that with the remaining hearings that we have people can comment on that we need to get something out there but just as I said before, we can't keep going back and forth in this with this.

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opinions about the benefits of single member versus multi member. But what I'm suggesting is we take the hybrid as Walter described as proposed by Cheryl, and put that out there and have people comment on that, and using the 2000 limit that we have is

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they don't have anything else to come to respond to we have to put something out there we don't we're running out of time. I support that. But I haven't seen a map I've seen the, the list, but is there a, you know, and East West whole map that has,

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So, yeah, I know this is all I mean you just don't we, I have not like 150 maps.

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And so that's part of the challenge here is to figure out which one so there was a single member district delegate map that was posted right.

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Krista. Yeah, it would have been posted kind of in that, in under that meeting in which we discussed right but because then there was so much debate by the connection on our website.

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You may have noticed there's kind of an area of kind of that like final draft proposal and that's where kind of. That's where okay these are the maps that the Commission has kind of said okay, we're going to move forward and discuss these maps.

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Right now we just have all of the maps that you're sending are part of that, you know, its great number of maps that have you know well over 100 different maps, so there isn't necessarily a real go to map that people are saying, Okay, this is what they're

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talking about now. Yeah, It's so that's where I think we, we probably need to have that tonight guys because what you're talking about what you want is for the public to comment on maps, but they don't know what maps to comment on because we keep flipping

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back and forth between all of these maps that the professor has provided us and we kind of need to get to the next step so that he can say this is what we're looking at.

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Is there any opposition to Kate's suggestion that we adopt Lisa at this time? The hybrid map and post that and ask for comments, any opposition to that

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anyone.

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Alright, so let's get a motion. Katie will make a motion before you make the motion, can I just like I think one of the dynamics that we there are several fixes that we have been articulated today also and so I want to put those into the hybrid map.

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And then, that is, none of them implicate any of these, you know, multi member district issues but I just want to make sure everybody's on the same page.

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And that that where we are now with the delegate map does change the senate districts. And so, what I will do is I will do, I will do a hybrid map for the delegate districts, and then the senate map that would emerge from them and those will be the two

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maps that you will have for posting tomorrow.

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All right and Kate. I would say that we have a motion to accept what has just been proposed by Professor facility, so I don't have to repeat what everybody just heard, but with that will have some.

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We've come to some consensus in earlier in our discussion this evening.

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We also will be looking at the hybrid, and also making some adjustments to the Senate maps based on those early discussions.

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All right, we just need how many does I think we have everybody, so we have at least seven.

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All right.

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Jay, just I'm just need to kind of make sure so that when I post them as final draft proposed maps. Again, what does it mean for those of the members of the public that are watching that does not mean these are the final maps.

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These are the maps that are up for discussion by the Commission to tweak modify amend based on the conversations that they're having with members of the public among each other.

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Moving forward through the month of October, with the feedback of the public, just want to make sure that that's certain Dr. Hetherington is just made that motion.

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Are these, these are the maps that I will post under that final draft proposed map section, so that people can pull them up. Look at them and discuss them and bring comment tear commentary to your next meetings and to written commentary as well.

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is there any further discussion on the motion and a second?

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All right, hearing no need for further discussion all in favor. Just raise your hand so we can see you and count the votes looks like for you now Thomas.

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All right, we've got eight votes.

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All right, yeah. So, post them tomorrow.

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Yeah. And can I be on that other map background, the one the planning office did that allows you to really zoom in and see the streets.

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Professor personally if you could just reset that email that has the, the GIS files as well as the PDF of this just so I know I'm putting up the right ones.

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And of course you have to make those modifications as discussed tonight so when those are complete, if you could set at all to me in one email so that I make sure I get the right items posted for on the website for the public, and for the commission.

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These will be totally new files that I'm sending you These will be different than anyone's you've had thus far, so I'll be changing the districts so and these will be, you know, gigantic file so I'll have to put them on a Dropbox, and you can download

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them.

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Alright, so the remaining issue is, again, the real numbering and we've heard discussion that people were confused about the congressional numbers the senatorial numbers the house of delegate number so what's your pleasure with reference to well going

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back to the original names us number, excuse me, and judge I think we heard last time we had last meeting that that was preferred, and I thought we had consensus that we agreed I don't know if we voted on it or not, but I think trying to get the numbering

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back to as close as it was previously was the goal, to make it easier for the public to understand.

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I don't think we had anyone say that they weren't interested in doing that. So I don't know if you want to take a vote on that as well. The, um, just to remind, there is language on the governor's order requiring that the let us let it melt stuff.

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Number and from the northwest to the southeast there is no such number on the congressional maps, which is another good reason to go ahead as Kate said it's like I said, Really everyone seems to create that as a source of confusion that we could remove

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to do a traditional numbering of the congressional districts, bring out that map, and just, since it's only eight of them just talk through exactly which what we're doing.

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Let me make sure.

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So the map I'm going to put up has some deviations on it but just ignore that for now.

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For just for numbering purposes.

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But this is similar to what we we've been talking about.

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So, so just, I guess, tell me.

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Are you able to see my screen?

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Yes, yes. Okay, say eight becomes one is that friends Yeah, let's do it, let's do it just so that I don't exercise any discretion here because some eight becomes one seven should become what.

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Was it eight and Western Maryland,

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Maryland. I'm showing you the existing right where the numbers are, but a lot of, you know, things get wonky in in Baltimore because so many districts ended up going in.

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So, so should we say that that that district, what we have as district one will be district six the Western Maryland area.

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I think that's the historic number four. Yeah.

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Okay. And then you see so then but then we had all this stuff that was in there so like 72.

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I'm not sure if that was too.

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I think, I think seven was too I think sounds like Kevin was

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Alright. Alright so, so we'll table number two will be seven now seven was Baldwin said, seven, seven had a slice of Baltimore city but it was a majority.

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So that should remain seven that that area. That should it rim that during that we were trying to stick with the numbers.

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No, wasn't what Mobile County was what two.

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Yeah, Baltimore County was too I think so. Number three, leaving the three where it is covering the green.

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He should clearly three should be remain with should and four and five be pressured. so I know that.

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And I think I should be down here; this is where you want it.

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You've got that you've got you got four Right. Yeah. Okay, so then the only question is seven into that are so seven.

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So this district should be two is that right or we agreed on I think it's I think it's seven should be two and six should be seven and five states that is it so seven should be to six should be seven five stays at it, as it is three stays as it is.

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And for his for his Prince George's five is Prince George's and southern bro. Right. Whereas a 434 and five are going to stay the same, the other ones are going to change.

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Great. That was easy. That was fun.

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There's a long story. I can tell some of you at some point about, about how to think about numbering, but this is usually when that when I'm dealing with courts, where they maximally want to disrupt things, you will you all are not in that business

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so I think this makes sense. Now there's, there's no interest in remembering the senatorial district. Well if the child, my suggestion on the numbering, I used to do exactly what we just did, which is that we really are sure about the plan.

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Let's go in and change the numbers.

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At the end, because as districts move it, then, then you start losing some sequencing.

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It's also important I think that we get the delegate map done.

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Before we start remembering the senate districts because you got to make sure that you. Yeah, no problem. No problem. Great.

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All right.

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will then get it posted. Accordingly, or we, the congressional map or the other one that congressional map Yes. Yeah, I'll do I will send all three maps tomorrow it's going to be hard to get all three done but I will certainly get them done by 24 hours

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from now. But I'll get, I'll get.

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I'll get the legislative maps done.

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Sometime you know before 3pm tomorrow but hopefully much earlier than that. And then the congressional map all I'll send along as well. Yeah, because I think Baltimore City is seven, is that correct.

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Yeah, Baltimore City yeah that's what actually remains seven so if we're just looking at them, I'm kind of hard to compare them to the map so y'all remember this is what the old map, what the old districts look like you know so

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yeah, Baltimore County was too, and writing so we can call it, you know you got parts of Baltimore County that are too right and then your parts that were in, you know, coming in from the north, so we're in different worlds right now, so like To sum it up

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with I'm looking at this correctly.

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Western Maryland is six.

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Eastern Shore is one Southern Maryland is five. Yeah, Baltimore City is seven Baltimore County is to Prince George's County is for Montgomery county is eight and Anna Rondo Howard is three.

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Right. Right. Okay. Good. Okay. Okay. All right. any other issues this evening we didn't talk about.

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Not next meeting is Wednesday at six o'clock and we'll notify as many people as possible in the social media about this hearing. We only have a couple more what public sessions to more after this tall and then we need to start putting all this together

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and come up with the proposals.

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Okay. All right. One last thing if Commissioner costs it if there's a way for you to get me an answer on that little Annapolis FX tonight, or otherwise I'll just keep it the way it is just the way it is.

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Okay. Alright, sounds good.

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All right. Great, great seeing everyone and we'll wait for these maps, and they'll be posted for the public to comment on.

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Yes, as, as, as we said, it's looking will try to have some up tomorrow but it's probably more likely that they'll be posted by Friday morning, or Friday.

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Friday at some point on Friday. All right, Mr. Secretary, always give you the last word if you have any comments.

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I appreciate your hard work.

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It's been very challenging, and I appreciate everybody hanging in there.

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You have been doing a job in the public side that has never been done before and I really appreciate everyone's hard work on it. All right, thank you for your support.

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All right, great. Got it. All right. Good evening, everyone.