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- TOM HUFF - COMMISSIONER
- TIM CEIS - COMMISSIONER
- SLADE GORTON - COMMISSIONER
- DEAN FOSTER - COMMISSIONER
- RUSTY FALLIS - ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at  
2 10:32 a.m., at 304 15th Avenue, Olympia, Washington,  
3 the following proceedings were had, to wit:

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7 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Good morning. And  
8 welcome to this special meeting of the Washington State  
9 Redistricting Commission.

10 I'd like to start this morning by having those of  
11 us up on the dais introduce ourselves. So my name is  
12 Lura Powell, and I'm chair of the Commission.

13 Rusty?

14 MR. FALLIS: Good morning. I'm Rusty Fallis  
15 with the Attorney General's Office. I'm general  
16 counsel to the Commission.

17 COMM. CEIS: Tim Ceis appointed by Senate  
18 Democrats.

19 COMM. GORTON: Slade Gorton appointed by  
20 Senate Republicans.

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

23 COMM. HUFF: Tom Huff appointed by the House  
24 Republicans.

25 COMM. FOSTER: Dean Foster appointed by the

1 House Democrats.

2 MS. BUNNING: And I'm Bonnie Bunning. I'm  
3 the executive director for the Commission.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you.

5 The first order of business is approval of the  
6 minutes for December 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. You have those  
7 minutes before you.

8 I'd like to ask if there are any additions or  
9 corrections to the minutes of December 20<sup>th</sup>.

10 COMM. FOSTER: The only minutes I have are  
11 December 13<sup>th</sup>.

12 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Oh. You have --

13 COMM. FOSTER: Sorry.

14 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: would you like a few  
15 minutes to take a look, then?

16 Okay. Is everyone -- need any more time,  
17 or . . . ? Okay.

18 COMM. HUFF: I move we approve.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. I have a motion  
20 for approval.

21 Is there any further discussion on the minutes of  
22 December 20<sup>th</sup>?

23 Hearing none, all those in favor of approval of  
24 December 20<sup>th</sup> minutes say "aye."

25 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Opposed, same sign.

2 Okay. Now we're going to turn to the minutes of  
3 December 22<sup>nd</sup>. And if anyone needs to take a few  
4 minutes to take a look, we'll give that to you.

5 Okay. Everyone ready?

6 COMM. GORTON: I move they be accepted.

7 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. We have a  
8 motion -- motion for approval.

9 Is there any further discussion?

10 If not, all those in favor of approval of the  
11 minutes of December 22<sup>nd</sup> say "aye."

12 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Opposed?

14 Thank you.

15 Okay. Our next item of business is Matters  
16 Pertaining to Redistricting. And I believe the Senate  
17 went first the last time. So we'll hear from the House  
18 team, who are working on eastern Washington.

19 COMM. FOSTER: We are working on eastern  
20 Washington. We last met on -- as a group, I believe,  
21 last Thursday. I think Tom and I met on Friday, and we  
22 exchanged maps. I remember getting a map on my e-mail  
23 on Christmas Eve about 10:00 o'clock. I think we had  
24 discussions on Christmas Day about scheduling. We met  
25 all day yesterday, and we exchanged two or three sets

1 of maps yesterday. And we're responding to each other  
2 today. And we agreed to meet after this 10:30 meeting.  
3 And so that's -- that's where we are right now.

4 COMM. HUFF: Well, I might add we're -- we're  
5 closer with it. We're within five and a half days of  
6 completion. And with that, negotiations go on.

7 There's a couple of sticking points that we're  
8 involved with, and hopefully we can come to a  
9 conclusion today and -- and be out of here hopefully  
10 before the 1<sup>st</sup>.

11 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Thank you.

12 How about the Senate team, who are doing the --  
13 the congressional districts for the entire state?

14 COMM. CEIS: Yes. Commissioner Gorton and I  
15 are continuing to work on congressional maps. I -- I  
16 can confidently say we are close. In fact, we may be  
17 closer than the last time I said we were close.

18 COMM. GORTON: I think we are.

19 COMM. CEIS: I think so.

20 COMM. GORTON: But we didn't meet on  
21 Christmas Day.

22 COMM. CEIS: No, we did not. No, we did not.

23 But we have exchanged some phone calls and some  
24 proposals. And, you know, I'm confident we can quickly  
25 get to a proposal that we're ready to share with the

1 rest of the Commission.

2 And so I think that Commissioner Gorton and I have  
3 also agreed that we will meet after this meeting.

4 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

5 COMM. CEIS: And to that end, Commissioner,  
6 I'm wondering if it isn't an idea, rather than adjourn  
7 this meeting, perhaps we should consider recessing this  
8 meeting and coming back into session after we've had a  
9 chance to have some conversation.

10 COMM. GORTON: I -- yeah. I agree with that.  
11 I think there's a very good chance that Tim and I can  
12 reach an agreement in the balance of this morning  
13 within a couple of hours.

14 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

15 COMM. GORTON: And it would be a great  
16 advantage to be able to get maps out to the public and  
17 to the auditors today, if it's at all possible.

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. And so you're  
19 thinking about what? A one- or two-hour recess?

20 COMM. CEIS: Oh, I think two hours.

21 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Two hours? Okay.

22 COMM. CEIS: Perhaps. Check what the --

23 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Other commissioners?

24 COMM. CEIS: -- other commissioners think  
25 about that.

1           COMM. HUFF: I would say two hours would be  
2 fine. Depends on when this meeting concludes.

3           COMM. CEIS: Sure.

4           COMM. HUFF: So I think we can get at least  
5 two hours.

6           CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

7           COMM. FOSTER: Yeah. I'm fine with that.

8           CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

9           COMM. FOSTER: I would say come back at  
10 1:00 o'clock. But we can see when this is done.

11          CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Sure. Okay.

12          COMM. FOSTER: I also -- before we recess, I  
13 think -- I think we ought to think about scheduling a  
14 meeting for tomorrow even -- Senator Gorton suggested  
15 that maybe there would be maps available today. I  
16 wouldn't be quite that optimistic, but I would hope  
17 maybe by tomorrow.

18          The reason I'm suggesting this now is we've got a  
19 24-hour rule, and if we come back in at 1:00 or 12:30  
20 or 1:00 and then go about having a 24-hour rule, we're  
21 just at that point. And maybe if we schedule the  
22 meeting for 11:00 tomorrow right now, we'd -- we could  
23 always cancel it, or we could kick another day ahead.  
24 But I think we ought to be looking --

25          COMM. GORTON: I think that's a -- I think

1 that's a very good idea.

2 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: That's a very good  
3 suggestion.

4 COMM. HUFF: Good idea.

5 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you for that.

6 So do I hear agreement for 11:00 o'clock tomorrow  
7 as the next meeting?

8 Gen, can you get that out to the appropriate  
9 people while you're sitting here?

10 MS. O'SULLIVAN: (Indiscernible).

11 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you.

12 MR. FALLIS: Madam Chairman, I just want to  
13 make sure the staff can actually get the notice out in  
14 time for 24 hours.

15 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Right. I think she -- I  
16 think she said she can. I was sort of whispering over  
17 to her.

18 MR. FALLIS: Okay.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Gen, you want to address  
20 that. You can definitely?

21 MS. O'SULLIVAN: I should be able to get  
22 everything posted on the website as we're sitting here.

23 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: By 11:00 o'clock?

24 MS. O'SULLIVAN: I think so.

25 MR. FALLIS: And notice to those media

1 representatives that have request on file be notified?

2 MS. O'SULLIVAN: (Nods head.)

3 MR. FALLIS: Okay. If I could just mention  
4 one thing about scheduling this week. Thursday I've  
5 got to be out for my dad's memorial service. If the  
6 Commission meets, you know, I can have somebody from my  
7 office here, somebody that can handle what I'll call  
8 routine open-meetings questions.

9 But if we can sort of think ahead -- I don't want  
10 to ask somebody else to try to become fluent in the  
11 more substantive issues the Commission's dealing with.

12 So I'm on a -- in contact with Ms. Bunning several  
13 times a day. So we tend so think ahead, anyway. But I  
14 just want the Commission to be aware that Thursday's  
15 not a good day for me. Obviously you have a lot of  
16 work to do, and I'm not saying don't meet. But I'm not  
17 going to be able to be of very much assistance after  
18 10:00 o'clock that morning.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: So it's really sort of,  
20 try think -- anticipate any questions we might have for  
21 you so that we can get those answers --

22 MR. FALLIS: Right.

23 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: -- by that time frame.

24 MR. FALLIS: And it's just that day.

25 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah. I appreciate that.

1 And our condolences to you and your family.

2 Okay. So we're going to tentatively have -- well,  
3 we have -- we are planning on having a meeting tomorrow  
4 starting at 11:00 a.m. And the notice is going out  
5 right now on that. And we will be taking a two-hour  
6 recess.

7 would the commissioners like to take public  
8 comment now or wait until --

9 COMM. GORTON: Sure. People are here. Let's  
10 let them speak.

11 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. So let's go --  
12 let's go forward with any public comment.

13 Has anyone signed up?

14 MS. GAY: Oh.

15 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Rachel?

16 Okay. We do have a couple of online comments that  
17 I'll go through while we're getting -- having the other  
18 names brought up.

19 Jonathan M. Fox, that's J-o-n-a-t-h-a-n middle  
20 initial M as in "man" and then Fox, F-o-x.

21 (As read) "The proposed lines for the  
22 37th District impair public participation in  
23 government. It takes my PCOs that live at one end of  
24 the district over 45 minutes to reach meetings.  
25 Renton, Skyway, and West Hill are not Seattle."

1           That was followed by a responding comment from Sue  
2 Lani Madsen, S-u-e L-a-n-i M-a-d-s-e-n:

3           "Dear Jonathan, it takes PCO's in one end of my  
4 district over 3 hours to reach meetings. No sympathy."

5           Ms. Madsen is from eastern Washington, the Spokane  
6 area, as you might imagine.

7           Okay. And --

8           COMM. CEIS: That's a good point.

9           CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: We have a comment from  
10 David Valiant, D-a-v-i-d last name V-a-l-i-a-n-t:

11           "Is there resolution to the unfinished Legislative  
12 Boundaries along the King/Pierce County line?"

13           COMM. FOSTER: No, there isn't.

14           CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you.

15           COMM. FOSTER: We haven't started work on  
16 that yet.

17           CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. We have one person  
18 signed up to speak. And the first name is Jim, and it  
19 looks like -- is it --

20           COMM. GORTON: It's the third one.

21           CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Right here. Yeah. It's  
22 Jim, and then it looks like Kainbi. Looks like  
23 K-a-i-n-b-i. But I'm not sure.

24           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam Chair, my  
25 apologies. I signed in on the wrong sheet.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Oh, you did. So does --  
2 that was the only person who had a checkmark for  
3 speaking.

4 Did anyone else wish to speak at this point? Is  
5 there someone?

6 Okay. Please come forward. And when you --  
7 before you start, if you would please state and spell  
8 your name for the record, please.

9 MS. CAYABAYAB: Hi there. Good morning. My  
10 name is Cherry Cayabayab, and spelling, Cherry,  
11 C-h-e-r-r-y last name C-a-y-a-b-y-a-b. And I'm with  
12 the Win Win Network and Fair Representation Coalition.  
13 And it's funny because I did sign up, so I don't  
14 know -- and checked the little talking box. I'm not  
15 sure if that was able to get to you.

16 On behalf of the Fair Representation Coalition I  
17 want to restate our support for a 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional  
18 District that is a majority of people of color without  
19 an incumbent in the district.

20 Over the course of the past year we have engaged  
21 in the open process to express our views. We've had  
22 unprecedented turnout and engagement of communities of  
23 color statewide, as you've seen throughout the year in  
24 this redistricting process, with hundreds of people  
25 testifying in support of our Unity Maps.

1           we believe were heard with the initial maps  
2           whereby three out of four commissioners proposed a  
3           majority-people-of-color congressional district and two  
4           of them without an incumbent.

5           As you complete your work, we urge you to  
6           prioritize and not divide our communities that have  
7           historically been the home to people of color in this  
8           new congressional district, including the International  
9           District, Central District -- District, Beacon Hill,  
10          southeast Seattle, Hilltop, Crossroads in the Bellevue  
11          area, White Center, Boulevard Park, the Salishan  
12          eastside in the Tacoma area, and Lincoln in the Tacoma  
13          area, and overall the four majority-minority cities of  
14          Renton, SeaTac, Kent, and Tukwila.

15          As our coalition name indicates, we seek fair  
16          representation and an opportunity to elect a leader  
17          that reflects a diversity of our communities who will  
18          prioritize and be accountable to issues concerning our  
19          communities of interest.

20          Thank you for your commitment and volunteerism in  
21          this process.

22                   COMM. GORTON: Pretty difficult.

23                   CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you.

24          Okay. There was another comment online from Mike,  
25          and just -- all I have for the last name is the initial

1 B.

2 Did you wish to --

3 COMM. GORTON: No.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: And he says, "Not a good  
5 start this morning. Minutes were apparently not sent  
6 or read prior to the meeting, and 'Plans' were not  
7 presented. How much time does the Commission need?  
8 This process is too political, even at this level.  
9 Perhaps we need to use the California approach.  
10 Putting the decision in the hands of political  
11 appointees is still 'political.' The citizens need to  
12 be in control, not the politicians or their  
13 surrogates."

14 And I believe California's having all kinds of  
15 issues themselves, so --

16 COMM. GORTON: Correct. Yeah.

17 COMM. CEIS: I don't think that's the model  
18 we want to emulate.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: No. And my feeling is on  
20 this -- and I've stated it all along -- is that, you  
21 know, our system in Washington state may -- may not be  
22 perfect in some people's eyes. But coming from the  
23 state of Maryland, where the 3<sup>rd</sup> District in Maryland  
24 where I was in has been jerrymandered from one end of  
25 the state to the other in a narrow squiggly -- it's

1 even too long for a salamander. It's like a long  
2 snake. This system is infinitely, infinitely  
3 preferable in my view.

4 And a comment again from Jonathan Fox:

5 "My Seattle based PCOs really do not care what  
6 happens in Renton. My Renton based PCOs do not care  
7 what happens in Seattle. This impairs the districts  
8 ability to take part in government. My PCO thinks this  
9 is a part of a plan to allow office holders to get away  
10 this graft such as the infamous sale of MLK . . . "

11 I think we need to sort of -- some of -- I think  
12 one of the things I would like to ask folks online, you  
13 know, you're getting into a little bit of bantering  
14 with each other and dialoguing. But I -- we need to --  
15 I think to -- to the best of your abilities, try to  
16 make things succinct and not getting to sort of  
17 other -- other slightly off -- off topics. I'll try to  
18 read them as much as -- as I can. But appreciate you  
19 making them as succinct and target directly on the  
20 topics as we can. Thank you.

21 And I think that is all the comments, unless  
22 someone else from the audience would like to add  
23 anything.

24 Okay. Then I declare that we are in recess until  
25 1:00 p.m. today. And thank you all very much for

1 coming. We'll be back in this same room.

2 (Recess.)

3  
4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Good afternoon. I'd like  
5 to now reconvene this meeting -- special meeting of the  
6 Redistricting Commission and continue on our agenda  
7 item on Matters Pertaining to Redistricting and ask if  
8 there are any updates, new reports. I believe our  
9 Senate members have --

10 COMM. GORTON: Madam Chairman, Commissioner  
11 Ceis and I have reached an agreement on a proposal for  
12 congressional district lines to be submitted to the  
13 entire Commission. Since this agreement is only a few  
14 minutes old, we obviously don't have maps at this  
15 point. But our staff will be working with your staff  
16 in order that we can have them in time for tomorrow  
17 morning's meeting.

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: That's exciting news.  
19 Congratulations. That's great.

20 COMM. CEIS: Yep. Yes. We have a proposal  
21 to present to the Commission tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock.  
22 And hopefully the other commissioners will see it as we  
23 do, that it's a good, fair, equal plan. And -- but  
24 we'll get into the details of that with the  
25 Commissioners tomorrow.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: That's great.

2 COMM. HUFF: Very good. Well, we've -- can't  
3 announce that we've got it quite ready. I think that  
4 we're about that skosh. I think we have a little bit  
5 of a contiguity issue that we're currently working on.  
6 And we'll -- should have pretty good news for you  
7 tomorrow, I think.

8 COMM. FOSTER: And I'm confident, too, that  
9 we'll have something ready to announce tomorrow. But  
10 we don't have it ready yet, and we don't have as close  
11 of a -- of an agreement they have. So we haven't -- we  
12 haven't shaken hands yet.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: But you're moving.

14 COMM. HUFF: We just pat each other on the  
15 back.

16 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah. Okay. Well,  
17 excellent. I think it's good news all around. So look  
18 forward to hearing more tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock. We  
19 do have --

20 Is there anything else to come up under this  
21 section?

22 Oh, the -- one other thing I would like to have us  
23 discuss briefly is setting up meetings for the rest of  
24 this week, certainly at least through Friday and  
25 perhaps at the 10:30 time slot, unless someone would

1       rather have it a different time of day, just so we can  
2       schedule meeting --

3               COMM. GORTON:  What is -- tomorrow's 10:30 or  
4       11:00?

5               CHAIRWOMAN POWELL:  Tomorrow's at 11:00.  
6       Thank you.  So it would be Thursday and Friday.

7               COMM. GORTON:  I think we probably ought to  
8       call for meetings on Thursday and Friday, Friday  
9       certainly.  Even if we both finish tomorrow, that will  
10      just be 48 hours for comments from auditors and so on.  
11      So definitely have to do Friday.  And just in case, we  
12      probably ought to set one for Thursday.  It's easier to  
13      cancel than to set up.

14              CHAIRWOMAN POWELL:  Right.  And then after we  
15      get the feedback from the auditors and everybody, we  
16      are going to need to make sure everything's pulled  
17      together.

18              COMM. GORTON:  Exactly.

19              CHAIRWOMAN POWELL:  And make sure the  
20      resolution -- so I don't know whether it makes sense to  
21      also do a Saturday if we think we can get it all done  
22      by Friday.

23              COMM. GORTON:  I hope we can get it done by  
24      Friday and not be here on the weekend.

25              CHAIRWOMAN POWELL:  Well --

1                   COMM. CEIS: I think it depends on what we're  
2                   doing tomorrow.

3                   COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

4                   COMM. CEIS: I think we'll know better --

5                   CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: well, why don't we, yeah,  
6                   do -- we'll revisit it. The one thing, it's -- it's  
7                   easier because if we have a meeting, at least in this  
8                   building on -- over the weekend, they're going to have  
9                   to bring security in. So they just need some advance  
10                  notice so they can have folks here. So -- but -- but,  
11                  you know, we can let them know that on Thursday. We  
12                  should know pretty much where we're -- where we stand.

13                  COMM. CEIS: Hopefully we should -- I think  
14                  we'll know tomorrow --

15                  COMM. GORTON: I think we'll know.

16                  COMM. CEIS: -- whether we'll need Saturday  
17                  or not. I'm hoping for Friday.

18                  CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: I think we all are.

19                  COMM. CEIS: Yes.

20                  COMM. HUFF: So we're scheduled at  
21                  11:00 o'clock tomorrow and 10:30 --

22                  CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: And 10:30, then, on  
23                  Thursday and Friday.

24                  COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

25                  COMM. FOSTER: well, let's make sure we

1 understand the 24-hour rule with regard to Saturday.

2 COMM. CEIS: Yeah.

3 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. By Thursday we need to  
4 decide.

5 COMM. FOSTER: And let's do -- okay.

6 COMM. CEIS: We'll have to make a decision no  
7 later than Thursday on Saturday.

8 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: And I believe that's  
9 right that they would like, Rachel, by Thursday so that  
10 they can make sure they have proper staffing to keep  
11 the build- -- have the building open.

12 MS. GAY: Yep.

13 COMM. FOSTER: And maybe we could let the --  
14 maybe the auditors are watching this, especially in  
15 eastern Washington, to let them know that Friday --  
16 Friday would be a -- may be busy day for them.

17 MS. BUNNING: And I'll make that happen as  
18 soon as the meeting's concluded today.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Anything else to  
20 come up under this section? Bonnie?

21 MS. BUNNING: I just want to remind you, I  
22 handed out a December 27<sup>th</sup> draft of the final report  
23 this morning. There are two sections in there that  
24 need your attention, in particular the one entitled  
25 "District Criteria" or "Districting Criteria" and

1 "Population and Percentage Deviation." I did some  
2 editing, so this is a brand-new draft of those  
3 sections. So thank you.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Anything else that anyone  
5 would like to bring up?

6 COMM. CEIS: Nope.

7 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Well, we do have  
8 some people who would like to make a few comments. And  
9 from those present, Rick Dewitt would like --

10 would you please come forward and spell your name  
11 for the record.

12 MR. DEWITT: Hello. My name is Rick Dewitt,  
13 R-i-c-k D-e-w-i-t-t. I'm a citizen of Mill Creek and  
14 formerly chair and second vice chair of the 44<sup>th</sup> LD  
15 Democrats, currently state committeeman for the 44<sup>th</sup> LD  
16 Democrats, technology committee chair for the  
17 Washington State Democrats. And I'll be making sure  
18 that everybody gets to their right caucus locations.  
19 So I'm very interested in making sure that all these  
20 lines work out well.

21 And may I be the first to congratulate you, Ceis  
22 and Gorton, for the new CD lines. That's really great  
23 news. Thank you very much.

24 So I'm here to talk about what I think is the most  
25 convoluted corner in the state, being the junction

1 between 38<sup>th</sup> LD, the 44<sup>th</sup> LD, and 21<sup>st</sup> LD. These  
2 were difficult areas because the 44<sup>th</sup> had to shrink.  
3 But the way that it shrunk has created a very confusing  
4 and convoluted line, in the Silver Lake area  
5 especially.

6 what we would like to have is a nice straight  
7 border right along I-5. City of Everett is likely to  
8 grow, and if it grows even one block from the  
9 boundaries you've proposed, that means the 44<sup>th</sup> will  
10 be back in Everett again. So we might as well accept  
11 that the 44<sup>th</sup> and Everett and Silver Lake have some  
12 continuity together.

13 I sent you a letter yesterday, and then I also put  
14 in online comments, and I'm here today to make sure  
15 that you heard it all.

16 So in order to straighten out that line along the  
17 44<sup>th</sup>, two things need to happen: some changes with  
18 the -- an exchange between the 44<sup>th</sup> and the 38<sup>th</sup>,  
19 which can happen in Marysville very easily, and in  
20 exchange between the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 44<sup>th</sup>, where you  
21 can recognize the 21<sup>st</sup> has more affinity with Martha  
22 Lake to the south and the 44<sup>th</sup> more affinity with  
23 Silver Lake to the north.

24 And so that puts the new 21<sup>st</sup> boundary really  
25 along the -- the -- in the unincorporated area along

1 the City of Everett boundary between I-5 as it runs  
2 south on to 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, and from 132<sup>nd</sup> Street it  
3 would follow the City of Mill Creek boundary. So  
4 they're very simple, reasonable boundaries.

5 And then that get -- makes it contiguous with the  
6 21<sup>st</sup>, makes it very easy to explain to a person who  
7 says, "well, where's the 44<sup>th</sup>?" "Okay. We're on the  
8 east side of I-5, you know, but running from Marysville  
9 down to Mill Creek over to Snohomish." So it's -- it's  
10 a very easy way to communicate with voters instead of  
11 dealing with, "well, are you incorporated or in  
12 unincorporated to City of Everett?" And over the next  
13 ten years we expect that would change in that area. So  
14 if could you please clarify that.

15 In my letter I also talked about two other areas,  
16 one in the Silver Firs area, where you drew straight  
17 lines right through residential neighborhoods, and  
18 there are some easy roads to follow instead. And the  
19 other one I'll just leave alone. It has to do with  
20 following the Snohomish River channel in a little --  
21 almost insignificant little area.

22 So if could you straighten out the border along  
23 I-5 for the 44<sup>th</sup>, that would be very much  
24 appreciated. Thank you very much.

25 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thank you for your

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comment.

Okay. I don't see any more comments, so we are  
adjourned. And we will reconvene tomorrow at  
11:00 a.m.

(Proceedings concluded at 2:39 p.m.)