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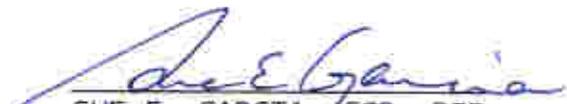
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- TIM CEIS - COMMISSIONER
- SLADE GORTON - COMMISSIONER
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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at
2 10:30 a.m., at 304 15th Avenue, Olympia, Washington,
3 the following proceedings were had, to wit:

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7 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Good morning, and
8 welcome to the special meeting of the Washington State
9 Redistricting Commission.

10 My name is Lura Powell, and I'm chair of the
11 Commission. And I would like to start out this meeting
12 by having people here at the dais introduce themselves.

13 And so, Bonnie, would you start?

14 MS. BUNNING: Thank you, Madam Chair.

15 My name is Bonnie Bunning, and I'm the executive
16 director for the Redistricting Commission.

17 COMM. HUFF: Hi, Tom Huff. And I represent
18 the Republican House.

19 COMM. FOSTER: I'm Dean Foster. I represent
20 the House Democratic caucus.

21 MS. O'SULLIVAN: Genevieve O'Sullivan,
22 communications director.

23 COMM. GORTON: Slade Gorton appointed by
24 Senate Republicans.

25 COMM. CEIS: Tim Ceis appointed by Senate

1 Democrats.

2 MR.FALLIS: Rusty Fallis, general counsel to
3 the Commission.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Thank you.

5 Our first order of business is approval of the
6 minutes of December 13th. 16th was also listed on
7 the agenda; those minutes are not ready for
8 consideration at this point. So we'll just be
9 approving -- or speaking about the December 13th.

10 So at this point I'd like to see if there are any
11 additions or corrections. I know that we got these
12 last minute; so if you'd like to have a minute or two
13 to just take a quick look at them, that would be
14 certainly fine.

15 Okay. Are there any additions or corrections to
16 the minutes?

17 COMM. CEIS: Move approval of minutes.

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you.

19 I have a motion to approve the minutes of
20 December 13th.

21 Any additional discussion?

22 All those in favor say "aye."

23 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Opposed?

25 Thank you.

1 Okay. Our next item on the agenda is Matters
2 Pertaining to Redistricting. I believe we heard from
3 our Senate team the last time, so how about our House
4 subcommittee.

5 COMM. FOSTER: We met following the last
6 meeting. That was on Friday of last week. We
7 communicated all weekend. We met all day yesterday.
8 And we are responsible for eastern Washington. We met
9 all day yesterday, and we're exchanging ideas and maps
10 and moving along quite well.

11 COMM. HUFF: Well, I think Dean's covered
12 basically what we've done so far. We got a
13 considerable distance to go, but time will tell.

14 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Senate team?

15 COMM. CEIS: We've met a couple of times.
16 We've exchanged some new ideas on the congressional
17 map. I think we've actually narrowed the issues
18 considerably. And with any good fortune, we may be
19 ready to discuss something by the end of the week.

20 COMM. GORTON: I agree. I really think that
21 the differences that Commissioner Ceis and I have
22 are -- can be settled relatively quickly. And we'll
23 hope to have a map soon.

24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Is there a need to
25 meet tomorrow, or do you want to defer until Thursday?

1 COMM. CEIS: I think tomorrow definitely,
2 from my perspective, would -- should be canceled.

3 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

4 COMM. CEIS: We need that time to work
5 through some issues. Even if we achieve a proposal
6 that we think we want to present, we -- we've got some
7 work to do on that.

8 COMM. GORTON: Let's try Thursday. We set
9 Thursday for the afternoon, didn't we?

10 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes, 1:00 o'clock, and
11 then we have a meeting scheduled for 10:30 on Friday
12 morning.

13 COMM. GORTON: Let's try -- let's see if we
14 make some real progress by Thursday.

15 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. And everybody in
16 agreement?

17 COMM. FOSTER: Fine with me.

18 COMM. HUFF: Agree with that, yes.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. So we will be
20 canceling the meeting for tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

21 The next -- the other item is, you know, even if
22 we get everything finished and reported on Friday, you
23 know, we'll still have some error-checking to do, which
24 means that we'll need to have at least one meeting on
25 the week after Christmas between Christmas and New

1 Year's. We do have a meeting scheduled for 10:30 on
2 Tuesday the -- that's the 27th, I believe.

3 So I'm wondering if, you know, you've all feel at
4 this point in time like we might need some additional
5 meetings to set just tentative times for next week or
6 if you want to wait till Thursday.

7 My only concern for myself personally is if I
8 need -- with Christmas, the Christmas travel season, I
9 just need to be able to get tentative flights, which I
10 can always cancel at no -- no charge. But I can -- but
11 I just sort of need to set them 'cause I have to come
12 over from eastern Washington.

13 COMM. FOSTER: So we already have a meeting
14 scheduled for Tuesday?

15 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Tuesday, yes.

16 COMM. HUFF: At 10:30?

17 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: At 10:30 on Tuesday.

18 COMM. FOSTER: Well, I wouldn't preclude
19 anything at this point. We've -- we've just agreed not
20 to meet tomorrow. And I'm not willing to go any
21 further than that.

22 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

23 COMM. FOSTER: I don't know how long it's
24 going to take. It may well be -- I'm anxious to hear
25 feedback today on the plans that we published last week

1 and may take more meetings next week than --

2 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

3 COMM. FOSTER: But I just don't know. So I
4 think we ought to take this forward one day at a time.

5 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: well, I think probably
6 what I'll do is I'll just figure out -- I'll just book
7 a bunch of flights and -- as contingencies, so . . .

8 COMM. CEIS: I would like to suggest ideally,
9 if we had draft proposals for our current assignments
10 the end of this week, it would certainly help us moving
11 into the following week to deal with the -- the
12 consolidation issues we have and the boundary
13 adjustments we inevitably are going to have to make in
14 putting all those proposals together. I don't think we
15 should underestimate that task. I don't think it's
16 merely a ministerial task.

17 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Right.

18 COMM. CEIS: I think there's some real issues
19 there we're going to have to deal with.

20 COMM. HUFF: Tim, you're suggesting that
21 Friday we would try to have draft proposals? Is that
22 what you're suggesting?

23 COMM. CEIS: well, I would love to see us
24 have them by Thursday if we could and meet that
25 deadline. And then we could cancel Friday and then go

1 into meetings on Tuesday having some time to prepare
2 for Tuesday. But if all else fails, then Friday would
3 be a nice deadline to set on ourselves --

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Sure.

5 COMM. CEIS: -- if for no other reason than
6 to clarify exactly what work we have to finish the
7 following week.

8 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. So --

9 COMM. CEIS: And I -- you know, I just don't
10 know how close you, Tom, you and Dean are on your work
11 on your proposals. But I can tell you that if things
12 go well in the next day or two for -- for us, I think
13 we are -- will be ready for Thursday or Friday. Of
14 course, that could all come apart, too.

15 COMM. FOSTER: I think we all can agree that
16 is a goal, but . . .

17 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Well, so we'll see
18 where we are on -- on Thursday. But at a minimum we'll
19 be meeting on next Tuesday.

20 Okay.

21 COMM. CEIS: I think you should maybe make
22 plans for Wednesday and Thursday --

23 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: I --

24 COMM. CEIS: -- and Friday of the following
25 week or two.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: I think -- I think that
2 would be prudent.

3 COMM. CEIS: Yeah.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes. That's what I'm
5 going to do.

6 COMM. HUFF: Might as well schedule the 1st
7 while you're at it .

8 COMM. CEIS: Tom, you're a pessimist.

9 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah. Normally it
10 wouldn't be a problem. But, you know, Christmastime
11 and all the travel, it makes it crazy.

12 Okay. I think what would be helpful now is if
13 there's any -- you know, I know we have not received a
14 whole lot of feedback yet. But I know there was a
15 little bit shared by the -- at least a couple of the
16 auditors.

17 MS. BUNNING: Yes. After the meeting on
18 Friday, I contacted the Spokane County auditor, who is
19 coordinating responses from everybody, and got a
20 message out to all the counties to start checking the
21 maps that we have out there.

22 we heard from Island, Skagit, and Benton County.
23 I think Benton County made some comments on the
24 original September drafts since we don't have new
25 things out there. And a fairly rigorous review by John

1 Milem. And we have, I believe, forwarded those to you
2 all.

3 I also sent a message to the auditor late
4 yesterday suggesting that now's the time, and those
5 other larger counties that we haven't heard from it
6 would be great to hear from. And I didn't hear
7 anything back yet this morning, so we'll keep pursuing
8 that.

9 Nick, did you have anything to add?

10 MR. PHARRIS: I'm sorry. Excuse my cold.

11 Yes. I have forwarded the materials from John
12 Milem to you and the Skagit County auditor. The note
13 we received from Island County auditor seems to be
14 based on a misunderstanding since there are no
15 legislative lines running through Island County. And
16 the -- I recommended to the -- my contact at Benton
17 County that he hold off and look at the new proposal
18 when it comes out; though, I can forward you the
19 comments that he sent me on the original drafts if
20 you'd like them.

21 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. I think just --

22 MS. BUNNING: Um. Um.

23 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: One of the things that
24 might be useful is to -- you know, making sure that
25 the -- I think the auditors are probably tracking what

1 we're doing. But I think the way Bonnie has sort of
2 tried to get them engaged and make sure they are aware
3 of when we do have things to share 'cause I think
4 people may or may not be in during the holiday season a
5 lot. But we want to make sure, if we can possibly get
6 their input, to get it as soon as possible.

7 Okay.

8 COMM. FOSTER: And with regard to the John
9 Miley, I believe it was, seven pages --

10 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah.

11 COMM. FOSTER: -- you're -- how are we
12 processing what he sends? What happens?

13 MR. PHARRIS: Well, I forwarded on -- we
14 forwarded on the list of comments that he sent in. I
15 also created a shapefile showing all of the individual
16 blocks that he mentions in his comments so that they
17 can be -- you know, you can find them. The -- the --
18 the table for the block includes what comment refers to
19 that block so you can zoom straight through it and see
20 exactly what he's talking about.

21 COMM. FOSTER: Did any of his suggestions
22 involve population?

23 MR. PHARRIS: Only very small populations
24 like -- I think there were a couple blocks with two
25 people that he mentioned.

1 MR. MILEM: Twelve people. Twelve people
2 were involved. There were two people in six blocks.

3 MR. PHARRIS: Six blocks each with two
4 people. The rest of the blocks mentioned were
5 unpopulated.

6 COMM. FOSTER: And how would you characterize
7 these recommendations? I mean, in -- is -- is there a
8 John Milem theory on how to draw these lines and
9 somebody else's theory? I read some of them, one
10 having to do with where we were on I-5, what side of
11 the freeway or something like that. Does it matter?

12 MR. PHARRIS: Yes. There are some of those.
13 I think John's philosophy is to avoid splitting up
14 municipalities and counties wherever possible,
15 especially leaving small uninhabited scraps on the
16 wrong sides of lines and to try to make the boundaries
17 as simple as possible. So if you start out following
18 the southbound lanes of I-5, stay on the southbound
19 lanes of I-5 rather than hopping over at some point. I
20 think that's basically it.

21 COMM. CEIS: Maybe we can -- I bet you John's
22 going to tell us that himself when he gets a chance to
23 testify here later on.

24 COMM. FOSTER: I was just trying to beat him
25 to it.

1 COMM. CEIS: I know.

2 COMM. FOSTER: Sorry, John. I didn't mean to
3 take it away from you.

4 COMM. CEIS: Taking away -- taking away his
5 testimony. What are you doing?

6 MR. PHARRIS: Is that a fair
7 characterization?

8 COMM. CEIS: Well, let's let him get him up
9 here.

10 So are you -- just a question:

11 As we're going to be preparing for the boundary
12 adjustments, if indeed we are able to follow the
13 schedule we discussed, are you going to prepare an
14 analysis in a summary of, you know, Mr. Milem's
15 comments, the auditor's comments, and -- so that we can
16 have that in summary form in some fashion?

17 MR. PHARRIS: We certainly can. We can
18 create a single table and probably a single shapefile
19 to go with it.

20 COMM. CEIS: That might be helpful for us to
21 work through this.

22 COMM. HUFF: Good suggestion.

23 COMM. CEIS: That would be very helpful.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. PHARRIS: Okay.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Anything else to
2 come up under this agenda item?

3 Bonnie?

4 MS. BUNNING: I just have one quick thing.
5 Assuming we have a plan here shortly, the next thing
6 will be the report to the legislature. This is the one
7 from last time. And I show it to you because most of
8 it is maps. But there are some requirements in this
9 report for a written summary and justifications.

10 So in front of you is a very early draft of
11 something I put together to get started on this. Much
12 of it is -- is pretty straightforward. But I would
13 draw your attention to the type of -- the section
14 entitled "Districting Criteria," and the following one,
15 "Population and Percentage Deviation." These sections,
16 I would really need your eyes on them because it's
17 essentially meeting the requirement to justify the
18 populations from average deviations and the criteria
19 used in building the report.

20 So here's just a strawman, so to speak, to start
21 with. And those are the things that will -- we'll need
22 your input in creating so that we can get it published
23 in time for session starting the 9th.

24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Anything else to come
25 before this section on the agenda?

1 COMM. GORTON: Well, just a comment from
2 Bonnie. I noted two places you've got to make
3 corrections on page 1. You've got too many numbers in
4 the population of the state on the first line under
5 "2010 census."

6 MS. BUNNING: You're right. I -- there is an
7 extra number there.

8 COMM. GORTON: And -- and the next paragraph
9 you say Hispanic and Washington's minority population
10 grew 4.6 percent in the past decade. You don't mean
11 that. You mean the percentage in the state of
12 minorities grew by 4.6. Minority population itself
13 grew much more than that, as you indicate in the rest
14 of that paragraph.

15 MS. BUNNING: Uh-huh.

16 COMM. GORTON: But that first -- that first
17 sentence is incorrect. It grew from presumably 20.6 to
18 25.2.

19 MS. BUNNING: I'll check that. Thank you.

20 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Any other corrections,
21 have them just sent to Bonnie, and when you get a
22 chance, to take a look at the document.

23 Okay. If there's nothing else to come up under
24 this section of the agenda, we -- it's time to go on to
25 our public-comment section. We do have some people

1 signed up to speak. The first is D. Paul Hackett
2 and -- to be followed by Richard D. Champion. And so
3 please come forward and sit up at the front table. And
4 then when you do -- when it is your turn to speak,
5 please make sure you spell your first and last name
6 'cause we're having transcription done.

7 we'll start with Mr. Hackett.

8 MR. HACKETT: Good morning. I'm Paul Hackett
9 from South Hill, Washington, and I'm here to encourage
10 this Commissioner -- Chairman Powell and others of you,
11 to not split South Hill into two -- two pieces, which
12 is projected in the current map, as I understand it.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Excuse me. Can you just
14 start by spelling your first and last name for --

15 MR. HACKETT: Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: -- the record.

17 MR. HACKETT: D. Paul Hackett, H-a-c-k-e-t-t.
18 And my post is the public relations officer of the
19 South Hill Historical Society.

20 And I'd like to start by saying that this state
21 had a real problem on its hands about a few years ago
22 when the comprehensive land-use plan was being drawn
23 up. And South Hill was a problem child for the whole
24 state. And as this testimony occurred, there were --
25 there was the need for a plan in the whole state, and

1 that has been accomplished.

2 So I hope that what is done here will not detract
3 from putting together a group of people, which is now
4 somewhere over 40,000 of us that live outside the city
5 limits of the City of Puyallup.

6 I have four handouts for you. The first I'd like
7 to show you is how the district was divided when Pat
8 Gallagher was the commissioner of Pierce County for
9 three decades. And I don't know how best to hand these
10 out to you, but I have copies for each of you. Thank
11 you.

12 MS. BUNNING: I'll pass them out. Thank you.

13 MR. HACKETT: This map shows that at that
14 time we had commissioners -- there was three. And it
15 served very well for a number of years. One of their
16 -- probably one of the problems was that they had a
17 general zone, which meant anything could -- could
18 happen. And that's what happened on South Hill.

19 In -- in the 1970s about 100 of us, with the help
20 of the University of Washington's community development
21 department, we set up a survey of the people, and we --
22 we looked into how this could happen. So here's the
23 second handout.

24 I was privileged to be involved in this. And two
25 things that occurred during this time was to -- because

1 of community action, we did not accept a prison on
2 South Hill. And also we did not accept jets on Thun
3 Field. It was kind of an interesting episode.

4 The third handout I have here is the work of Carl
5 Vest and our group. We are -- we've been working now
6 for ten years. We produced 200 hours of oral
7 interviews, and we have collected newspaper articles
8 from this group of people. And we're having monthly
9 meetings. So we had to try to work on some boundaries
10 for it. And we have worked very hard because, as you
11 can understand, there are a huge number of
12 crisscrossing districts, water districts, county
13 districts, fire protection, and the works.

14 This article I'm handing out to you now shows the
15 boundaries of South Hill as they are laid out for our
16 work. And they're essentially Township 19A. And what
17 we're trying to do is to get a lot of the community
18 support and community action in terms of making it a
19 better place.

20 Carl Vest was a -- he is a historian, college
21 professor. And he -- he lives in the area, and he's
22 written these things.

23 So my last handout is this full description of
24 where the hill is. So in the course of time there have
25 been different maps that have been produced. And

1 this -- this is a lovely thing from the mid-'80s. And
2 it lists on the back here a lot of businesses that --
3 must be 500.

4 And so to try to work against the anonymity of
5 living, we are working in various ways along with the
6 community council and with the school district to try
7 to produce and help people feel -- feel one and to have
8 a sense of oneness.

9 So if district line comes right down through that
10 and half of it is awarded to one and half to another,
11 we feel that that would be a detriment to -- to our
12 work. And so I think that that's -- that's what I had
13 to say.

14 I -- I know that this is huge task that you all
15 have, and I just think that this would be very good if
16 you can manage to keep that group of people together
17 with one -- one legislative area. Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you for your
19 testimony.

20 COMM. HUFF: Mr. Hackett, I have a question.

21 MR. HACKETT: Yes.

22 COMM. HUFF: As you're referring to it,
23 that's the 25th District map there. You're -- you're
24 referring to the 31st --

25 MR. HACKETT: 25th district.

1 COMM. HUFF: 31st is right next to it.

2 MR. HACKETT: Yes.

3 COMM. HUFF: The white, yes.

4 MR. HACKETT: And so what information came to
5 me was that there is some line that's being drawn that
6 would draw these -- Bonney Lake or Enumclaw area, a
7 slice of it would come up onto South Hill, and that's
8 why I'm here.

9 COMM. HUFF: In other words, a slice would be
10 in the 31st and a slice would be in the 25th.

11 MR. HACKETT: Uh-huh.

12 COMM. HUFF: Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you, sir.

14 I'd like to ask Mr. Tim Burns to come forward,
15 please.

16 Go ahead, sir.

17 MR. CHAMPION: I'm Richard Champion.

18 Richard, R-i-c-h-a-r-d D. C-h-a-m-p-i-o-n. I'm from
19 Federal way, Washington.

20 First I'd like to thank the commissioners for the
21 work on our state's restricting.

22 After last Friday's meeting, where the draft plans
23 for both the northern and southern halves of western
24 Washington were released, what was left to be resolved
25 was area around the King Pierce County line,

1 specifically Legislative Districts 30 and 31.

2 Currently the 30th District, where I live, is
3 exclusively in King County with the entirety of Federal
4 Way and Algonia, an overwhelming majority of Pacific, as
5 well as small portions of Auburn, Des Moines, and
6 Milton.

7 In Commissioner Ceis' and Gorton's redistricting
8 plan, the 30th LD crosses the county line to add all of
9 Milton and Pacific; whereas, Commissioners Huff and
10 Foster's plan, which went up to the King-Pierce County
11 line, kept the King -- kept the Pierce County portion
12 of Milton in the 25th District.

13 During Friday's meeting Commissioner Gorton stated
14 that adding the rest of Milton to the 30th District
15 was done due to one of our district's legislator's
16 being the former mayor of Milton.

17 As per Revised Code of Washington 44.05.090,
18 "District lines should not" -- "should be drawn so as
19 to coincide with boundaries of local political
20 subdivisions and areas recognized as communities of
21 interest. The number of counties and municipalities
22 divided among more than one district should be as small
23 as possible."

24 It is worth mentioning that currently there's only
25 one legislative district that straddles the Pierce-King

1 County line, that being the 31st. The redistricting
2 plan by Ceis and Gorton would go against this provision
3 of the code by, in my opinion, unnecessarily doubling
4 the number of districts that cross this county line.

5 Also in this provision of the code there's no
6 mention of maintaining the legislators in their current
7 districts. While I understand district -- while I
8 understand the desire to maintain stability by
9 minimizing political upheaval, there certainly is no
10 provision, much less need, to maintain a legislator's
11 former constituency, particularly since the final maps
12 will be for the next ten years.

13 I am here to ask the commission -- that
14 Commissioners Huff and Foster, when they're resolving
15 these two plans, keep the 30th LD an exclusively King
16 County district.

17 In coming up with their -- their map, it was
18 admirable that Commissioners Ceis and Gorton kept the
19 communities of Milton and Pacific intact. But in my
20 opinion, if they are to be kept intact, they should be
21 in the 31st District since both of those towns and
22 31st District are both King -- are in both King and
23 Pierce Counties.

24 If that were to happen, I would suggest that, to
25 make up for their loss from the 30th District, that it

1 be expanded more into southern Auburn, as was done by
2 Commissioner Foster in his original legislative
3 restricting plan, and the 25th District be expanded
4 into Edgewood. This -- which it already shares with
5 the 31st District. These changes would not displace
6 any legislators, other than Representative Katrina
7 Asay, the former mayor of Milton, previously
8 referenced.

9 I have maps that I've drawn for this proposal. So
10 that's what I'm showing here as giving the cities of
11 Pacific and Milton to the 31st District to keep them
12 intact since they are in two counties, and the 31st
13 is in two counties, and to keep the 30th in one
14 district.

15 Alternatively -- someplace. 30th District
16 (speaking indistinctly). Alternatively you could keep
17 the single precinct of Milton that's in King, which --
18 wherein Representative Asay resides, in the 30th
19 District and thereby not need any changes to the 25th
20 District, as drawn by Commissioners Huff and Foster.
21 That's this one, where you would move Pacific all the
22 way into the 31st, since it's in two counties, but
23 keep the King County portion of -- of Milton in the
24 30th so that there would be no upheaval of moving
25 Legislator Asay.

1 And alternatively you could keep it much like this
2 today and keep the King County portions of -- of Milton
3 and Pacific as they are today in the 30th District,
4 resulting in less growth into southern Auburn, which
5 I've got here, which -- I don't have copies of these.
6 So you can hand this out, which is keeping it along the
7 county line as it is now.

8 It is worth mentioning that there are only -- that
9 all but 831 people living in Milton live in Pierce
10 County, and all but 92 people living in Pacific live in
11 King County, meaning that if those communities are
12 split as they are now and as I've described in this
13 last example, greater than 94 and 98 percent
14 respectively of their populations would be in one
15 district.

16 I look forward to seeing what the Commission's
17 ultimate plan will be, and I thank you for your time.

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you for testifying.

19 COMM. FOSTER: On Exhibit 2 --

20 MR. CHAMPION: Yes.

21 COMM. FOSTER: -- you've colored in a section
22 in yellow.

23 MR. CHAMPION: Yeah.

24 COMM. FOSTER: What is that?

25 MR. CHAMPION: It was the differences between

1 the two plans.

2 COMM. FOSTER: Thank you.

3 MR. CHAMPION: That's why they're colored, to
4 show the differences.

5 COMM. FOSTER: That one little rectangular --

6 MR. CHAMPION: That little -- that
7 rectangular is the one Milton precinct that's in --
8 that's in King County.

9 MR. BURNS: The blue. The blue one.

10 MR. CHAMPION: That's in King County.

11 COMM. FOSTER: There's a yellow one not on
12 the King County --

13 MR. CHAMPION: That's the difference that
14 you -- to make up for the loss of that Milton --

15 COMM. FOSTER: I see. Okay.

16 MR. CHAMPION: You have to swap them.

17 COMM. FOSTER: Got it.

18 COMM. HUFF: would you repeat? Blue, what's
19 the blue stand for?

20 MR. CHAMPION: And the blue is -- is the King
21 County precinct of Milton.

22 COMM. HUFF: King County. Okay.

23 And the green?

24 MR. CHAMPION: And the green is the King
25 County precincts of Pacific.

1 COMM. HUFF: Okay.

2 MR. CHAMPION: And can you hand them this?

3 It's the last one. Only have one copy.

4 MS. BUNNING: Okay.

5 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Thank you.

6 I would like to ask John Milem to come forward.

7 And, Mr. Burns, you can start whenever you --

8 please state -- you know, spell your name for the

9 transcriptionist.

10 MR. BURNS: I'm not a big fan of microphones.

11 My name is Tim Burns, T-i-m B-u-r-n-s. And I am

12 the chair of the 30th District Democrats. I am here

13 to support the testimony of Mr. Champion.

14 Primarily from an administrative standpoint,

15 causing a district to cross into two counties creates

16 additional burdens on the districts -- and I'm talking

17 the district organization -- in that we would need to

18 establish delegates to the Pierce County organization

19 as well as the King County organization that we

20 currently have.

21 And we're talking about very small portion of the

22 30th District becoming part of the -- of the Pierce

23 County organization so that -- there isn't much

24 influence there. But we would still be required to

25 commit delegates and the -- all of the various aspects

1 of being in Pierce County as well as in King County.
2 And then that goes for both political parties; it's not
3 just the Democrats.

4 So I -- I urge that you maintain the county line
5 for the difference in -- in Pierce County and King
6 County for the 30th District.

7 31st District already crosses that line, so
8 they're already dealing with it. But it doesn't make a
9 whole lot of sense to me for the second legislative
10 district, meaning the 30th, to also cross the line
11 when those areas could be picked up by the 31st
12 District and maintain the single district crossing the
13 line.

14 There are several legislative representatives
15 currently who are being changed from one district to
16 another. And one more, meaning Ms. Asay, wouldn't be
17 an additional burden to change of districts. She lives
18 in a very small portion of the City of Milton that
19 happens to be in the 30th District.

20 I wouldn't mind keeping that portion of Milton in
21 King County. I -- I don't have a problem with that at
22 all. But if it is to be changed, Milton is primarily
23 in King -- in Pierce County. And it would make more
24 sense to move the one precinct from Milton into Pierce
25 County than to move the five or six precincts from

1 Milton into King County.

2 And on a side note, as far as the congressional
3 districts are concerned, when I saw Commissioner Huff's
4 rendition of the congressional districts with the 10th
5 District in South King County, I was excited at the
6 possibility of a majority-minority district in south
7 King County. But I would urge that it maintain, again,
8 that county line remaining completely north of the
9 Pierce County-King County line.

10 And I thank you very much for all of the work that
11 you have done. And I don't envy at all the work you
12 do. Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you.

14 Mr. Milem.

15 MR. MILEM: Good morning. My name is John
16 Milem, J-o-h-n M-i-l-e-m. And I live in Vancouver, and
17 I'm an advocate for redistricting in the public
18 interest.

19 Today I'm not going to talk to you about the big
20 issues. We clearly disagree about the big issues. So
21 I'm going to talk about the small issues.

22 The list of blocks that I provided to the staff
23 yesterday is the result of an examination that I made
24 of the two proposals that you put out on Friday. And
25 the underlying issue for me there is just the

1 simplicity of district boundaries.

2 And I think that we have history here -- and I
3 spoke of this last week, too. We have a history here
4 of dragging the past into the future for no good
5 reason. And something that there may have been
6 justification for in the past, that justification has
7 gone away, but we don't change it.

8 And so just to give you a couple of examples, in
9 Clark County, you may recall that in the 49th
10 District there's an panhandle that stretches up to the
11 north. There used to be dairy farms there. There was
12 a state highway that ran up there. A lot of that state
13 highway's been abandoned. Nobody lives up there
14 anymore. It's -- and most of that area is now in the
15 Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. There is a --
16 there is a school-district boundary that -- that cuts
17 through that area, the Ridgefield School District.

18 I believe that it would -- that it would simplify
19 things in everybody's understanding without affecting
20 any people at all simply to move that boundary down
21 from the historical boundary that was justified by an
22 old highway and dairy farms that used to be there and
23 aren't there anymore move it to down to the -- to the
24 school-district boundary. And that way you don't have
25 a little piece -- a little uninhabited piece of the

1 Ridgefield School District in a different legislative
2 district.

3 So that's a question of history. And there's no
4 need for us to continue to drag that history forward
5 into the future. So the proposals that I've given you
6 for legislative districts for Clark County are drawn
7 that way, and I would encourage you to take into
8 account the suggestion I made about that.

9 Regarding the boundary line of I-205, I-205 is a
10 very commonly used boundary line in the City of
11 Vancouver. Our -- our legislative districts, 49 and --
12 and 17, are separated by that. And in the -- the
13 decade prior to the one that's just ended, that was
14 also a county-commissioner boundary.

15 I think that probably at some point when that was
16 established somebody was not careful about how they
17 drew the line along the freeway. The northbound lanes
18 have the boundary nearly all of the way. But there are
19 two median blocks part way up and then another block
20 clear up at the -- at the merge with I-5, which --
21 where -- where the boundary follows something other
22 than the northbound lanes of I-205. There's no reason
23 for that.

24 And I think -- I'm assuming that probably the
25 staff is going to be asked to prepare a metes-and-

1 bounds description, and, of course, they can follow the
2 last one. So in that sense it's -- in this particular
3 case it's not more work than was already done. But
4 they can probably drop a line or two not having to
5 figure out how to describe where that switch occurred
6 from -- from the northbound lanes to the southbound
7 lanes and then back to the northbound lanes again.

8 So that's basically the spirit of the comments
9 that I've made to you. It's just a lot of stuff that
10 complicates boundaries to no benefit to anybody and
11 just dragging the -- the past into the future for no
12 good reason.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you.

15 COMM. GORTON: Thank you.

16 MR. MILEM: You're welcome.

17 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Is there anyone
18 else who wishes to testify that didn't sign up?

19 Okay. Then we are adjourned until 1:00 p.m. on
20 Thursday.

21 (Proceedings concluded at 11:10 a.m.)
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